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Charlie had it all.

Beauty. Brains. And the guy.

Until the perfect boyfriend went from heaven to hell.

Fearful for her life, and the sting of his hand still lingering on her cheek, she runs.

But she knows he won't let her go so easily.

Determined to leave his crime-ridden life behind, Rain retreated deep into the Oregon woods.

He has everything he needs.

A beautiful home and a life of solitude.

But when an injured woman staggers onto his property, he can't help but think she's part of an elaborate setup.

His gut says believe her.

His paranoia says trust no one.

His heart, however, is completely screwed.

Will enemies from both of their pasts ruin their chance at a future, or will love find a way?

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Sarah Armstrong says

Loved

Fantastic story. Love rain & Charlie together. They are perfect. Story flowed nice, with wonderful secondary characters. Fantastic epilogue. 5 stars.

Debbie says

This is my first by this author and let me give her her due.....girl has skills. The writing was easy to read, smooth and flowed well from scene to scene. I really enjoyed reading this authors style and it seemed to have some of the grit and edginess I crave in a book...dark histories, uncomfortable truths and emotions steeped in murky water.

Charlie was strong and resilient when she could have easily been weak and needy and man, I love a girl that is willing to fight in spite of horrible circumstances. Rain was a reclusive man running from a dark past and determined to keep everyone at bay. When these two people crashed into each other, I knew things were going to get interesting and they did, for a while anyway. But.....you knew there was a but coming didn't you.....then it felt like the author pulled her punches when she should have followed through or never thrown any at all. This story felt very much like a dark romance at some points and then it would switch to sweet contemporary, leaving me feeling a bit whip-lashed.

My opinion is that this story should have ended at 75%. The last quarter of the book read like an extended epilogue. One that took away most of what I liked about the book. ?I am not a reader that needs all the details worked out and handed to me in a pretty bow. I love a few rough edges left to make me wonder.

Michelle Sullivan says

I am so in love with this book. It was suspenseful, beautiful and sexy... add some humor and you have one amazing story! I could go on all night about how incredible it is but instead I will just recommend this to everyone. Charlie and Rain's story is one you don't want to miss!! Amazing work C.E Johnson!!!!

Amy Popewiny says

I was fortunate enough to get this book by the author for a honest review. Let me just say I am IN LOVE with it!

This is a story about Charlie in the worst relationship with the biggest scumbag. When she finally get the

courage to flee unfortunate events lead her straight into Rain.

Rain lives on his own in a secluded cabin. He is hiding from his past so having Charlie around wasn't part of plans. There is an immediate connection between them, but neither fully trusts the other.

Events make both Rain and Charlie realize that their bond is strong that they are willing to throw out their ideas of the future. Will their chemistry be stronger than their pasts?

I highly suggest this book to anyone who loves an amazing romance novel. I have my fingers crossed that the author writes more books for this series!

Jennifer Pierson says

Rain is the first book that I've read by C.E. Johnson, and WOW! I LOVED every exciting & suspenseful minute of it! As I devoured it cover to cover in one sitting, I found her writing style to be both brilliant, and original. It all starts when Charlie gets into a car wreck while on the run from an abusive boyfriend, when Rain finds her in his part of the woods. He's a paranoid man who lives by himself in the middle of nowhere, not letting anyone near him, and not going anywhere where people may recognize him, so any stranger could be sent to harm him he believes. And while he's willing to help Charlie, he doesn't trust her one bit. What he doesn't count on is the fact that he feels an attraction to her, and in their close quarters, he can't fight that attraction for very long, so sexy times explode quickly which light the sheets up. And Charlie isn't used to having a man who is nice to her, so feelings don't take long to develop in those close quarters either. Add to the mix, a canine secondary that brings peace to her soul, and Rain's sister who has no filter, brings humor to this story which had me laughing hard in the midst of the angst. Plus since this book has a suspense edge to it, and Rain & Charlie have secrets equaling twists that come from left field, my f-bombs drop like crazy by the end! I definitely CANNOT WAIT to read more of this awesome author in the future, and HIGHLY HIGHLY HIGHLY RECOMMEND TO ALL!

Angie Klug says

C.E. Johnson...where have you been all my life?!

First, can we talk cover?!! HOLY WOW!! It really doesn't get much better than that...

Until you meet the name-sake, the leading man, Rain. There aren't enough words. Recluse, Paranoid, Protective, Dog-lover, Cautious, Creative, Curious, Caring, Dangerous, Fiery, HOT HOT HOT!!!

Enter Charlie. We first meet her on the run. She's escaping her nightmare and in her rush to do so...crashes her car into some trees off the highway on her way to 'she doesn't know where'! Just so happens that this strong, but broken, fighter finds herself in Rain's woods.

AAHHH!! So good, people. I love it when two broken souls help to heal one another. I love when a dangerous man learns a thing or two from his beloved 4-legged best friend. And I *REALLY* love when a strong woman is made even stronger when she finds love and support in some unexpected places!

The climax did seem to happen a bit earlier than I expected...since there was so much story given to us after that point. But I'm here to tell you, I just don't care about that!!! I LOVED getting all the extra tidbits about the main AND supporting characters.

"Plans ruin perfectly good opportunity."

Tia Louise says

Thrilling, sexy, and totally addictive! I absolutely LOVED this story from CE Johnson.

If you love damaged heroes and ladies on the run, this will be right up your alley. The chemistry between Rain and Charlie was perfect, and I loved watching this story unfold. It had everything I love in a great romance, excitement, surprises, tingly reunions...

