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Derek Bast, always has the final say. In business and in his personal life, things are done his way, or not at all. So when a scathing review of his new band is published in *The Scene* and has his record producer second guessing his artistic choices, his band mate trying to call the shots, and Bast's manager convinced he's impossible to work with, it's time to hunt down the source of his problems: Bess Halprin, reviewer for *The Scene*, the girl next door growing up, and his ex-best friend since senior year when she decided to hate him for no reason.

The last person Bess Halprin wants to see standing in the lobby of *The Scene* is Derek Bast. Unfortunately, she can't deny that the last nine years look damn good on him. She expected to hate him. She didn't expect the way he can still tug at her emotions, or the way his kiss—and his hands—set her on fire. Bess should've kept her distance, because Bast was right when he guessed her review was written for revenge. The problem is, to this day he has no idea what he did—how he screwed her over their senior year. The bigger problem? She's giving him the opportunity to do it again, because she never could resist him.

When circumstances bring them both home to Santa Cruz, Bast earns his way into the heart of the girl next door, but when they return to L.A. and real life rushes in, will he be able to keep her this time or are the mistakes in their past destined to be repeated?

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Zuzu says

Previously read and am adding to Goodreads.

A really sweet story of past best friends - Derek and Bess - who found each other again and realized they were "home" to each other. Had given her credit for co-writing hits first big hit and he left her behind without realizing what he did or realizing how much she meant to I'm. Great book.

CrazyDaisy says

3.5 Stars

The storyline was great. The editing needs to be beefed up because took away from the story. The characters were also not my favorites. A little too immature and I couldn't connect with them.

The author, however, shows great promise as a writer and I can only see her improving with her next book.

Raj says

56% DNF

The novel started okay, quite exciting to see them banter but then they ended up sucking face, then she left his house.... They met again, did the same thing, then got into an argument then she left again...

I wanted to drop this at 30% but kept on reading coz the story might peak up but around 56% I just got too bored so I dropped it.

Jessi says

I really don't know how to review this book since I'm not a fan of giving bad reviews especially by a new author.

All I'll say is that this author shows great promise. I really did like this book but the editing errors annoyed the crap out of me. As for the story itself it was great and made me laugh and want to cry in a few places. The other part that bothered me was the maturity level of Derek and Bess. For their age and profession I just couldn't understand how they could both be so immature.

Though I wasn't able to give this book a higher rating I still plan on reading the next book in this series and with a better editor or beta readers I think this author is going to be one to look out for in the future.

Ronda Bearden says

Gifted Copy

When I first started this one I really didn't think it was going to be one that really grab me, boy was I wrong. So many emotions with this read. It took me a few chapters to really be pulled in the story plot. This being said I'm pretty picky when it comes to books I chose to read. The book is very well written and there is not much of a down time with the book. So much goes on in this read that you keep on the edge just waiting to know what happens next.

You have two very strong head people; they have put walls up to protect them from different issues that have come up. This is one very intense roller coaster ride with no stops! Childhood friends they are pulled apart by one mistake that has led to others but end up getting back in touch by a review that is done. Derek is hot head and gets what he wants. Bess is a no holds bar when it comes to her work as a report but when it comes to her ex-best friend she can't seem to tell him what he did to make her hate him, and so we find them knocking heads when Bess review of Derek's band comes out!

Looking forward to more from Derek and Bess!!!

Fiona says

4.5 'True North' stars.

What an awesome read! I practically devoured this book and now I have an hour to get some sleep before I have to be up for work! Will expand my review once I get some proper rest and make sure I don't get fired for sleeping on the job lol

Mari?ina says

A nice story filled with new beginnings old grudges and trust issues, cute and simple .
Derek and Bess find their True North!

So the story is about childhood friends Derek and Bess. They are best friends since infants and Bess harbored a huge crush at first and then fell deeply in love with Derek.

Their relationship will change dramatically when something Derek unintentionally does will drive a wedge between them. Bess can not trust him anymore.

Fast forward 9 years later, Derek is a music idol and Bess is the publisher of a very popular magazine. After she writes a harsh but fair review about Derek's new collaboration he will seek her out for a retraction and sparks are gonna fly..

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BOOK

- Derek came off as arrogant in the beginning but he wasn't at all.
- It was abrupt at first and too forced.
- John and Emmy were great.
- I loved his mom.
- I'm so glad they found their home in each other.
- Derek's public statement was very sweet.
- The charms and photos were a very romantic way to say he was sorry.
- I liked how they spent their time together in their hometown.
- Adrian and Karen were fun. Maybe there is a book ahead for those two.

Tracy Lundy-Munn says

Loved...Loved...Loved this book. The was my first Carrie Elliott book and it was fantastic. The storyline was solid and well written. The book had lots of twists and turns that kept me hooked from page one. The characters were well developed and well thoughtout. They all fit perfect for the storyline. The chemistry between Bess & Derek was breathtaking. Love a great second chance romance book were the characters rediscovered what they loss and this one was perfect!!

Diane says

It's not as bad as a 2 star review would seem, I wanted to give it 2-3, but a few things bugged me! I almost stopped reading when I got to the words "Marti Gras" - any beta reader or half decent editor would have caught this! There's a few typos and little slips, those I can forgive! I imagine self publishing is tough business. I liked the story for the most part, but she drove me a little crazy with the "I can't tell you what you did wrong, you have to figure it out" there's gotta be a way to convey that without driving the readers nuts. I really don't like those female leads with the inability to communicate and whining and running away. It wasn't a perfect book, but I would read other books by this author. If I find more glaring editing mistakes, I might not finish them!

