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A woman determined to look forward. A man always looking back. A love desperate to be restored.

“You’re the brightest, warmest star in my universe. You’ll never be less than everything to me.”

WARNING: This book contains darker subject matter and violent content that may be difficult for some readers.

## **Kane's Hell Details**

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Allison ♥?Will Never Conquer Her TBR♥? says

LIVE on AMZ- <http://bit.ly/1c1Nhr9>

4.5 Second Chance Stars!

**Kane's Hell** by Elizabeth Finn is a story filled with a lot of pain from the past yet hope for a happy future. Kane and Helene were best friends since childhood. He was the popular "player" while she was the quiet loner. Their differences didn't matter because they had a special connection, a connection they never thought could be severed. Until one dark night at age seventeen. All the carefree innocence teens savor...gone. The next day, so was Kane. Gone without a trace, leaving Helene to pick up the pieces alone.

*"I needed you, and you left me. You left me in this place to deal with... everything on my own."*

**Helene** has lived the past eleven years since that night buried in her studies. She's never spoke of the events, internalizing her pain, letting it fuel her desire to succeed academically. A doctoral student at Penn State Hazleton, she's currently teaching a Philosophy class when her past comes colliding with her present. Kane is back...a student in her class.

**Kane**, in the other hand, has lived the past eleven years punishing himself for the events of that fateful night. Binge drinking, fights, one night stands...he's done anything BUT succeed. But when he hears Hell is back in Hazleton, he can't resist the chance to see her again. He knows it's a mistake, knows the past needs to stay buried yet she's a draw he can't resist.

*"I want all of you, regardless of the fact I deserve nothing from you."*

**Kane's Hell** is a torturous second-chance love story that elicited a plethora of emotions in me. The events of eleven years ago are trickle fed via chapters from the past. It's also in dual POV which puts the reader front row center in each of their heads. This was impeccably done. Sometimes back and forth timelines muddle things for me. Not so here.

It's no secret my love of this author. Her plot lines and writing style just click for me- always filled with all

kinds of angst and emotions. When I'd read this book had a bit of darkness, I couldn't wait to get my hands on it. That being said, I think it's **imperative** this book have a bit of a disclaimer. The scene from that fateful night is a bit graphic. Not because it's super detailed, more so because Ms. Finn has such an innate ability to invest her reader's hearts fully into the story. Because of this, the scene affected me more than books that are much more graphic. It's just her way and also why I love her stories the way I do. So, I'll spoiler tag this. If there's triggers for readers related to certain violence, you may want to click it. Otherwise move along and DO NOT click spoiler. Let their story play out. (view spoiler)

It's fair to say Kane and Helene have a lot of struggles ahead. Both have chosen to deal with the past in their own ~~non-therapeutic~~ ways. Yet their connection stays strong from the day they see each other in that classroom. There's trust to be rebuilt yet their feelings have never changed. She is the one positive thing in Kane's life. Is it so bad to want it back?

Can Helene trust Kane again? Trust him not to cut and run when the going gets tough? Her brain says one thing. Her heart another.

I can't review an Elizabeth Finn book without highlighting the awesomeness of her sex scenes. Holy smoking panties she can write dirty talkers! I think that's why she's the whole package for me as far as authors go. She writes fairly complex plot lines of events that could clearly happen to anyone. She writes angst like no other- firmly grabbing ahold of the reader by the heart strings with thorough character development. You can't help but be emotionally invested in their love story. And the sex. Well, that's in a category all it's own. Scorching. It's read like erotica but not like the commonplace erotica we see in most books. And, most importantly, she always gives her readers a happily ever after. She may rip our hearts out of our chests throughout the book, but in the end, she heals us completely.

I'd highly recommend **Kane's Hell** to all Elizabeth Finn fans, to fans of angsty emotional second chance romances, and those who love a tortured hero. Kane is the ultimate tortured hero you just want to curl up to and make it all better. Helene is perfect for him. She's a tough heroine who's been through a lot of ugly as a teen and has persevered. When she could totally cut and run from Kane, she digs deep within her psyche and chooses what's right for her...not for anyone else...for her.

*Advanced copy graciously received by Elizabeth Finn in exchange for my honest review.*

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## **TORI says**

### **5 "Phenomenal" Stars**

Elizabeth Finn has pinned yet another amazing book. That word "amazing" is kind of cliché. But I can't think of another word to describe this book any better than simply....amazing!

The story is told in dual POV through alternating chapters of past and present. I've said before I'm not a huge fan of flashbacks but if they're woven into the story just right they don't bother me. When it comes to the subject matter of these flashbacks I'm glad they were done in segments because they were so intense I don't think I could have taken the entire scene at once. So it turned out perfect.

Kane and Helene had been friends since they were children. Kane was the popular kid at school and Helene was a bookworm. Despite their completely different social statuses they were thick as thieves. None of Kane's friends ever understood why he spent so much time with Helene, even ditching them at lunch to sit with her, but there was just something between them that always drew them close. They could shut out the world and just be themselves together.

They worked together at a gas station that had a pizza shop too. Helene worked the gas station side while Kane made the pizzas. One slow deserted night at work events take place that shatter everything. That rip them apart in every way possible. Emotionally. Mentally. Physically.