Don't miss this 5-Star romantic suspense read--it has ALL the feels!

The Color of Ink says

Fortunately, I've had the pleasure of reading all three of C.E. Johnson's books back to back. The best thing about doing so is being able to see her story telling and writing style literally blossom before my eyes. I'm sad that it took so long to be introduced to her, but I'm so happy that I'm in the loop now.

This is her third book, and I'm just going to say it's a great one. Rain is all alpha male, but once you break through that rough exterior you find a sweetness that just washes away the rest. The connection between Rain and Charlie comes quick, but in this story it fits because they are sharing the same space. They each have their pasts they are trying to escape which adds all the suspense you need in this story. You had a protective dog that immediately takes to her with all that romance and suspense, and you're done for. You are going to love this story.

I definitely recommend this story to any lover of the romance genre. I cannot wait to see what this author has in store for her readers next. Enjoy!

ANB kc says

Rain gave me major Keanu Reaves in John Wick vibes and I loved it!

Dora Koutsoukou says

4 ???????s!!!!

“Dance with me” he whispers.....
and at that right moment I was head over heels!!!!

Britt Franks Red Hatter Book Blog says

Prepare to fall head over heels in love. Rain is an emotional hit you right in the feels read. Brimming with most real, sweet, and raw love story this book is one I devoured. The second I started reading this I was immediately pulled in and didn't put it down until the last page. This book is FANTASTIC!

Two broken souls both struggling to survive in very different ways. Rain and Charlie are the kind of characters you get addicted to. I couldn't get enough of them. Rain seems gruff and cold, but that's hiding one of the most beautiful hearts I've ever read. When Rain loves, he loves deeply and he most certainly fell in love with Charlie. Charlie was brave, stronger than she knew, and incredibly sweet.

Both helping each other heal in ways neither of them could have imagined, their story is full of so much emotion. These two are an incredible couple who's love pours right off the pages!

Kim says

3.5 stars. Makes me think that some reviewers are not honest or have other influences ?

Brittany says

Loved the book! It kept me interested and there were a few twists and turns that had me wanting more. The banter between Rain and Nicole kept things light and I loved Luther! Great read!

? Jeri's Book Attic ? the Romance Bibliophile ? says

“Rain” is my first book by C.E. Johnson and I certainly like her way of serving a story. Her author profile promises the reader that she “She prefers stories that rip your heart out completely, then kindly place it back into your chest with a HEA” but will she be able to serve that with this novel ?

While the beginning of the story felt a little bumpy to me as I had the feeling of being thrown into the plot – the story flow after the first chapter was smooth and at just the right pace.

The characters were well developed and even the secondary characters were well likeable (as far as they were supposed to – well and the others were also just what they were supposed to)

The plot is a good mix of suspense and romance – spiced with a good portion of tortured hero and a tiny portion of mystery. So just the way I like it.

The characters are broken and/or at least bend, either by their own decisions or at the hand of others. Their dialogues as they get to know each other and their banter are off the charts.

Still a guy that comes the deepest darkest parts of the crime world and the girl that is reduced to a shell of her former self – covering in the shadows ... what common ground could they ever find. ?

He would not even trust his family and she flinches with every loud noise – Is she the setup he always feared? Will he hurt her like he thinks he will?

Some things are better left in the shadows

Some words are better left unspoken

But I will leave you to wonder if this unlikely pair even has a chance at all or if it is either their past that will catch them or their own issues

Will this new to me author deliver the HEA she promises?

Read and find out

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Nancy Reads says

RAIN is my first book to read by C.E. Johnson. I've had this book on my TBR list since it came out in April. Since I finished the last page of the book, I don't know why I waited so long to read it! I've already bought another book by the author to read next. I really highly recommend this book.

Charlie (Charlotte) has been in an abusive relationship since her senior year of high school. His name was Austin Greenwood, and when they first met she thought he was the man of her dreams. He only wanted her, and she felt like the luckiest girl in the world. Some people would say they were connected at the hip. They even graduated from the same college. Her relationship with Austin went from living with her dream-man, to her worst nightmare. She believed she had moved from heaven to hell. Fearful for her life, she runs as if the Devil, himself, is chasing after her, and that was close to the truth.

Rain was living a reclusive existence in his home in a wooded forest in Oregon. He is in hiding and feels he has all he needs. His life of solitude, besides his faithful dog, is suddenly interrupted when a girl falls out of his woods and right into his life. The peace and quiet of his woodland home is suddenly invaded by a woman, who desperately needs him. He did not trust her or anyone, but brought her to his house, and cared for her well-being. If his gut feeling is right, not only would he never hurt her, he would protect her to make sure no one else would ever hurt her again.

They learned much about each other. His mother had nicknamed him Rain. She had a hard time getting him

to come in out of the rain. When most kids went ducking for cover, he would sit in the middle of the yard, and let it soak into him. He became addicted to the feel of it cooling his body as it fell against his skin. And the tickle as it streams down the fresh little bumps it caused.

He had a rough, tough and protective personality. But he also was genuine. When someone he cared about offered him tea, which he hated: “Do you like tea, Rain?” She asked, holding a cup in my direction. I hate tea. But I can't tell her that. She went through the trouble of getting it for me, and I don't want her to think I'm a jerk. He says, “Thank-you!” There, he didn't say yes, so he hadn't lied. Taking a drink of the foul liquid makes him wish he had just said “No!”
