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Fans of Jasinda Wilder and Colleen Hoover will adore this emotional new small-town romance—a smoldering tale of first love and long-awaited redemption from *USA Today* bestselling author Tina Wainscott.

Raleigh West works in an auto shop day and night, trying to put his broken past out of mind. It's been seven years since the fiery crash that landed his teenage sweetheart in the hospital . . . and him in jail. In an instant, he lost everything: his passion for racing, his hope of escaping his father's shameful legacy, and the only girl he ever loved. Raleigh hasn't seen her since that awful night. Never got a chance to apologize. And never forgave himself, either.

When brave, beautiful Mia Wentworth returns to the Florida coast for the first time in what seems like forever, it's not to see Raleigh. Even so, the moment she arrives she can feel his presence like a gust of wind that gives her goose bumps. Opening her heart to him again seems impossible. But staying away? That might be harder still. Lucky for them both, Mia's never been the kind of woman to take the easy way out.

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Christie72 says

Falling Fast was a wonderful, heartwarming, and emotional second chance romance. Mia has endured more than any one person should ever have to during her young life. She had cancer as a child but was in remission when she was involved in a horrible car accident that left her burned and scarred, not only physically but mentally as well. Raleigh was the boy she fell in love with one summer while visiting her grandmother. He was driving the car that completely changed his and Mia's life. Not only did the accident almost kill them, but it destroyed their young love and drove them apart for many years. Now, Mia is back for her beloved grandmother's funeral. Both are anxious and scared to see one another again. Will there be feelings of anger, forgiveness, most importantly, will the passionate love still be there after all this time apart?

The book was fast paced. Readers didn't have to wait for the inevitable reunion between the characters. They see each other not long after the story began. Yes, the feelings of passion and love are still there, but I enjoyed the friendship between Mia and Raleigh too. Each character was well-developed and not your typical characters in most romance novels. Each is carrying a secret they have hidden from one another that has greatly affected how each has lived their lives and the decisions they have made. Honestly, discovering some of Raleigh's secrets were incredibly hard to read, but they made me love him even more. I loved seeing Mia grow from an insecure woman to a woman who not only believes in herself but one who helps Raleigh believe in himself and move on from his past. Speaking of characters, Wainscott did an awesome job of developing the character of Mia's grandmother. Even though she was deceased, she was just as vividly alive in this story as all the other characters. I have only read one other writer who was able to do this successfully, and Wainscott was just as successful. There was some suspense and mystery that also made this book great as well. I won't get into all of that because I don't want to ruin anything. The only thing I will say is, "Read this book!"

Falling Fast was my first novel I have read by Tina Wainscott, but it definitely won't be my last. It was a great romance filled with passion and emotion, and it was also a book filled with love, forgiveness, and the importance of second chances. It also illustrates the important lesson of looking beneath the physical appearances of people and finding out what's inside...that's what really matters! Great job, Tina Wainscott. I can't wait to read more from you in the future.

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Brianna at Renee Entress's Blog says

4.5 Stars!

Deep. This book was really good. A sweet, beautiful and emotional second chance romance story that will give you tons of smiles and feels. This book was really good. Intense, edgy, and beautifully written, this author captivates you from the beginning. The words and emotions in this book just flowed off of the page,

drawing you in and devouring you.

The first in a new series, this is a Raleigh and Mia's story. Torn apart by tragedy, Raleigh and Mia were scarred and permanently marked never being the same again. Now, years later, they are thrown back together in each other's lives. Two hearts that beat as one. They will find that the heart wants what the heart wants and sometimes things are just meant to be. They will face demons along the way. They will face obstacles. It is not going to be easy but together they can heal and find strength. Get ready for an epic love story that will be with you long after it's over.

I loved these two together. From the prologue, I was drawn in by Raleigh and Mia. I was rooting for them, even when it was tense and unpredictable. Their love was wholesome with tons of emotions. I love a book where characters can evoke feelings out of me and tears along the way. I connected with Raleigh and Mia on a deeper level. We all deserve second chances, especially these two.

I highly recommend this book.

Virtual Tour---> <http://reneeentress.blogspot.com/2015...>

Rob.C. Rob.C. says

A beautiful story of redemption and second chances.