Eleven years will pass before they are reunited. And they are not the same people they once were. Helene channeled all her energy into studying and becoming successful. She's attending Penn State at Hazleton and is teaching a philosophy class while also working on her dissertation to receive her doctorate degree. She has buried the events of that night very deep and wants it to stay that way, constantly forcing herself forward so she doesn't have to look back.

Kane is still heavily plagued by that night so long ago. He's still broken. Still angry. And still trying to numb the pain. Finding temporary relief in fighting, drinking, and sex.

When he shows up in Helene's class, the feelings are still there but so many questions hang over their heads. Kane left her alone to handle the fallout eleven years ago without so much as a goodbye or an explanation.

*Why has he come back after all these years?*

*Why did he leave her in the first place?*

*What does the future hold for them?*

*How do they begin to forge ahead with such a painful past standing in the way?*

The questions are plentiful and the wounds are deep. But no matter what, they have to try. Kane can't fight his need to be close to her. And she can't help but to let him close. Can they reconcile their past? Or will it leave them more broken than ever.

This was a masterpiece from start to finish. It will grip you from the first chapter and never let you go. It's a story of young love lost and recaptured. Of overcoming the hardest of obstacles. Of facing your past head on and kicking its ass. The hero and heroine are both such lovable characters but the I loved the heroine especially. She was so strong. And Kane? I can't say enough about how I feel about him. The emotional scenes they have together are so raw and beautiful. Oh my god! Have your tissues handy. Because this one is going to rip your heart out. But not to worry, it will eventually mend it if you can survive the journey.

I loved this book. It's definitively in my top three Finn books. A must read for Finn fans and first timers alike.

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## **Jennifer Kyle says**

***"How can one little thing destroy so much?"***

Elizabeth Finn starts this story off with a heart pounding beginning that will stick with me at the mere mention of this book's title for years to come. The two main characters, Kane and Helene are friends who work together and have a strong attraction to one another in their teen years. Sadly a horrific incident occurs that leaves shadows over both characters even years in the future.

***"My shadows were what separated me from Hell – not the bad Hell, the good Hell. I wanted my Hell."***

Helene is working at Penn State Hazleton as an assistant professor of Philosophy 101. She's thrown herself in her school work since the day her best friend Kane left town. When Kane waltzes into her classroom and back to town their attraction is still strong but the past and their barriers are hard to overcome.

***"She could be attached to the most painful, agonizing memories in my mind, but she also filled my most favorite memories too."***

The beginning was completely gripping but I wasn't so in love with the idea that Kane was a whore and Helene was closed off sexually because of this past event. Still who can turn down hot Elizabeth Finn sex

scenes?

***"You have a hard time warming up to people physically. I get it. I have a hard time warming up to people emotionally."***

I did think the ending totally kicked ass and the story as a whole was a creative idea and was very well executed. Overall very different story line that made for an interesting thoughts on justice.

***"Please don't make me a bad memory. Let me be a good one."***

*\*Beta read this story for the wonderful Elizabeth Finn\**

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**Lisa says**

**5 "Emotionally Grueling" Stars!**

**I did not even know that I was capable of feeling such heart-ache.**

**Holy hell!!! 0\_0**

*Kane's Hell* was an intensely beautiful reading experience. But, it ***slayed*** me. All I have to say is.... **thanks, Elizabeth Finn** . You are directly responsible for traumatizing my children. Why, you may ask? Well, how do you explain to a five and seven year old why mommy is on the floor crying? No.... wait....*sobbing*.... hysterically. Ok, I may be exaggerating a bit....but not by much. We may all need just a little bit of therapy. Truly.

**So, thanks for the multiple punches to my gut Ms. Finn!!!!**

I know that I should have been prepared considering the fact that I have dubbed this author "The Queen of Angst and Torment". But.... alas.... I wasn't. Nope, not at all. This book is a heart-stopping tale about two very broken individuals who were shaped and molded by a tragic event in their past. It is a story about tragedy, guilt, forgiveness, moving forward, hope and love.

I am purposely going to keep this review vague. This author touches on some harsh subject matter in this novel and I will admit that this is not for everyone. With this being said, I do feel that it is a book that you should go into without any misconceptions and/or preconceived notions. I am glad that I did. It made this reading experience all the more powerful. And, if you know anything about Elizabeth Finn books, you already know that all her books pack a powerful emotional punch.

One horrific and tragic event irrevocably changed the lives of childhood friends, Helene and Kane, forever. Their hopes and dreams were shattered instantly and anything that was growing between the two teenagers was crushed and swallowed up into oblivion. Kane disappears without a trace after this leaving Helene to cope on her own. They end up going down two very different roads. Helene, already a quiet and studious loner, immerses herself in school work eventually becoming a doctoral student working on her dissertation and an assistant professor at Penn State Hazleton. All the while, she has buried her emotions, pain and torment. With such an intense focus on her studies it allowed Helene to internalize all that she was struggling with emotionally. Kane takes a more destructive journey and falls into some heavy coping mechanisms. Fighting, meaningless sex and drinking were the vices of choice to mask his pain and punish himself – vices that are slowly and lethally destroying him.

