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I don't remember what it's like not to be scared.

And then I meet him.

My brother's friend and ex-partner is everything I'll never be. Sexy, confident, and perfect. He calls me sunshine and tells me I'm beautiful. He asks me to stay.

When my past come back with a vengeance, he proves just how much he'd risk to shield me from the demons that were never supposed to resurface.

## **Fixing Fate Details**

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## From Reader Review Fixing Fate for online ebook

### Barbara Abney says

A very good story about Mellie and Smith! Both have had tragic events happen to them in the past and I love the way they help to heal each other! This story had twists that had me sitting on the edge of my seat, holding my breath! A good storyline with a hard subject and a great cast of characters! I hope we get to read Jay's story (Mellie's brother) and Erik's! Looking forward to more from this author!

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### Dawn Doyle says

#### Mellie and Smith

I actually read two books in this series last night. That's right I had to start another one as soon as I finished. I finally read the first in the series. Even though I'm reading totally out of order I am really enjoying them. These men sure are protective and it's a good thing because these women are danger magnets.

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### Misty Walker says

A story filled bite your nails intensity, love that fills your soul, action that keeps you guessing and heat that warms your cockles.

Anna Brooks is a new author to me and I was so pleasantly surprised. Although I felt like the subplot was teased a bit too much without any fulfillment, the main story was so perfect and I loved it so much.

Jacob Morgan and Ava Erickson are a great match. There were a few points that Jacob Morgan pulled away from the mic when he shouldn't have and that was a bit awkward but it only happened 3 or 4 times and it really didn't deter from the story, just pulled me out of the narration a bit. Other than that, everything was perfect.

I can't wait to explore this author more.

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### EpicRomanceReviews says

***“When I look at you, I see so much light. The only light I’ve seen in years.”***

**Romance Trivia 101 :** What do you get when a sweet, skittish damsel in distress collides with hot, hard-bodied Alpha protector? ***A whole lot of combustible sparks!!!!*** And here's one more irrefutable fact....I know if I ever have a hankering for a hyper emotional, super sexy romance with drama and angst galore, the extraordinarily gifted Anna Brooks is gonna deliver big time. And man did she ever with her latest novel, **FIXING FATE!** The heart fluttery feels were just UNRELENTING in this tumultuous love story about two lost souls who cannot outrun the hands of fate.

When Mellie Jamison inherits her deceased grandfather's house, she anxiously drives far from home to an unfamiliar city to make the necessary arrangements to put the unwanted property up for sale. She is aghast at the sorry state of the house, which is going to require a major overhaul before it can be put on the market. But fortunately, her older brother Jay hired his former colleague Smith Porter to oversee the necessary renovations so she can sell it and get out dodge ASAP!!

Severely traumatized from a harrowing ordeal from her past, she suffers from crippling panic attacks and nearly jumps out of her skin the first time Smith catches her unaware. This is her first time being away from home and her fragile state of mind is as shaky as the condition of the crumbling porch, especially now that she fears she is being stalked! Yet despite his big, intimidating presence there is something about the big, handsome contractor that puts her immediately at ease. She has not had a boyfriend in six years and has shied away from any sort of physical or emotional intimacy, but for the first time in forever, he awakens passionate longings in her that leave her both unsettled yet aching for more.

Her all-consuming attraction for the ruggedly handsome bachelor is far from unrequited. He too feels something stir within him the moment he gazes into the blond-haired, long legged beauty's innocent green eyes, and when danger darkens Mellie's doorstep, Smith's former cop instincts roar to the surface. Nothing is going to happen to the achingly vulnerable beauty on **HIS** watch! But he knows sheltering Mellie from harm is as far as it can go--she is 10 years younger than he is, and his overprotective friend's baby sister to boot--which means **STRICLY. OFF. LIMITS.**

Smith owes her big brother for saving his life and promised his friend he would watch over his precious baby sister. But he knows Jay would have his head if he crossed the line. And besides, he has demons of his own that plague him day after day, night after night; all the while he can't help obsessing about slaying the dragons of the sweet, wounded girl who is so petrified of the dark she brings out the primal caveman in him. But how long can these two broken souls resist the lure of each other's aching hearts? And can their fragile love withstand the fury of a dangerous predator?

