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One woman, one man, and a love that won't let either of them go.

Born on the wrong side of the tracks and dealt a fair share of hardship, Nikki Kline never gives up a fight. Even when her reason to keep going is ripped from her, Nikki tries desperately to hang on. But when the man who broke Nikki's heart comes back into her life she doesn't know how much she can take. Especially since that man seems determined to win back her damaged heart.

Wade Lightfoot is a man who knows he's made more mistakes than most. As much as he would like to repair the damage he's done to those he loves, Wade also knows there is no going back. But when he sets out to put things right the last thing he's prepared to find out is that he had a son. A son he'll never get the chance to meet.

When the truth is out and all the old wounds are bared, it seems impossible that Nikki and Wade will find their way back to each other. But true love is an undeniable force that even past hurts can't destroy.

This book has been previously published and has been revised from its original release.

Warning: This title contains heartbreaking tragedy, lies and deception, and a scorching passion that nothing can deny.

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Splage says

This book was a mess! I am so disappointed, I thought I was going to love it because this story line usually appeals to me... fall in love when they are young and then are torn apart. Well it didn't work for me here. The whole book the H&h were apart, it made me feel awful. I kept hoping for a happy vibe, waiting, searching for it. It never came for me. The only positive I can say about it besides the heroine was somewhat likable was I read it quickly trying to get to the HEA. Also there were so many holes in the story that at times I was questioning if I read something right. At one point the author made a big deal about the noise of the hero's vintage mustang coming up the road, then she had the hero get out of a truck. I also had trouble with the timeline and trying to figure out the ages of the characters. At one point I think the heroine was a twin then later she had 2 brothers, one older and one younger.

What really killed this book for me was the hero. Wade was absolutely horrible. I love a good jerk, I don't even mind cheaters, hoping eventually they will redeem themselves and make it up to the heroine. Not Happening Here! Wade was delusional, he turned psycho instead of better. I thought I was going to explode by the end.

I don't usually slam books, at least not this hard, but this one did not work for me.

Linda Sims says

THIS WAS JUST TOO DEPRESSING FOR ME

Maybe other readers might not mind the plot with all it's accompanying angst and tension and drama. But I just couldn't like this. I realise in the forward the author states that this is a very early book she wrote, and she's smoothed it out. Even so the story just doesn't flow well, it jumps about a lot, there's no depth to it. The characters are so self serving, shallow and unpleasant. The hero Wade is particularly nasty. I began to wish that the heroine had found someone else and moved on. Overall this just wasn't for me.

SeptemberTenth says

I wanted to like this book because I love reading books about a-hole heroes that find ways to redeem themselves. I live for grovel scenes. In saying that, this book had no grovel scene whatsoever and I feel cheated!

Wade (hero) was a fucking asshat who had no redeemable qualities at all. Don't get me wrong i love jerk heroes, but **ONLY** if a whole lotta grovelling is promised. But nope, not in this book. Fuck. That. I get that the author tried to make him look like an almighty alpha male or some shit, but he ended up just looking like a spoilt stalker who doesn't comprehend the word "No".

Let me just point out a few things that pissed me the hell off in this book:

- He cheated and had the audacity to play the "drunk" card instead of just manning up and owning that shit. Fuck off.
- If he hadn't gotten O.W pregnant, he would never have told Nikki (heroine) that he'd cheated on her.
- When Nikki left him after finding out he cheated and got O.W pregnant, he fucked her 2 minutes later AND SHE LET HIM! *(That's some unrealistic bullshit right there. Most women wouldn't have let him get close enough to touch, let alone fuck.)*
- Wade not taking no for an answer. Borderline psycho.
- Wade acting as if he has the right to be possessive over Nikki. Oh hell no! Who the *fuck* does he think he is!? He has no right to act as if she is not allowed to date anyone but him, especially with his history. Eat shit.
- *(Watch out, 'cause this next one's a doozy)* **When he found out that Nikki had a son and that he died, Wade didn't give a shit. All he cared about was that Nikki had gotten herself knocked up by someone else. Even when he was standing at the poor kid's grave, he didn't care that a child had lost his life, instead he was doing math in his head and coming to his own conclusions that Nikki had moved on quickly after they'd broken up and that she was a heartless bitch. He even stood at their her son's grave and uttered the word "Bitch" aloud. He didn't care that Nikki had suffered through the pain of losing a child, he only cared that somebody (who was not him) had put their dick inside her. THIS** coming from a married guy? Hey Wade, go fuck yourself buddy :)
- I hate that Nikki let herself waste away after their break up. I understand her reasons, but it still sucks.
- There was a lot of fucking suicide talk for a book that isn't that long, damn. First Nikki's mom then O.W, even Nikki's self-destruction seemed like an unconscious form of a slow suicide.