***"I want all of you, regardless of the fact I deserve nothing from you."***

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***"I need to be near you, and I DON'T know what that looks like. But I DO know I need it. Please give me another chance."***

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***"I'm not good at much in this world. But I'm good at loving you."***

Kane resurfaces eleven years later appearing in Helene's class and throwing her off course. Even though Kane knows that he should stay away from Helene and keep the past deeply buried where it should stay, he can't resist the pull when it comes to seeing her once again. Helene has worked hard to move forward with her life and move past the trauma and the nightmares. Seeing Kane again is the last thing she ever expected. She still does not understand how he could have left her when she was at her most hurt and vulnerable. Kane is there to fight for another chance with the only woman he has ever loved. He may feel like he is undeserving but that is not going to stop him from getting back what he longs for. He wants the both of them to forget the monsters in their past. But, can Helene forgive Kane and trust him enough to let him in? She already skates along some very fragile ice. Will allowing Kane into her world again be the weight that will have her falling into the ice cold waters and drowning once and for all? Is Kane there for the long haul this time or will he run when things get too tough?

This story is brilliantly told in three equally mesmerizing parts with the first part slowly incorporating and retelling what exactly occurred and changed Helene and Kane forever. Ms. Finn slowly feeds us pieces of the story. This new second-chance journey that Kane and his Hell embark on is definitely wrought with challenges and given that this is an Elizabeth Finn novel, you get a hefty dose of painful angst. I knew that they both had their work cut out for them but what they end up going through was simply painful torment. Gah! I found myself wanting to get a hold of Ms. Finn and scream *"I am not sure I can take much more!!!!"* What Kane and Helene were forced to endure gutted me. My heart bled for them and I so desperately wanted them to get a happy forever. I wasn't even sure if I could get through this book, let alone think about whether this unfortunate pair could ever get out from under this cloud of pain and despair that seemed to engulf them.



Elizabeth Finn has this innate ability to draw me in and bring out a plethora of emotions. She delivers these emotionally powerful tales firmly grabbing a hold of my heart and refusing to let go until the last word is read. It also goes without saying that she also throws in some super sexy erotica. It is not an Elizabeth Finn book without some passionate and steamy love scenes and some good ole dirty-taking. That is great reading ladies and gents!

All in all, *Kane's Hell* was a haunting tale that was also devastatingly beautiful. Ms. Finn has penned these two unforgettable characters that will be etched on my heart for some time to come. This story of second chance love and restoration was most definitely not an easy read; however, it was certainly worth it to get the beautiful ending that left me completely satiated. My heart did heal and I was left emotionally drained but still a happy mess. This book is an emotionally charged journey and it is one worth experiencing. I highly recommend this read!

\*\*\*\**An advance reading copy of **Kane's Hell** by Elizabeth Finn was generously provided to me in exchange for an honest review.*

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## **Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says**

**Book** – Kane's Hell

**Author** – Elizabeth Finn

**Publication Date** – May 1, 2015

**Genre** – Romance

**Type** – Stand Alone

**Cliffhanger** - No

**Rating** – 4.5 out of 5 Stars

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### **My Thoughts - Story**

It took me a bit to figure out how to rate and review this because so many things either pulled at my heartstrings or pissed me off.

Ms. Finn always has a way to incorporate questionable subjects and add them in a story to really make you think about your original morals and opinions on a debatable topic. She does it again with this story of Kane and Hell with a subject so controversial that I found myself changing my stance on it a few times.

But not only does she achieve a thought provoking story but she also adds in the philosophical aspect where different opinions are massaged into the underlying tale of Kane and Hell. I think this is the reason why I love Ms. Finn's work so much – while you are reading and are completely engrossed in the story – you don't even realize she is making you ponder certain touchy issues. She is subtle in her message and that takes a very experienced and talented writer.

The development of these characters is astounding and even though I guessed the secret, I still had doubts until the outcome was unveiled.

***What do you come away with by the end of the book?***

You get a short lesson on philosophy

You feel (whether it be sadness, joy, satisfaction, confusion, or any other)

Your brain cells are put to the test

You don't feel like you wasted a day or two reading a cookie-cutter romance

***Don't read if...***

You only like traditional love stories

You are prejudiced in your viewpoints and don't like to be swayed

You don't like to relate to the characters

You don't like to feel so many emotions

**Re-Cap**

Ms. Finn takes us on a journey from the past to the present in the POV of Kane and Hell – something happened in the past to these two that has them both leading a life of destruction or ignorance.

It's been eleven years since that night and Kane is back in town after leaving Hell without any explanation. Is he back to make her life HELL or to reestablish their past feelings for each other? This time though, they are both different. They each have their own ways of dealing with what happened in the past but the layers they have built to protect themselves are nothing compared to the attraction they feel for each other.

As they both try to heal from the past with the help of each other, there are still secrets Kane holds that just very well may be their final downfall.

What? You thought I would reveal the story? The ending? Maybe the issue at hand?

Yeah right....read the book and find out for yourself.

**Reason for Reading** – Author request

**Story Rating** – 4.5 out of 5 Stars

**Steam Rating** – 5 out of 5 Stars

**Angst Rating** – 5 out of 5 Stars

**Writing Rating** – 4.5 out of 5 Stars

**Content Flow Rating** – 4.5 out of 5 Stars

**Told in** – Dual POV

**Hero** – Kane – didn't like him from time to time but ended up loving the hell out of him

**Heroine** – Helene (Hell) – she was a great character and an inspiration to all

**HEA?** - (view spoiler)

**Would Read More from Author? Yes**

**Recommend To** – Anyone who really likes to deal with issues in their reading – issues that really make you second-guess your original stance.