I **floooved** this book for many, many reasons. First and foremost because of **SMITH!!** He is the epitome of my dream BBF! Big, tatted, uber macho, yet so exquisitely gentle and chivalrous and fiercely protective he makes my heart throb! Truthfully? I would hire him as my Mr. Fix it any ole time! So kudos to you, Anna Brooks, for giving me another sinfully sexy alpha male to drool over!!! Smith wound himself around my heart every time he wrapped Mellie up in the shelter of his big, muscular arms, called her "Sunshine" or made her feel like the most beautiful girl in the world. And Smith's swoon-worthy attributes aside, this book has two of my favorite tropes...best friends' little sister and older hero/younger heroine. **Hello?!** Instant binge read material!

This book just had **ALL. THE. FEELS.** There is nothing more intoxicating to me than a book about two damaged lovers who break down each other's barriers, illuminate the dark, lonely recesses of each other's souls and finally emerge whole. The chemistry between Smith and his "Sunshine" was so electric I felt their magnetic pull from the first time they locked gazes, but the beauty of Anna Brook's writing is that the emotion and desire between the H and h is always intricately intertwined so much so you that you feel the impact of their visceral connection with every fiber of your being!

As always with this author, the book is perfectly paced, and you can count on plenty of romance, steamy passion, poignant emotion, heartache, charming banter, intrigue, and peril to keep your pulse racing. I also appreciated how the secrets of Smith and Mellie's pasts are unveiled bit by bit, which adds to the mystique of this story! And the supporting characters are weaved masterfully into the fabric of the story, which infuses the novel with richly nuanced layers and sets the stage for possible future spinoffs. (**Speaking of...I**

**CANNOT WAIT for Mellie's Alpha cop bro to get a book of his own and am intrigued by Smith's friend Erik as well) .**

Ultimately, at its core, FIXING FATE is a passionate, life-affirming and, at times, gutwrenching story about overcoming unspeakable anguish, finding hope and love and healing even when all seems lost, and how fate can miraculously fuse two hearts and souls together in unbelievably profound ways.

**5+ *Hopelessly Smitten with Smith Stars!!***

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**Christine says**

This is not working for me. Predictable and boring. Nothing about the story or characters held my attention. DNF. You may love it. Reading is subjective.

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**♥ WishfulMiss ♥ says**

[ When she was seventeen, a creepy neighbor broke into her apartment (where she lived with her older brother) and anally raped her. (hide spoiler)]

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**Sara Evans says**

**DNF @ 8%**

And the award for the most creepiest fucking pervert goes to..... the hero of this story.

*she's at least ten years younger than I am. She doesn't even live here, and no way in hell would she be up for a quick fuck. She screams innocence. Hell, I'd be surprised if anyone's ever touched her.*

*My cock hardens under my pants with just the thought of her, untouched—fuck, I bet she'd be tight as hell—pure, and inexperienced.*

Is that^ supposed to be normal? Am I supposed to root for this guy to get the girl? Am I the only one who thinks that this is very pervert-y? "Pure & inexperienced" wtf?

And he's thinking this when she just had a breakdown.

So here the hero is with a woman having dinner and gets a call and he has to go but she gets upset.

**"You're such an asshole."**

*I sign the credit card receipt and take off. I don't give a shit that she's pissed. I don't know why she thinks she's anything more than convenient*

I agree with the nameless woman in this one. What an asshole.