There were other things that had me gritting my teeth through this book and I found myself flicking through the last 4 chapters because when I realised that Wade's sorry ass was going to be doing no grovelling, I gave up.

I don't know maybe after a few days I may change my mind about this review but for now, I'm leaving it at that.

Nicole says

"The love he had wanted her to give to Abby, she gave to another child while refusing them" - douchebag Wade

ARE YOU FUCKING CRAZY? She's not suppose to love her own child but instead your brat you had when you **cheated** on her with some skank! God I hated this book but loved the heroine. Instead of a HEA it's more like a nightmare for that poor woman.

Languid Librarian says

Authors please note: Alpha Male does NOT equal to A**hole

The blurb was promising. He cheats on her one night when he's drunk and then when the woman turns up pregnant, he marries her. Now she's dead and he's back to pick up where he left off with the heroine. Predictably, she wants none of it.

I don't have a problem with cheating heroes in romances because it takes exceptional writing skills to determine how much groveling is enough. The redemption of the cheater and his transition from someone the reader detests to someone likable is how I judge these novels.

And having said that, No Longer Mine fails completely there. I did not like Wade. At all. There isn't enough from his loving relationship before the cheating and break up to compensate for the appallingly bad behavior that follows. Bad enough that he cheated, he was also a Grade I certified Jerk. He claims to love Nikki to the point of insanity but nothing he does proves it. At one point he slams Nikki up against the wall for calling the woman he cheated on her with a slut. Honey, if I were her, there's a lot more that I'd be calling that ho'bag and you'd best be listening with your mouth shut!

I have mixed feelings about Nikki too. While she does tell him off from time to time, he just has to touch her tits or kiss her and she's all over him.

I have no real problem with the writing or any of that. My low rating owes itself solely to my inability to like the main protagonists. I just didn't sense any real relationship between the two. And that is not something you want to say about a romance novel!

Dinjolina says

Wow.

In a good way.

In a bad way.

In a way that made me cry.

In a way that made me unhappy.

In a way that ripped my heart right out of my chest.

The rating for this book is 3 stars for writing. 1 star for the hero. 5 for the heroine. 1 for the ending...so I will not rate it. It's like a big rainbow of feelings that I could not, can not, place.

Maybe I was supposed to feel sorry for the hero because Jamie manipulated him.

Maybe I should have felt sorry for his kid because Nikkie was cold to her.

A lot of maybe-s.

I have wrote the same about one other book, but it is still true:

This book is not about second chances. It is not about love. It is not about family.

Maybe it was supposed to be.

But to me it was a book about one woman.

It was a book about a woman that was strong enough to survive anything. But not strong enough to not love the wrong man.

Again I start with the maybe-es:

Maybe the fact that the hero was besotted was supposed to make me like him.

Maybe I should have pitied Jamie for killing herself.

Maybe, maybe, maybe.

But also again-I did not.

Wade was a creepy and untrustworthy young man. After all, he cheated on his fiancé, the woman he loved because of his uncontrolled jealousy. The jealousy that was a result of something that happened before she even met him!

But he turned out in to a full fledged psychopath later.

At times, it was not really seen because of all the love he showed for his little girl.