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**SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says**

***LIVE! [AMAZON LINK]***

**[Happy dances] I got an ARC to read as soon as I catch up.**

Release date: **May 1st**

**Stand-alone**

**BLURB:**

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## Christy says

### 5 stars!

Kane's Hell is one the most emotional, heartbreakingly beautiful second chance romances I've ever read. This book made me feel, made me sob, and it made me think. It's a story about guilt, forgiveness, tragedy, moving forward, love, and justice. It's a story about two people broken from their past. Two people trying to move forward with their lives in different ways.

One event changed the lives of these two friends forever. One night eleven years ago put them both on a different path. A path away from each other. One traumatic experience shared. Now they are back in the same place. Facing each other for the first time in all those years. Since they've been teenagers, the directions Kane and Helene took were opposite. Helene buried everything. She went to college, school has been her life. Her focus. Kane hasn't coped the same way. He's taken a more destructive path...

Kane and Helene have a difficult time coming into each others lives once again. Helene never understood Kane's choice of leaving her. He doesn't do a great job explaining it, and she's never truly moved past those feelings of being abandoned when she needed him most.

"I needed you, and you left me. You left me in this place to deal with... everything on my own."

?Kane is here now. And he wants to move forward with Helene. He knows he doesn't deserve her, but just maybe he deserves to be able to go back to a time before their life was forever changed.

"I'm just trying to figure out how to deserve you, Helene. And when you figure out that I don't, I'm not sure what that's going to do to me, and that... scares the shit out of me."

E. Finn really out did herself with this story. Emotional and steamy scenes are always something you can count on in a Finn book, it's where she shines. And this was by far her most emotional story yet. There were parts that were devastating to read. And these characters. I completely and utterly loved both of these characters.

Kane. My beautiful broken Kane. This man has endured more than any human should have to. He's lived with guilt. He's lived with shame. And he's lost the only person he's ever truly loved. Now he knows he has to get her back, but he struggles with his feelings of deserving. I love my heroes broken and Kane is just that.

“We deserve a future,” I said quietly. “We deserve to be happy.”

I think Helene is one of the strongest heroines I've ever encountered. She had the strength to move on and cope in the healthiest way she could. She had the ability to forgive Kane. That's a huge deal. She went through something so hard and she had to do it alone. She was essentially abandoned by the only person who could understand. So to be able to forgive and move past, it makes her strong.

This book is real. It's raw, intense and gut wrenching. It's been weeks since I read it and I'm just now reviewing. Everything still feels fresh in my mind because the story never really left. To me, that just shows how exceptional it really is. I love the theme of forgiveness and second chances. Kane and Helene's journey isn't easy, but it's so worth it.

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**Lana ❀❀Dirty Girl Romance❀❀ says**

**4 Stars**

***I need to be near you, and I DON'T know what that looks like. But I DO know I need it.  
Please give me another chance.***

Fans of second chance romance prepare to get your hearts ripped out. I'm talking 'reach through your throat, make you ugly cry in a corner and fuck you up' kind of ripped out. It's no secret that this author writes some ANGST, but nothing prepared me for this book. Let me start off with a disclaimer here; I don't think this book is for everyone. There's a particular scene in this book that's a potential trigger and if you're sensitive to that sort of thing, well, be advised. Being a huge fan of dark romance I'm fairly desensitized to most things, but this scene even made me cringe. It was very difficult to read even if it wasn't overly descriptive. It broke my cold and black little heart dammit. I actually had to pause the book right after it just to get my shit together. Yeah. It was **that** effective.

Kane and Helene were best friends in high school and had a budding romance going which Kane was always hesitant to act on. But then one night and one event changed the course of their lives irrevocably. Prepare yourselves for one gut-wrenching read because this event? It was BAD. You don't know what it is and it will be retold through present to past flashbacks in the first third of the story.

***I needed you, and you left me. You left me in this place to deal with...everything on my own.***

What happened made Helene a shell of the woman that she once was. It took her years to wade her way out of the pain and nightmares especially since Kane left right after it, but she did it through her focus on school. Now eleven years later, she's teaching and working on her dissertation, using her education and her career to

push back the devastating memories. The last person she expects to walk into her classroom is the only person that knows what happened those years ago and shared the nightmare with her.

***Can't we just forget about the monsters," he whispered....  
"All I want is to remember us."***

The last place Kane wants to be in is the one that reminds him of everything that he lost and the nightmares he barely keeps at bay. Where Helene uses her education and career to mask her pain, he uses self punishment in the form of fights, alcohol and sex. He craves the pain to punish himself. Back to care for his ailing father, he's determined to finally get the only girl that's ever had his heart.

***I'm not good at much in this world. But I'm good at loving you."***

If you've come to love Elizabeth's dirty talkers, Kane definitely delivers on that end. He also has that dash of asshole that you've come to expect from this author, though not overly so.