Tracey says

Derek Bast is a rock god. The former lead singer of Generic Obsession, he's set to make some new music as part of Unholy Union. Until the review. THAT review. The one written by Bess Halprin, Derek's former friend and neighbor. But this isn't the same Bess that used to listen to his music from her bedroom window. No, this is another Bess altogether, one that is all grown up, ready to let the world know just what she thinks of Derek Bast.

I really enjoyed COVER ME. I'm always a fan of books with rocker boys, and of best friends to more, too. Derek is one hot-as-heck guy, but what I really liked most about him was how quickly he realized that he wanted to be with Bess, and the lengths that he was willing to go to to show her what she meant to him. Bess is awesome. She's feisty, smart, and is not about to fall at Derek's feet now that he's famous. Because she's been down that road once before, dreaming of Derek as more than just the boy next door, and giving him her

trust and her heart. But he did something to betray that trust, and she is absolutely dead set against allowing him to break her heart again. Now she's kicking ass and taking names, a successful woman that will not be swayed by sweet talk and hot passion.

Carrie Elliot has done a fantastic job of crafting a relationship between Derek and Bess that is sassy, provocative, and hot, while still showing the sweetness of a longtime familiarity. The fact that they're able to go back and address past hurts and their current attraction really adds to the story, and it's easy to see why Derek and Bess fall so easily back into their old relationship. I did feel at times like Bess' insistence that Derek figure out himself what he'd done to hurt her was going overboard, but the way that he figured it out really was important to the story moving forward, and made the follow-up much more sincere. And, in case you were wondering, there are plenty of super-hot and sexy scenes here. I mean, fan yourself hot. Hot flash hot. Phew.

I always feel lucky when I get a gem like COVER ME, one that enchants me beyond my expectations, and leaves me eager to read more by the author. I highly recommend this book, and look forward to reading more from Carrie Elliot.

Maria Lazarou--Obsessed by Books Blog says

I received an arc in exchange for an honest review

This was a 3.5 star read for me.

It was a sweet romance with a few steamy moments, I felt at times that thi could be developed a little more.

This is the authors has promise and you can see that in her writing.

Lets see what the next book brings

Morilyn says

Loved the mc, Derek, who bent over backwards to woo the love of his life; equally hated the other mc, Bess, who had issues with Derek but refused to tell him what they were! She created her own problems but expected him to solve them of his own accord so that she could trust him. Miraculously there was a hea, but by then, for me, it was really too late.

Jasmine Roman says

I got this book to give my honest review and my honest review is this book is freaking amazing it blew me away. It made me laugh, sad, and hot that's my kind of book. It had a mystery you try to figure out why Bess was so mad at Derek since senior year in high school. He wants all of Bess but she's terrified for some reason and I'll tell you, you will think you know why but you have no idea. They were best friends since kids but when you become teenagers things change when one is popular and the other is a nerd and no matter how many times the popular one (Derek) says you're my friend yes in hindsight but not like before all you care

about is going places with the cool kids and forgetting the nerd who always was there when you need them. Poor Bess loving your best friend who doesn't hangout with you and when you are and his other friends are there he's talking about other girls he wants to or has slept with I would have blew up. She ate it just so she has her best friend and her only friend she helped write the song that got him famous. He got so upset when he went to her house to say goodbye when she was going to college and told her mom to send him away. So when she writes a bad review of his next project he was furious so he went to her job to confront her but when he sees her for the first time it hits him hard. He can't believe his eyes how gorgeous she is she filled out in all the right places as a woman. When she sees Derek she can't believe how good he looks obviously she's seen plenty of pictures through out the years but nothing compares to face to face. That day is the beginning of their journey it goes up and down and all the way back around and I loved every second of it. This is my first book that I've read written by Carrie Elliot and I'll be getting the rest of her books definitely.

Moon Love says

I loved the concept of this book and knew the moment I read the blurb I wanted to read it. I love a story where there's a little animosity between the leads and the characters have known each other for a long time. The book started off great but then took some turns that left me a little confused, but I'll expound on them in a little bit.

I liked Bess and Derek for the most part. There were a few moments where I wasn't sure of it was them or the plot that had me in a quandary. There was a lot of getting together and breaking up. That got to be a little frustrating, because each time they made up the reason why they'd broken up was never dealt with. Granted Derek and I still had to figure out how he'd messed up with Bess as a teenager, but it was still a little too much. There was also very little animosity between the two like it was implied in the blurb. instead there was insta-attraction which overtook everything else the two might be feeling.

I feel like the story had a lot of promise. There were some importune moments and the insta-lust that bothered me. Overall the story was interesting and I read it very quickly. I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series featuring the robotic Adrian and Bess's friend. I think Carrie Elliott has a lot of potential and I look forward to seeing what she writes and publishes next.

Cathey says

There are two minor issues I had with this book. 1) While I only once had a severe case of "I-don't -think-that's-the-word-you-wanted," I repeatedly had a case of grammar-itis. There were repeated instances of missing quotation marks. It was at times confusing and interrupted the flow.

2) Bess's sister was right. Derek can't read her mind. Bess made him try to guess what was wrong. That part dragged on a little too long. However, I wouldn't have cut any scenes, so maybe the solution is to clue in the reader while letting the character ponder.

Otherwise, a very nice rock romance.