But it was still there, hidden under the surface, shown in the way he pursues the heroine, never leaving her be, never letting her live on.

But his loony toonyness got its own super freak category when he wanted to get back at Nikkie for having a kid. He suspected it was not his because of the date of birth....and this rattled him so much he has gone to crazy lengths to 'get back' at her. He frightened L to not tell her. He seduced Nikkie when she was vulnerable and broken down.

All this to get back at her...for?

Because he believed she was with an other man?

'Giving him what was his?'

Really? After he married Jamie and Jamie had his kid?

He wanted to get back at her because now it was not ok for her to call Jamie a whore?

Even thou Jamie was not only a whore but a fellow crazy sole?

Never mind Nikki-es hurt over her child.

Never mind it all.

She is going to pay.

But then she tells him the child was his.

And he lashes out because she did not tell him.

Maybe the kid would not have died if she told him.

I was shivering while reading these final scenes.

The emotional abuse. The way he kicked her when she was down.

Always kicking her when she was down, all of her life.

After she told him how she almost died when he married Jamie. When they broke up.

How she became anorexic and fought it only to stay pregnant. Pregnant with a part of him because she loved him, loves him, will always love him?

But he still kicks.

And I say...God. He is right. Love is sometimes cancer. But the cancer in this is him. He is her cancer. And he is ugly. He is just plain ugly on the inside. Evil . Malicious. Cruel.

The torture. I can not imagine...I could not...I just cried for her like a moron . For all she had to survive.

His anger.

His betrayal.

His child with an other woman.

His marriage.

Her child's death.

His pursuit.

His rage.

Him. Just him. And the ugly karma that brought him to her.

I had high hopes that Wade would die in that coma. It was kismet, was it not, for him to now have a car

accident?

Maybe his kid could have turned out good if Nikkie raised her on her own. She did have pshio genetics from both mother and father.

SO I wanted him dead.

Because Wade was a bastard.

He just was.

And he deserved Jamie and Jamie's fate as well.

Maybe not in the beginning.

But they were cut from the same cloth. I saw this as I read.

She molested him while drunk, pretending to be his girlfriend, and she did not have an abortion so she could have him even though she hated her child (because it did not bring her him, not really), and she told him through a letter to his fiancé.

So yes, she was evil before him.

A slow petty small minded kind of evil.

But he was pure evil.

A big angry animal on the loose, hunting for his prey.

And he was, like Jamie, angry because of the way things were. This that were like that because of him. Them. Their own actions.

The hypocrisy!

But he did not die and the author gave us a so called happy ending for him and the heroine.

After reading this book I just kind of continued to look at the final page and thought how the heroine was going to have a very dark future indeed.

I could already imagine all the cruel stuff that would be her punishment for little things-not loving his kid this or that way, not taking care of him then and then, and most of all for looking at that cash register dude a bit too freely.

And you know, these things just had to end up in abuse. I have no idea how she was not already black and blue with all of his unnatural rages.

So....all in all-very disturbing. Very not my cup of tea- because for me, love is always a bit broken when people cheat. And a very anti-hero indeed.

I still loved Nikkie with all my heart. She was a very hopeful young woman that would have given Wade all that she had. He made his bed and was unhappy with it, but she was the one that had to live with all the pain. Pain that she did not deserve.

I just...I wanted to take her out of this book, hug her, erase her memory and give her to Dale. The Dale that was a normal human being that wanted her in a non crazy stalker way.

Maybe you should try it out and see for yourself. But I personally think you should spare yourself the unnecessary angst. Really.

★ Belle The Bibliophile ★ says

This book is so angsty and was so painful for me to read. I don't think the Hero fully redeemed himself but I'm giving this book a two star because I liked the fact that heroine actually **made him work for it**.

I liked that she actually lashed out, like a normal person would, instead of succumbing to sexual desire like most characters I've read about would do. Especially loved the part when she said that she didn't want his hands on her because they're "dirty". My heart literally soared.