The story is told in 3 parts; the first third is told in alternating flashbacks of present to past, slowly retelling the nightmare that Hell and Kane shared together 11 years ago. The reader is given one small piece of the puzzle in each flashback until all the pieces begin to fit together into one devastating picture. The 2nd and 3rd part doesn't have the flashbacks and is told all in the present and focuses on Hell and Kane attempting to put their broken pieces together again.

***Everything about us is fragile- our relationship, the way we communicate, the way we fuck. I always feel like I'm two seconds away from letting you slip through my fingers. It's all so very fucking fragile.***

I did find the story dragging a little somewhere after the 40% mark and I found myself skimming a bit through a few of the sex scenes. I can't say that it read like a filler, not at all. But it was slower paced after the jaw dropping events of the first third.

***I love you, Helene. I want you to know that. You're the only person I have ever and will ever love in this lifetime. I'm so good at loving you. It's the one thing I can safely say I will never falter at.***

This was NOT a dark romance, but it certainly had much darker undertones than anything I had previously read by this author before. It had plenty of her trademark angst, dirty talk and hot as hell sex scenes. But beyond that it also had a beautifully painful second chance romance about two very broken people that slowly learn how to heal themselves and put back together their shattered pieces.

***You are EVERYTHING to me," I said emphatically.  
"Sometimes nothing is enough- not even everything."***

It's not an easy read for sure, but it's certainly worth the pain for the beauty of their HEA at the end.

*ARC courtesy of author in exchange for an honest review*

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## **Katy Loves Romance ♥? says**

### **3.75-4 Stars**

Ok this is the first book I read from this author and although I wasn't wowed, I adored Elizabeth's writing where she gave me as a reader some raw characters that developed at a slow steady pace, Saying all that I had a whole lot of emotions some good, some not so good so I'm going to give you some of thoughts on a subject that maybe slightly tough for some people.

#### **What's it about**

Kane and Helene were childhood best friends, they grew up from different backgrounds and different families one family that was more of a nurturing loving and supportive where she felt safe, then a father that was cruel, mean and completely different life for Kane but they were best of friends and that grew to wanting more as they grew where they were I suppose each others sanctuary more so for Kane but they were at a place that they loved and maybe even to look into the possibility of a **MORE** with each other and not just friends .

Except one night changed that path where they both went through the worst kind of torment and anguish that any kind of person should go through never mind that they're friends and going through it together and they should of been through it together Kane ran away. So in present day Kane doesn't cope as well as Helene for Kane he dealt by drinking and being with lots of women **a way to take the burn away, to scratch that itch and to forget** it was how he dealt, but for Helene she put her whole heart and soul into her studies and forgot in the best way possible. Now Kane's come back to sort his father's house out they both are having to confront their issues and see each other again by Kane enrolling in one of Helene's night class's to help with her dissertation and studies.

First off I have to discuss slightly this scene and how that hurt me *To. Be. Honest.* I struggled it was really difficult for me to read because it wasn't skimmed over you go through it bit by bit read it from the past and what they went through to present and how they deal with seeing each other the first 1/4 while this was going on truthfully it was **HARD** for me. I took a few breaks I love Angsty reads I love to cry and I love emotion but for me I struggled I'm not saying it wasn't needed that's just me and how I felt. Saying that I love the author for making us readers see what went on that evening and so she was truthfully giving us the bigger picture when you get to the end.

### **The middle**

It compromises of how they re-kindle or more like learn to love each other, learn to touch and feel each other and ultimately learn to let each other in to be **Together**.

This is a long read it took me alllll week so being honest I got bored with the many HAWT scenes I just lacked a connection, I felt there were lots of explanations so it wasn't always straightforward and therefore I didn't feel a connection with them. There was just something lacking for me, they had been through a lot together to be at his point but I just lacked the depth to their emotions (this is just me so please don't let me put you off) as there's so many people who didn't feel like me I just struggled and at one point DNF'd but I hate doing that so I kept on....

But boy was I happy I did.... I know I know WHAT??? yep last 30% I **Loved** it!!!

### **The last 30%**

Evan though I struggled to keep going in the middle when I got to 70% and realised what the author was doing, I was sobbing my heart out. Here I was at 1am trying to calm myself down breathing in and out so I didn't wake my house up no joke. I realised what the author did in the middle and saw for **REALS** what actually happened that night.

All in all this was a full circle of emotions for me, I struggled, I was with them as they gained what they had at the beginning, bored and then emotional and happy for them at the end. So a Roller coaster journey for me, I would suggest in my experience give yourself time when reading it and keep on even if your like me and lacked the connection I felt in the middle as it was worth it for the end, I had an understanding.

### **To sum up**

So to sum up would I recommend it ~ **Yes just keep going and don't give up on them.**

Will I read anything this author writes in the future? ~ **Yes actually I have a few on my kindle that I really need to bump up.**

If you like Raw characters that aren't always perfect but flawed and scared for a life they think they don't deserve this this is your next author to try.

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## Sharon ♡ is an emotional book junkie ♡ says

This book is everything...and *nothing* like I thought it would be. One thing is for sure...it's **AMAZING!** But a bit of a warning, there's some very dark subject matter involved.

Kane and Helene grew up together being neighbors out in the country. Kane is gorgeous and popular and Helene...is not. Seniors in high school, they work at the same gas station and Kane's decided to take things to the next level when events take a horrific turn.