I enjoyed this story because it involved important themes, strong emotions and a bit of angst and tension too, toward the end. I liked how they slowly went from trying to pretend it had only been a summer romance to opening up their hearts, challenging their differences and facing obstacles along the way. It wasn't an easy path to their happy ending, and I liked how, through all the tough times, neither wanted to give up and take the easy way out.

I liked Raleigh's selflessness and his determination to be a better man, even though he came from the wrong side of the tracks.

I liked Mia's hunger for life, how she wanted to live without regrets and her devotion for Raleigh. She could've gone back to Minnesota and forgotten about him, but she stood by him even when her parents gave her grief for loving him.

Raleigh's little half-brother, Cody, was adorable. He was super cute and I really liked his interactions both with Raleigh and with Mia. I didn't like Rose, his mother, very much, but she only has few and short appearances, so it's no big deal.

There were a couple of things that didn't work too well for me. Call me a prude, but I could've done without the descriptive sex scenes, as a couple of them took me a little away from the story, especially the one toward the end of the book, when the tension was at one of the highest peaks.

I also felt the ending was a little rushed and it left me hanging. Don't get me wrong: there's no cliffhanger and you get the whole story, but when I reached the last page I wasn't sure if the author left that small unresolved issue (can't say what) because it'll be continued in another book. I just wanted to know what was going to happen to Rose.

All in all, I enjoyed this story and up until the end I was curious to know how things were going to work out for these star crossed lovers.

If you like second chance and stories of redemption, this book is a good choice.

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full review: <http://robertasdreamworld.blogspot.it...>

Angela (Reading Frenzy Book Blog) says

I typically read a book in about two days. The fact that it took me four days to finish this book is a reflection of the incredibly slow pacing. The basis for this second chance love story is heartwarming; however, the execution is flawed. Right from the beginning Mia forgives Raleigh for his part in the car accident that left her disfigured. Placing this so early in the story leaves nowhere for the plot to go. Raleigh finds it difficult to believe that he's worthy of absolution, despite Mia's continued reassurances to the contrary, and it grew rather tiresome.

There's very little conflict and what there is feels drawn out. The author throws in a little drama at the 75% mark but it isn't enough to salvage the story.

For my tastes, alternating point of view stories written in the third person are a hard sell unless extremely well executed. Unfortunately with the cliché writing style this book just didn't resonate with me.

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Bette Hansen says

Wow! I'm not sure what I expected from this book but I must say I was totally blown away! It was a great mix of a sweet second chance love story and suspense. This is one that was impossible for me to put down right from the beginning. Raleigh and Mia were great characters and the way the author deals with their past and getting them beyond it was great. Raleigh's relationship with Cody, his much younger brother, is so touching you just know his heart is huge. I definitely recommend this one to everyone!

Killian says

3 Very Conflicted Stars.

This book was soooooo sloooooow. We're talking sloth levels here. The inevitability of Mia and Raleigh getting together meant that there was no conflict in the entire book. Yeah, her parents don't like him. Yeah, Cassidy is shady. None of that created any conflict in their relationship.

Boring.

The reason I am giving the stars though, is I can see how this is just not my cup of tea, and it could very well be someone else's. It also isn't written poorly, it's written well, but the story itself needed some kind of something to get it going. It just seemed like it never got started and just stalled for the entire length of the book.

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Erin Dennis says

****I was given an ARC in exchange for an honest review with Wicked Women Book Blog.****

Mia and Raleigh have a past. A tragic past. The two have been through some horrifying events that tore them apart for 7 years. After Mia's Grandmother passes away, fate crosses their paths again. They are forced to either relive those memories, or ignore them and what their hearts are telling them to do.

This story ended up taking a completely different turn than I had expected. The book starts off as a forbidden love story and it ends up taking a suspenseful turn. The author transitioned the two themes very well by blending Mia and Raleigh's love story together with a ghost from Raleigh's past.

I really liked both of the main characters in this book. Mia has been through so much in her life, but it made her stronger. She faced obstacles in her young life most people don't experience in a lifetime. At the same time, the author still makes Mia very relatable to her audience. My heart went out to Raleigh though out the whole book. Every time he turns around something else is going wrong for him. It's like he is living under a dark cloud he can't get away from.

The author writes about several important and controversial issues. At times, these situations are hard to read about, but these things do happen in real life. It takes courage to address these issues in a novel. The author does this respectfully and at the same time with realism and honesty. There is another book in this series. I am interested to see where the next book takes the story. I give Falling Fast a four star rating.