Also I would like to thank the author as well, for sharing this story with us, despite it being so incredibly hard for her. That took a lot of courage.

Fre06 Begum says

Read this years ago and I hated it, I actually hate thinking about this book because I loathed Wade. Deleted this years back I wish i didn't get reminded of it now!

Booklover, Indianapolis says

(May) 3.5* I was iffy about this book - it has some really bad reviews, but I figured I'd give it a shot. For the most part, I liked it, which surprised me since it has a lot of tropes I don't like -the idea of getting married to someone you barely know (and don't like) just because of a pregnancy (reminds me of a comedian I once heard who said getting married just because you are pregnant is like burning down the house just because you spilled juice on the carpet!); a contemporary heroine who, at around 18 or 19 years old (had a very hard time following the time line in this book, she might have been in her early 20's) goes into an absolute Victorian decline due to a broken heart; a secret baby (I get why she didn't tell Wade, but it was still not ok and kind of selfish); an overly precocious child who speaks way too grown up and is too wise for a 5 year old; and an overall Harlequin feel, complete with an overbearing jealous revengy type of hero, etc. That said, I found myself liking the book for the most part - until the end, which was a cop out. Nothing was really resolved, nothing was finalized - there should have been a graveside scene between Nikki and Wade where he shares her tears, there should have been a bit more conversation between the two of them trying to heal old wounds and seriously - are all the family members going to be taken out by drunk drivers at one point or another?! The ending was just too abrupt and flat for me - otherwise, I would have given this a 4*. I was also expecting it to be a bit more sexy, as many of SW's books are. But still, overall not a bad read.

Huh - just saw in another review this was SW's first romance book - ok, now I can be a bit more forgiving of the book!

KatieV says

This was the author's first book and, as such, in the fore notes she admits to some problems with polish and overly dramatic characters. This is the edition where she went in and added a bit of polish, but she didn't want to change history by altering the story. I understand and respect that. This is the first book I've read by her, but I would definitely be willing to try another and give her a break on the first book.

The opening scene is horrific. Seriously, horrific. It's not graphic in a blood and gore sort of way, but the realism of the happy baby babbling to himself and chewing on his toys right before the accident that kills him is hard to read. It is effectively written though.

The rest. I don't know. The H was incredibly self involved and a pig about something that made no freaking sense unless you are living in HPLandia. Maybe they were. He was just one of the working class heroes we don't typically see there.

SPOILERS BELOW

In a nutshell. The heroine loses her child in that first scene. Through a series of flashbacks we learn that the baby was the hero's but he never knew about him. The two had been together since she was a teen and were going to get married when he threw a jealous fit over nothing and the two got into an argument. Wade slinks off and gets drunk and whiny. He ends up sleeping with a girl who has been chasing him for years, but was so drunk he doesn't remember it.

The other girl turns up pregnant and he has to tell the h. She has sex with him one more time - cuz that's exactly what I'd do if a guy just announced he got another chick pregnant. Afterwards she leaves his engagement ring behind and leaves town (I think. All the flashbacks confused me). He decides to marry the OW since she's pregnant and the h ditched him. They leave town too.

Five years later they've moved to the same town. He's a widower (wife committed suicide because he still loved the h). The heroine is a famous writer who has been understandably depressed and shut down in the 3 years since the loss of her child.

The H is determined to get the h back and doesn't understand why she's so adamant about shutting him out. I can sort of see his point. She tells him more than once that he ruined her life. They were kids essentially when this happened and the h has gone on to have a great career and moved out of poverty. He on the other hand screwed up his life with a ONS and endured an unhappy marriage. I guess he feels he's suffered for his sin. He can understand the mistrust and the unwillingness to give him another chance, but the out-and-out venom/hatred seems a bit OTT after so many years. Of course, he doesn't know about the baby.

He finds out and based on the child's date of birth, decides she went to another man shortly after the breakup. Now he's pissed! How dare she sleep with another man. I mean, he married another chick and had a kid with her, but the heroine was supposed to go in deep freeze. How dare she be such a bitch to him and refuse to befriend his 4 yr old daughter, blaming everything on him when she is mourning another man's child. He'll show her!!