The book alternates between what happened in the past, eleven years ago, and what's happening now, in the present. And for once, this didn't bother me. There's quite a separation and when there's something to be told...it's told in great detail although it never crossed the line (for me).

Presently, Helene is working on her doctorate in philosophy and teaching a night class and that's where she runs into Kane who's back in town and taking her class. This leads to some interesting events. I really loved how they tied in some of the philosophy with their own experiences and Kane's final paper was so romantic!

Helene feels she's moved on from that night eleven years ago but it's easy to see she hasn't. Kane, though, was beginning to make some progress when family matters got in the way.

I loved seeing how much these two affect each other and how coming together brings them such peace and sense of belonging. I'm not gonna lie...it was hard hearing...and *seeing* some of the things Kane did. It definitely lead to a lot of angst and drama.

Once these two do get together, things are all kinds of hot. Kane has a certain way of dirty talking that's just a little different but still good in all the right ways. And poor Helene, for most of the scenes, she's just trying to hang on...until Kane buys her a few things.

My favorite character is Helene's sister, Hilde. She's just what Helene needed even if she didn't always realize it. I'm glad Kane did. And OMG....Sienna and her drawings? LOL...to die for!

It's not too hard to have a basic idea of what happened but that didn't even faze me. I simply could not put the book down until I had ALL the answers. And I'm not gonna lie...when Kane went through with what he intended? OMG...HUGE crocodile tears.

The story does end well and the epilogue was amazing. The last couple Elizabeth Finn books haven't been the greatest for me but I'm glad to say...*she's back!!*

### **The Good Stuff:**

**Dual Pov's?** Yes!

**Steam Factor? (Scale 1 - 5)** Off the Charts!

**Angst? (Scale 1 - 5)** 4 sounds good. Not too over the top but enough to satisfy junkies like me!

**Next book?** Standalone at this time.

**Favorite quotes:**

♥ “I want to talk to you, and I want you to talk to me. I want to touch you, and I want you to touch me too. I want to hold you.” I gave up hiding the tears, and when I blinked they ran down my cheeks. “I won’t look for pain from another man’s fist to release me from what hurts so much in my head. I’ll tell you what hurts instead. I won’t use sex with other women to hide from my pain. But I’ll give it to you if it’s what you need from me.”

♥ “Nothing has made sense in my life without you.”

♥ “I didn’t know it would be like this,” I finally said quietly. “To see you again. I ... didn’t know I would love it.”

♥ "We're going to be okay."

♥ “I want my homecoming dance with my homecoming date.”

♥ “I’m going to teach them to draw penises on the walls and feed banana peels to the DVD player.”

♦ BR w/Melissa!

*(Prior to review)*

*it certainly was!*

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**Aestas Book Blog says**

**::: FULL REVIEW NOW POSTED :::**

*“Everything in my life seems to bring me to you.”*

**WOAH. WOW. OMG. THE FEELS!!!!**

This book was a non-stop roller coaster ride that I could not put down from the moment I started reading. Let me warn you though that it is not for the faint of heart. Part of the storyline is raw, dark and intensely gritty, but it’s also deeply, beautifully, and painfully romantic. It’s an emotional, erotic love story that just had this spark that kept my heart racing the whole way through. I absolutely loved it!!!

***“I’m not good at much in this world... But I’m good at loving you,” I whispered.***

I guess you could call it a second chance romance, but it would be more accurately described as a romance between a couple reunited years after a traumatic experience drove them apart. Kane and Helene (he calls her Hell) had been best friends in high school — an unlikely match with him being the popular and untouchable bad boy, and her being a more quiet and studious type — who cared deeply for each other and likely would have ended up together as a couple shortly after if a brutal attack hadn’t destroyed their lives. (I’m going to insert a spoiler tag below because I want to be very upfront that this part of the book likely has triggers for some readers.) Unable to cope with the trauma, Kane unexpectedly left town one night and she never heard from him again until a decade later when he walked into the university class she was now teaching... as a student. Despite the pain and years of separation, their connection and pull towards each other hadn’t diminished. She naturally had questions, but he couldn’t give her all the answers. Not yet. But he also couldn’t stay away from her and they slowly but carefully rekindled their romance... while working together to help each other heal and finally confront the past that had shattered them once before.

***I looked up. “Kane.” I said his name and nothing more, but it was too breathy, too quiet.***

***“Hell.” He walked toward me slowly, his face sly and mischievous. He’d always had that countenance to him — as though nothing, not life, not nightmares, not boogiemens, nor monsters could rattle him. I’d loved that about him once. Of course it wasn’t true, and he was just as vulnerable to the monsters as I was.***

Before anything, I want to address the dark part of the book because when I was originally considering reading this book, I desperately wanted to know what to expect and I couldn’t find this information anywhere. In the hidden spoiler link down below, I’m going to include full details what this story element is so that you can make an informed decision whether or not it’s something you want to read.