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## **Kate's Corner says**

**Have you ever read a book you don't know how to rate?**

**Well for me this is one of those books. There were times were I thought, okay this is a 2 star read and then it went up to a 4 star read something happened which I personally wasn't happy about and it then went back to a 2 star read. I've decided to go with 3.5 stars here.**

**Mellie suffers from agoraphobia and PTSD after being violated in the most horrible way. She has some fears that she wants to overcome. A step in the right direction is to take a closer look at the house that she inherited.**

**Smith's whole family died in a freak accident during a storm since then he hasn't let anyone close as a favor to his old partner Jay he agrees to keep an eye on Mellie. HE is the contractor to help with the house. But the favor turns into more.**

**They meet they get off to a rocky start and this is where things got difficult for me. The connection that they have at the beginning ebbs and flows. It is an internal battle for Smith as Mellie is eleven years younger and his friend's sister. Mellie is attracted to Smith and wants to act on it and although Smith tries not to, he caves.**

**Smith is a likeable Hero and he does everything and anything he can for the heroine. The heroine in the book is somewhat lost and has no self-preservation at all. This is just my opinion. It did make me cringe a couple of times. And scream at her internally of course what the hell she is thinking?**

**There are twists and turns to the story that made it unpredictable which I liked. The story flows well and the author can suck you in and keep you entertained throughout the book. There are some uncomfortable scenes in the book so if you get squirmy about some things then don't read the book. PM if you want the details.**

**Ask me also what the cynic in me says.**

**I also look forward to reading more by the author.**

**Review can be found @ <http://jerisbookattic-reviewblog.blog...>**

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## **Sarah Armstrong says**

**4.5 stars**

**Another hit from Anna Brooks. Smith & mellie were incredible. Each had their own demons to overcome.**

Very intriguing story. Keep you on the edge of your seat. Can't wait for more from this series.

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### **Edel says**

Another great story by Anna Brooks!

This is one of those stories where the reader doesn't get time to think... so much happens!

Mellie and Smiths relationship is adorable. Mellie is a young, sweet vunerable girl who is trying desperately to move on from a difficult past and Smith is the hot alpha male to help her do this. Their story does not run smoothly and there are twists and turns that leave you on your last nerve!

This story contains all the elements of a great read - humour, romance, action and of course hot steamy chemistry!!

It also brings in a character called Eric who peaked my curiosity... I'm quite interested in Eric and Pollys story!

Fixing Fate is a definite read!

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### **Melanie A. says**

I have a soft spot for heroines who have panic attacks, because I know from personal experience just how real they can be, no matter how illogical it seems to others who don't have a panic trigger. While my trigger is nowhere close to Mellie's, I felt a kind of kinship with her - and I really wanted to like this book.

At its heart, this story had a world of potential - damaged manwhore and agoraphobic damsel-in-distress fall in love. Unfortunately, so many other things were layered over top of it that the love story got smothered. (view spoiler) And I didn't like the way events were carelessly thrown into the mix without thought to the way they caused plot holes. (view spoiler)

This author definitely has real talent. She just needs a better editor to point out the kinks and smooth out the rough edges. DNF @45%.

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### **Michelle says**

Not awful, but not memorable. I'll probably forget the book in less than a week.

Super implausible plot, insta-love, and characters that just don't suck you in. Minus Erik. He was great.

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## **Liz says**

Fixing Fate by Anna Brooks was a great read. This story had a little bit of everything. From humor, to romance to suspense and some off the charts chemistry.

Mellie Jamison's life has not been easy. She finds herself living alone and isolated from the world, just how she wants it, or that is what she tells herself. Afraid to put herself out there because she is having such a hard time moving on from a difficult past.

Smith Porter finds himself barely living. Giving up his dreams, he is now just getting by. Preferring to be mostly alone, rather than dealing with emotions. But as we get to know him, we begin to see his protective, caring and possessive side. He is an alpha through and through.

Mellie and Smith both have difficult histories that hold them back from really living and moving forward. Can they break down their walls and see what is in front of them? We see them go through so much, felt so much for them and cheered them on. Add in some suspense and unexpected twists, can these have a future together?

I enjoyed reading this book and seeing both Mellie and Smith's walls slowly broken down. Mellie was in her way, learning to be strong and overcome fear and Smith was determined to help her. His resolve to help Mellie and be there for her helped him overcome some of his own fears and reservations. .

I found Fixing Fate a beautiful story of two lost souls who found each other right when they needed each other. Right from the start you are drawn into the story and Mellie and Smith's journey.

I give Fixing Fate by Anna Brook 4.5 stars.

Happy reading!