Nancy♥The♥Bookaholic says

This was a bit slow for my liking. The story-line was intriguing but it just never escalated above my "ok" marker. The author did a good job at building the characters. If you're looking for a book with a lot of "sexy" time then this isn't the book to read. This book had a little more depth to it and focused on the character's story. Both the hero & heroine were very likable. I do think many will thoroughly enjoy this book, and its powerful messages of healing and forgiveness.

Mandy says

When Mia was 17, she went to visit her grandma in Florida. While she's there, she meets 19 year old Raleigh and falls in love. She is the first person to make him feel like he's worth something and he's the first person to make her feel alive. After a horrible accident, Raleigh and Mia are separated. Fast forward 7 years and Mia returns to Florida following the death of her grandma. No matter how much time has passed, some things stay the same and seeing Raleigh again awakens the old feelings they had for each other. I really enjoyed this story, it was a beautiful second chance love story that kind of reminded me of the Notebook but with more drama. I really liked these characters and can't wait to read the next book in this series.

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Wendy says

****I received an advance copy of this book from Netgalley in exchange for my honest review.**

I really enjoyed this book. The characters were well developed and deep, with pasts that gave them lots of rich detail.

Mia and Raleigh had a summer romance seven years ago that ended in a fiery crash - literally. Now she's back in town after her grandmother's death, and thanks to that grandmother, they are forced to be together. Of course, that isn't much of a hardship, seeing as they've both spent the last seven years thinking about each other and trying to deal with the regrets they have over how things ended.

The story was rather believable, sweet and sexy. What I really enjoyed was that the characters were not your typical, perfect hard body romance characters. They had some real physical flaws, and that added a different depth to the story that I didn't expect.

Another pleasant surprise for me were the secondary characters. They were very well developed as well, and had histories of their own that make me hope they'll be the focus of future novels in the Falling Fast series.

There were enough hints of the secondary character's stories that have me looking forward to the future books, but it would also work just fine as a standalone. If I never got the chance to read the rest of the series, I wouldn't feel as though I was cheated out of anything.

This was my introduction to Tina Wainscott, and it was the perfect book for this. I loved her writing style, I loved the storyline and the characters, and I definitely want to read more.

Mignon Mykel says

4.5 / 5 stars

Received a review copy in exchange for an honest review; original tour posting can be found at:

<http://mnonmklreviews.blogspot.com/20...>

This story opens up seven years ago, when Mia first met Raleigh -- a car mechanic who fought hard to lose his 'southern'. While we don't get to see it, we learn that after the first meeting, the seventeen and nineteen year olds, respectively, fell into a whirlwind romance. One day, one that Raleigh feels was a mistake but Mia swears it was her doing... one day changes everything and their worlds are thrown apart.

Now Mia's grandmother has passed and she's coming back to town for the funeral; she's afraid to see Raleigh again, for fear of what he'll think when he sees her, but equally a part of her is excited because he was her teenage love.

Raleigh knows that Mia will be back in town and as much as he wants to, needs to, see her, he has an unhealthy dose of guilt riding his conscience. Add that to the fact that Mia's parents never thought very highly of him... He doesn't feel they'll accept him at twenty-six any more than they did at nineteen.

But like moths to a flame, two magnets drawn to one another, Raleigh and Mia will learn that what was considered teenaged, puppy love, may have been the real deal. Mia's family doesn't accept Raleigh, but her grandmother did -- and I do love my meddling grandparent stories, even if this one was slightly different in the fact that she had now passed away and was still pushing these two together.

I loved both Mia and Raleigh. I loved that Raleigh had his insecurities, but he was still a man's-man. Most of his insecurities circled around Mia, as well as what others thought about him. As he thinks to the readers, his best friend's southern accent doesn't get two looks simply because the man comes from money; but the same southern accent on Raleigh showcases him to be a southern fool, so he works hard to keep it covered.

I loved that Mia had her obvious, very legitimate, insecurities... but they didn't stop her from wanting to see Raleigh again. She didn't necessarily want to hide from him. She didn't want him to feel guilty or to look at her and see his mistakes, either, but she doesn't blame him for anything.

While the lust and want returned as quickly as seeing the other, I liked that these two took the time to get to know the adult version of their teenage love -- makes things more believable because we all know people change over the years. Young love can change to be nothing, or it can change to be great, and what these two had, and have, is certainly great.