***She reached for my stomach, letting her palm cover the four inch scar that ran from my navel to the left side of my abdomen. It was her scar as much as mine, and she knew damn well she didn’t need my permission to touch it.***

The main couple share a very painful past which could include triggers for some readers. It is genuinely horrific and not glossed over. (Note: there are several chapters – the flashbacks – near the beginning that had me questioning whether I could or even wanted to handle this story at all, but I’m so glad I kept going). Kane and Helene do get through it and past it, and their journey back together and the way they helped each other heal through their undeniable and undying love for each other was just gorgeous.

Going back to the dark though, I can say that I honestly almost stopped reading during one of the flashbacks because I just felt it was too much. Like really, I did not want that much detail. It was horrifically painful and kinda drawn out. I think readers who are used to darker romance will be fine with the scenes (okay, not rainbows-and-unicorns fine, but you’ll be able to handle it) and others will potentially be totally turned off the book by it. It’s really fucking brutal, okay?

Please just be warned.

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**For full details, read this:** (view spoiler)

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***“Can’t we just forget about the monsters?” he whispered, his lips touching and teasing my earlobe. “All I want to remember is us.”***

So, without a doubt, what they’d been through together was scarring in the worst way, and how Kane especially had handled it made things even more painful. The eleven years of separation had left many emotional gaps between them but their connection to each other had never faded and despite the rocky terrain they had to go over on their journey back together, you could just tell that they were both trying so hard to be functional and healthy together in an open, honest way. They were committed to each other to the point where I couldn’t help but believe that they belonged together.

I loved the way they just kept gravitating back to each other — always back to each other. Even though their worst memories were with each other, they were each also the only person with whom the other truly felt safe — both emotionally and physically. Everything about the emotions they went through made sense to me. The hesitation, the guilt, the questions, the desperation to reconnect, the love that kept pulling them together. Both their pain and their joy was portrayed in such a believable fashion.

***“What do you want from me?” Tears fell down her cheeks...***

***“I need to be close to you,” I admitted, feeling my lips tremble to. “Please let me be close to you... I want to talk to you, and I want you to talk to me. I want to touch you, and I want you to touch me, too. I want to hold you.” I gave up hiding the tears, and when I blinked they ran down my cheeks... “I want all of you, regardless of the fact I deserve nothing from you... We deserve to go back and be us again. Not the the us that came after that night. The us before. We were good for each other. I was good for you once — even if no one else in the world saw it or understood that.”***

This book is explicitly erotic so it’s definitely an Adult romance. Kane’s a dirty talker and they do spend a lot of time reconnecting sexually as well as emotionally. Despite how much sex there is in the book, I honestly didn’t feel it was too much. It made sense for the story and given the nature of their shared trauma, it made sense to me that they’d use it in part as a way of healing.

***“Please don’t make me a bad memory. Let me be a good one.”***

It’s worth mentioning again that my favorite part of this book was reading about characters who are trying their best to make a healthy relationship work despite many outside factors working against them. Another good example of this is the Crossfire series. Their shared triumphs and pitfalls, ups and downs, and the way they worked together to be together is what I love to read about most.

***“You’re saying the emotional side of all this is more complicated?”***

***“Do you see it any other way?” he asked.***

***I turned my body toward him... “No, I don’t.”***

***“Hey.” He pulled my face to look at him... “Complicated is okay.”***

Another thing I really liked were the scenes in her classroom where they discussed various philosophical aspects that inevitably were turned back around in a way that actually brought the story very much ‘full circle’ by the end. I thought the integration of this particular aspect of the story was very well done and greatly helped to provide balance to the story.

Please be aware that even though I loved this book, I do not think that it will be something that every single reader will necessarily love because of the darker elements. Again, if you’re hesitant, please read the spoiler tag above to help you make an informed decision. I always get nervous recommending books that have this level of grit to them because I don’t want a more sensitive reader to be too shocked by its content. That being said, if you’re the kind of reader who craves dark, gritty, emotionally intense stories then you definitely have to give this book a shot. Hopefully this review will help make the decision easy.

For the record though, there is nothing else dark about this book other than their past. Their present is just about healing and coping and finding a way to rebuild their lives together. But there’s no more dark.

***“I’ve missed you so fucking much,” he said quietly. “Nothing has made sense in my life without you.”***

As you get closer to the end, you slowly become aware of what Kane is planning and OMG my heart sank. I understood why he wanted to do it, but I was sooooo worried. I desperately flipped the pages unsure about whether or not I wanted him to go through with it or not. Like their philosophy discussions in class, this was such a grey area and I desperately needed to know they’d be okay. By 95% I was seriously freaking the fuck out. But I can reassure you without giving away too much that this book has a truly beautiful ending (that includes an epilogue). It’s completely satisfactory in a way where you could really tell that the author put in the thought to genuinely bring their story full circle.

***“We’re going to be okay,” I said as I wrapped my arms around her. I had no doubt she could be okay all on her own without my presence in her life. But I also had no doubt I never would be without her. “We’re going to be okay,” I repeated.***

The story is told in first person perspective and alternating points of view between Kane and Helene. The story is separated into three main parts and the first part includes flashbacks to that night. But other than that, the rest of the storyline is present-day and forward moving. I really enjoyed the writing. The author paid attention to all the right details in a way that really made me able to connect strongly with the story on an emotional level. And the steam factor is HIGH. This is definitely an erotic romance.