This is where the insane HP tycoon logic comes in. I'm gonna have to tag him even though this isn't a HP and he's not a tycoon.

He decides to move away and puts his house up for sale, then he goes and picks up the h (who has decided to give him a chance). She thinks they'll drive around and talk or go somewhere close, but he instead spirits her away to an isolated cabin in Gatlinburg (the redneck equivalent of the private Greek island. I'm from TN and I've been to Gatlinburg 1000s of times, I can say that).

His master plan-o-revenge? Sleep with her for the weekend and then drop the bomb that he's leaving town and she's a bitch for snubbing him and his child by the OW over her grief for another man's baby. He finds out the truth before pulling the trigger on his plan, but the h figures it out anyway and shuts him down. Wade slinks away with his daughter to another town.

A year later, he's in a coma after a car accident (the h was in a coma in the beginning. So, bonus, 2 comas). His last words before lapsing into unconsciousness were to ask for the h. His family contacts her, she goes

and sits by the bedside and talks to him with the little girl. After he comes out of the coma they decide to get married. Not sure why - aside from her blinding lust - she wants him.

Lu Bielefeld *read.laugh.love* says

cheater scumbag + weak heroine + Ogro + asshole alert

He was engaged to heroine and had sex with another woman, leaving her pregnant. Kicked to the curb our heroine and married another woman.

Our heroine is left pregnant and alone while he builds a new life with another woman.

I've never felt such hatred for a hero in this way, he is despicable.

She deserved a better man and he was so selfish and hypocritical. When he found out that she had lost her son in an accident and almost died, he just thought she had sex with another man and was furious and jealous. But he dumped her for another woman that he got her pregnant and got married to her for years and when he finds again the heroine and she left town he soon got a nurse to date and replace the heroine. He is a miserable bastard.

He is not worthy.

seton says

from SW's blog in jan, 2010:

No Longer Mine is going back into print. It will be out from Samhain later this year, I think in April. It's been revised-quite a bit, although not rewritten-rewriting that story would require changing too much of it, and although the story is rougher than I like, I'm not willing to change much of the story-I don't view my stories as my kids, but still, it was my first serious attempt at romance and because of that, it's pretty special. I don't want to change too much of the story.

It will be in ebook initially and then later, it will be back in print.

Seton: please note that this is SW's first book

Susi says

I had to wait a week before I could at least stand the thought of reviewing this book. Not cuz I didn't like it but more because I was so touched by it that I always started crying only thinking about it. The warning at the end of the Blurb really is true: No Longer Mine is a heartbreaking tragedy that won't leave you untouched.

The story starts in a dramatic way. We join Nikki, her little son and her brother in a bumpy ride through a storm. We see how much they care for each other and bam everything is over. We find ourselves again in the hospital with Nikki barely living and conscious just long enough to get the news that her boy died in the accident. At this moment I first thought that I wouldn't be able to read this book. I was so touched and felt so much for Nikki I was afraid I couldn't stand all the emotion and heartbreak that had to follow. I took a break

and during this time I thought about what would happen next and what should not. I started to think about all the possible ways Shiloh could ruin this book and I thought perhaps it wouldn't be that emotional the whole time. I was wrong.

Nikki is broken but she tries to stay strong. Her life was nothing you would wish even your worst enemy. She was hurt by Wade big time and when she discovers that she's pregnant she just knows one thing- she wants that child. The boy gave her life a sense again. She had something to live for and when he is ripped out of her life she thinks that nothing is left that's worth living for. I can hardly imagine how it must feel to be in that kind of a situation but I have to say Ms. Walker made me believe I got what it would feel like. My heart broke so often for Nikki and I admired her for her strength. When she sees Wade in her life again all the old emotions surface again and she has no idea how to handle it. Can she live with the constant reminder of her boy and the heartbreak Wade caused her? I think I couldn't stand that.