Alice says

2 stars!

Seven years ago, Raleigh West and Mia Wentworth met during summer and had a story, that unfortunately didn't end well. Indeed, after a car accident, Mia ended up in hospital and Raleigh in jail.

Mia doesn't blame Raleigh for what happened that night. After spending all her life battling with cancer, Raleigh had been the only one who could make her feel alive.

Now, seven years later, Mia returns to Florida, but she soon realizes that her feelings for Raleigh are still

there. Raleigh has never stopped loving Mia, but he feels guilty for what he put her through and he tries his best to stay away from her. But will they be able to stay away from each other and deny their feelings?

This book had potential. The plot was intriguing and I was really excited to read this one and to discover a new author.

Unfortunately, right from the start, I couldn't connect with the story.

There were a few twists in this story that I didn't like and that ruined my reading experience.

However, Raleigh and Mia together were really cute and lovely and I really liked reading about their moments together.

I would have preferred if the story focused more on the main characters instead of concentrating too much on adding twists to the plot.

I wish I could give you a more positive review. With that being said, I hope that you like it in case you decide to pick it up!

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AJ Swen says

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3 stars...

Mia Wentworth has battled cancer most of her childhood. She's lived under the constant eye of her wealthy parents who attempt to shelter her every move, and the constant doctor appointments. Now in remission, and seventeen, she visits her grandmother for the summer on the coast. Mia desperately wants to be a typical teenage girl rather than be seen "as the girl with cancer". She walks into an auto garage to pick up her parent's car, and meets Raleigh West.

Raleigh West grew up :on the wrong side of the tracks". His mother died when he was a child, and Raleigh walked out on his alcoholic father at the age of fifteen. He's been as a mechanic for years, and has built quite the reputation for working on high-performance vehicles. In walks Mia, and as much as he shouldn't get involved, he can't walk away.

Mia adores that Raleigh doesn't know her as "the girl with cancer", rather just as Mia. He makes her feel alive and happy. There's a horrendous car accident with Raleigh and Mia, and they're separated because of it. Seven years later, Mia's grandmother passes, and she heads back to the small coast town for the funeral. She meets up with Raleigh with a little help from her grandmother's Will, and they pick up where things were left off.

The story revolves around Raleigh's guilt for the accident, Mia's forgiveness, and her parent's hatred of all things Raleigh.

There were some very touching parts, but in general it was a slow-moving story. Nothing really jumped out at me, and I didn't find myself completely gobbling it up. The story is great, characters are good. Mia's parents were a bit much considering she's now an adult (still treating/acting like she's a child), and Mia was sugary sweet.

Sheryl says

ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT!!!

Can't wait for Pax's (???) story next (I hope!!!)

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Paige says

4 "Second Chance" Stars

This book is a perfect example of a new adult second chance romance. Raleigh and Mia met when he was 19 and she was 17. Mia was born into a wealthy family who was visiting her grandmother for the summer while Raleigh was the poor, bad boy local. Both these characters have really rough pasts and get lost in each other for the summer. Mia has had cancer since she was young and is in remission, while Raleigh lived with a drunk father before he left and started living on his own at 15. Before the summer is out, they are in a horrible car accident that leaves Mia in the hospital and out of Raleigh's life.

Now at 24, Mia finally returns because her grandmother has died and left her house to both her and Raleigh who continued to support Mia's grandmother. Now that they're older, these two have to decide if they can or should leave the lives they've built and start a life together just enjoy the summer.

I loved that these two didn't just fall back into bed, but began to get to know each other and really figure out the problems from the past. It was completely heartwarming to see how much they absolutely still loved each other. Not only do they work together to overcome their insecurities, they also work together to face some of the problems that are rearing their ugly head in the present. Raleigh was the perfect book boyfriend. He was part bad boy, family man, devoted friend, and gentle lover. Mia was strong, sweet, honest, adoring and dedicated.

The only aspect I felt lacking in this book was that instead of reliving the last between Mia and Raleigh, we were just told what happens. I would have loved to either have flashbacks to the first summer or have the beginning follow a young Mia and Raleigh before Mia's grandmother passed. Other than that, I loved this book and cannot wait for the next in the series. I really hope it's Pax's, Raleigh's best friend.

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