I loved this book. I couldn't put it down even for a moment. It was a really fantastic blend of raw gritty edginess, steamy erotic romance, and intensely emotional healing that kept me glued to the page with my heart racing. It's not a story for the faint of heart, but it's most definitely a new favorite for me!

*“Everything in my life seems to bring me to you.”*

**Rating: 4.5 stars.**

Contemporary Adult Romance Standalone  
(trigger warning, see spoiler tag above)

*PS: just a personal note. I wrote this review literally right after I finished reading the book because I wanted to get the explanations out ASAP for readers who wanted it. Usually I sit on my thoughts overnight and take more time to edit my reviews. So I apologize for any repetition or typos in this one.*

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**KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says**

Complimentary Copy provided by the author in exchange for an honest review

**TITLE:** Kane's Hell

**AUTHOR:** Elizabeth Finn

**GENRE:** Contemporary Romance

**EXPECTED PUBLICATION:** May 1st 2015

**MY RATING:** 4 1/2 Stars

This was a hard one to rate, I flipped between a 4 and 5 star and settled half way between the two..

And that was because for me (and this is only my opinion) I felt Kane was too pushy, even though I loved his character there were times when I really disliked him too..It felt at times as though instead of trying to heal he wanted to push her boundaries within experimental sex..

I loved the authors writing style, the connection I felt with both characters but mainly more with Kane and his demons..You kind of have to really think outside the box and put yourself in these characters shoes to really get those feels coursing through your body..

## **FORGIVENESS**

This book is so heart breakingly raw, two childhood best friends that both endured an unbearable tragic night at the hands of a sadistic evil man, from that day on a carefree life ended that fateful night, two broken souls (one more than the other) needing the other to become whole again..

*We're going to be okay*

**A woman determined to look forward. A man always looking back. A love desperate to be restored.**

*"You're the brightest, warmest star in my universe.  
You'll never be less than everything to me."*

**I needed you, and you left me. You left me in this place to deal with ... everything on my own.**

## **SEX, FIGHTING, ALCOHOL**

*Don't make the mistake of thinking I'm the person I once was. You'll only be disappointed when you realise I'm not.*

**I fight because it feels good to hurt..I drink because it feels good to go numb..And I f\*ck because it feels good to forget..**

Without divulging too much about this book and spoiling it for you, please just one click it when it's released and read for yourself what this couple endured and what it took for them to overcome all obstacles..

*I closed my eyes, remembering a time when being close to him felt good. Until the day one..little..thing..destroyed it all.But that was just it. I wasn't a little thing at all. It was the worst of things.*

This does have a HEA but it takes a while for them to reach their "Beautiful life"

## **You've always been my Hell**

*What happened eleven years before should have destroyed the intimacy between us. But it hadn't. My shadows were what separated me from Hell - not the bad hell - the good Hell. I wanted my Hell.*

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## **MELISSA \*Mel Reader\* says**

5 "You Are Everything To Me" Stars!  
(BR with Sharon)

Kane Thorson & Helene Hess grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania called Hazleton. They were neighbors and the best of friends. When they were 17 they experienced something horrific together that forever alters the course of their lives. Kane leaves town, leaving Helene when she needs him the most, and is gone for 11 years.

- "None of us can do anything in this world only to ourselves without affecting another. We're all just dominoes lined up waiting to fall."

- I had no doubt she could be okay all on her own without my presence in her life. But I also had no doubt I never would be without her.

- She was my friend first and foremost and had been since we were children, and that apparently meant something to even me.

After 11 years Kane returns home to handle some family business. He seeks out Helene, and enrolls himself in her Philosophy class at the university to be near her. They shared the most painful & the happiest moments of their lives together. They have such a complicated past, but Kane still feels the need to just be close to her. He's missed her so much, and is still addicted to her. He longs to feel again, and she's the only person who's ever made him truly feel. While Helene is trying to look forward & move on with her life, Kane was still looking back & living in the past. He feels torn because he needs her but at the same time he thinks she deserves better than him.

- No one in all the world knew her the way I did.

- "All I want is to remember us."

- "I want all of you, regardless of the fact I deserve nothing from you."

- "I need to be near you, and I don't know what that looks like. But I do know I need it. Please give me another chance."

- "My heart will always be in the right place with you."



This was such an emotional read. It has some deep subject matter & in the beginning I wasn't sure if I was going to like the book, but the author takes you on such a journey with this couple. She takes two people whose world came crashing down around them, and we see them heal through each others love & patience. This couple shared such an intense level of intimacy and a connection that is essential to their existence and well being. They longed for each others touch & comfort, and they were each others home. They become desperate to hold onto each other & what they feel when together. Most of their lives have been in some way intertwined with each other. Their joy, their pain, & their childhood. Their pain transforms into something beautiful. Its very rare that a book makes me feel so much & touches my heart like this. I continue to love Elizabeth Finn's amazing writing & look forward to reading more from this author! :D

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### **Kristen says**

#### **4-Gut-Wrenching-Stars**

Such a good book but, boy, did it drain me emotionally.

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### **Anna says**

NOOK pre-order link :

<http://m.barnesandnoble.com/w/kanes-h...>

Amazon pre-order link :

<http://www.amazon.com/Kanes-Hell-Eliz...>

Loved loved loved this one !!! Definitely going right up there as one of my Favorites ♥?

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