Wade is clueless that he had a boy. He thinks that Nikki is just angry cuz of his past mistakes and the way he indirectly ended their engagement. He wants her back cuz he never stopped loving her and he tries to find a way to sneak back into her heart. He knows he was wrong in the past and he knows that it is hard for Nikki to forget that but he underestimates the situation. He has no idea that he was a father and that Nikki lived through hell cuz of losing that child.

As you can imagine the whole situation seemed hopeless from the start. But I just couldn't stop wishing for a HEA. But what kind of HEA can that be? The boy is dead after all? I learned to accept that together with Nikki in small baby steps and at the end I could see a future for them again. It was a hard and heart-wrenching story. No longer Mine is no story you can read fast and be satisfied with. I cried so much, even after I finished this book. It just makes you think about life and death and the unfairness of life. It was really depressing from time to time.

A few times the book was too angsty for my taste and some things seemed a bit off but it is a book I will never forget.

All in all No Longer Mine was a captivating read. I had to put it down from time to time but my thoughts never left it. It was just so emotionally intense, heart breaking and lovely at the same time. I loved the characters and was sucked into the story right away. I highly recommend this book.

Auntee says

This story had loads of promise, but for me it was just too *angsty*, depressing, and was marred by a rather unlikable hero and heroine. There was no joy at all in this book. I felt like I went fifteen rounds in a boxing match while reading this one, and I was relieved when I finally finished it.

Best friends Nikki and Wade had a three year courtship and were all set to marry. Wade worked as a paramedic and Nikki was studying to become a nurse. A few days before the wedding Wade hit Nikki with a huge bombshell that destroyed both their lives. They broke up and went their separate ways, both miserable without the other. Years later Wade comes back into Nikki's life, and wants another chance at love with her. But Nikki's not the same girl that Wade remembers. A terrible tragedy has happened to her in the years since they were engaged, and although Nikki never stopped loving Wade, she's not ready to risk getting hurt again. But stubborn Wade won't give up--he must have Nikki again. But Nikki has a secret of her own that she must reveal to Wade before they can ever *think* of a reconciliation.

I enjoyed the premise of this book. The characters were written very realistically--they were flawed and had problems and seemed like people that you would know in real life. But what I didn't like was that besides being flawed (which is okay), the H/h were just unlikable to me. The hero especially was too jealous, made too many stupid assumptions, got angry and said hurtful things to the heroine, and spent a lot of time apologizing. The heroine had some tragic things happen to her, but she fell apart one too many times for me. She suffered from depression which led to anorexia, and she (and the hero) continually flip-flopped over whether they wanted to try again. It drove me crazy! No matter how good the writing is, if I can't connect with/like the H/h, I'm not going to enjoy the book much. And I struggled with this one. But I kept on reading, because I was curious to see if these two could overcome their boatload of problems and work things out.

A word of warning about this edition of *No Longer Mine*--it was filled with typos, missed words, and confusing editing (Nikki started out as a nurse in training and all of a sudden she was a writer; it took more than a few chapters to finally figure out that Wade was an EMT). I understand that there's going to be a revised edition coming out soon, so I'd urge anyone interested in reading this story to wait for that one. Perhaps Ms. Walker will somehow make the hero a little more likable in the new edition and some upgraded editing will make the story flow a little better and be less confusing.

If you enjoy a story with tons of angst and don't mind a hero who sometimes speaks before he thinks and has a big jealous streak, and a heroine who really should be treated for depression, then you'll probably enjoy this one. I don't really enjoy a story where the H/h continually hurt each other, so this one didn't quite work for me. 3 stars.

Booklover says

What a book, dear god the hero really what to say such a GFN disgusting pitiful excuse for a manhood

i gave 2 stars only for heroin cause she was strong n went through so much hurt n pain but i really disagree with her decision when she decided to be back with hero specially after blaming her for child's death

story was strong had potentials but author truned it into abusing-painful read

Ignore it