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## **Sheila'S Book Corner says**

Anna Brooks strikes again. This woman can give us the most Beautifully Written Stories. Fuckity Fuck where do I start with this Review. Firstly as Promised I hope this shows you why you should read this Book. Why you should grab it with two hands. And why I wish there was more than 5 stars. Cos hands down this book is 5+ star worthy.....

I need you to know how Fantastic This book is. I need you to know that Anna Brooks grabbed my Attention from Page One and had my arse on the couch till I was done. She had me trapped. Many of you already know how Fucking Brilliant she is and if you had any doubt, no way in Hell would you Doubt Her Mad Skills....

Fixing Fate is a Story, A Beautiful Story about Healing, Surviving and the Healing Power of Love. In this book we meet such Extraordinary Characters both Main and Side. I love when we love all the ppl we meet in a story. Where you love the Side Characters so much you want to make sure they also get their HEA because done to your bones you know they 100% deserve it.

Ok so about our Hero and Heroine. Let me just say nothing I say can properly explain how much I loved

these Characters. Yes they are both broken for Heartbreakingly Valid reasons but Fuck watching them fight for Love and Happiness was Unadulterated Joy.

Mallie who has me Hooked by the first page is such a damn inspiration. She has been Broken by a fucking Monster that would make you wish you could cut his Balls off and feed it to him. This Amazing Girl has Strength to move past all the shit that has been done to her. Her Courage and Fight leaves me in Awe Of her. People don't know easy it is to give up, to give into your fears and just stop living. So they don't understand they Power and Inner Strength you must have to fight that, to fight it alone because you know nobody but you can do it. That's what this Marvelous Girl does. She defeats any doubt that she couldn't and she does it with a bang. Doing so Fate brings her to the man that owns her heart from the moment they meet.

Smith fighting his own demons. Also living half a life because of a Tragedy that almost drove him to his own destruction. He like Mallie had Ppl that loved them and tried to help but really if you don't want help and not I. Place to let it in then it won't happen. Until the day you decide, Right it's time to Heal. That's what Mallie Gives Smith and Smith makes Mallie safe from the moment he steps into her old Rackity house.

Watching Smith avoid and fight his feelings for her was at times frustrating. I wanted to slap him through my Kindle. But all that changes when Their worst fear comes to her front door. Smith would Fight God or the Devil to keep Mallie alive and safe. Her healing and Happiness is what's most important to him....

The way this man treasures her, the way he protects her and guards her will have you swooning. Your heart will Sigh with such Happiness. These two are so so deserving of Happy and Love. They need that link to heal and move on but that's all threatened and Smith will not have anyone or anything take Mallie away from him....

This man who is so Hot, So Alpha and strong is like Putty when it comes to Mallie. That alone is Beauty to watch....

Now Jay who is Mallie's Brother and Smith's Ex Partner a Friend is such an amazing side character. I really really want his story. Even a Novella would make me so happy. I really do love him and his roll in this book.

This book that has such an Enthralling story. Beautiful Dialogue, Scenes that will have you Choking on a Sob many times because these two have been through such horrid pasts. At the same time Anna balances it out cos at times I would Giggle like a silly Billy and at times I would Fan myself from just their Hot Hot Foreplay.

Grab this Book and I know you won't be sorry.  
Enjoy Ladies!!!!

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**Coco.V says**

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Blurb:

Mellie Jamison is afraid of the world after her security and innocence were stolen as a teen. Now in her early twenties, she's content with her secluded lifestyle and her cat... at least, that's what she tells herself. When a grandfather she never met leaves her an abandoned house, she has no choice but to set out on a journey she

never wanted to take.

Smith Porter was living his dream until he was forced to give up his job as a police officer and return home to take over the family business. He's now alone in the world, merely surviving on memories and emotionless attachments. So when his old partner calls in a favor, Smith agrees to flip the neglected house and keep an eye on Jay's baby sister.

He's a master at restoration and rebuilding, but Smith never expected that tearing the walls down around Mellie's heart to be his most difficult project yet. And when her life is threatened, keeping her safe is the most important job he'll ever have.

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