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After losing the future that was promised to her, Kelsey O'Neil says goodbye to her old life and sets out on a journey to capture her own independence, find happiness, and maybe even true love.

A cozy cottage in a quaint Irish town seems the perfect place to start again. And Shaun Brannon, the sexy but mysterious author next door, could be her second chance at love. But Shaun is incapable of opening his heart to any woman. Can Kelsey find out why before she falls too hard?

Eight years ago, Shaun Brannon stopped believing in love, or marriage. His only belief now is in lust. The demons he wrestles with daily are too dark to let him get close to a woman without breaking her heart. Then along comes Kelsey, who makes him wonder how it might feel to give love another chance. Is he brave enough to show her his deepest scars?

This is a new edition of a book originally published under the title Chocolate Aftertaste.

## To Live Again Details

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## From Reader Review To Live Again for online ebook

### L.J (Lisa Jane) says

\*ARR (Advance Reader Review) - copy provided as a gift in exchange for an honest review...

Another new series from Dori that I'm sure will be terrific.

In this first book we meet Shaun and Kelsey. Two troubled souls seeking solitude and a new life, trying to escape their past.

Check out my full review as part of a blog tour: <http://wp.me/p54hW9-Lu>

"As she exhaled a long stream of air, another pair of eyes joined hers in the windowpane. Shaun's. He closed the distance between them, but she didn't turn. Heat radiated from his body and spread through hers."

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### Nikita (NjKinny's World of Books & Stuff) says

<http://njkinnny.blogspot.in/2014/11/ar...>

I have read four books by Dori Lavelle so far and absolutely loved them all and needless to say, To Live Again also falls in that same awesome category. I loved the blurb and instantly felt that I should read the book. The cover brings a smile to the reader's face and captivates him enough to pick up the book.

The story is well conceived and expertly executed. It is about finding your place in life and I felt connected with the characters. Kelsey felt like a friend and I became her champion, praying for a happily-ever-after for her.

The story flows smoothly and takes us to a quaint, quiet and very beautiful town of Dreara in Ireland. This is the first part of Shaun and Kelsey's story and is a quick read. The introductions to characters, sub-characters and settings is made here with the first installment of the romance between Kelsey and Shaun.

The settings and characters are realistic and the story feels like it is being played right in front of our eyes. I could visualize each and every scene and without having visited Ireland, I feel like I know the place already. I loved Kelsey who is strong, efficient and successful but still lost. She has shaped her life on her father's expectations ignoring her own aspirations along the way. So when one event leaves her life shattered, she decides to move out of her home and her life to start a new one based on her own beliefs and aspirations. Shaun is sinfully sexy with intense eyes and a brooding demeanor. He is battling his own demons. With a dark traumatic past, he shies away from forming real relationships but is troubled by his feelings for Kelsey. A known womanizer, he has place only for lust in his life but being with Kelsey makes him crave for a normal relationship. But can these two form a lasting bond of love? I am eagerly waiting for the next installment of the series to find out more about Kelsey and Shaun.

I could not find fault with the story or the writing style. Everything is so beautifully done that I was hooked completely in the book and read the book in one sitting. The book ends satisfactorily without leaving the

reader shocked with a sudden end. The story stays with you long after you have finished reading it and you want to start on the next part instantly.

All in all, To Live Again is an entertaining romance with intense and sensual scenes fit for readers above eighteen years of age. **4.5 out of 5** to it from me and highly recommended to all romance lovers above eighteen years of age, you wont be disappointed and are sure to fall in love with Ireland and the characters in this book. I love Dori's writing style and look forward to reading more from her in the future.

I received an ARC copy from the author and I am very thankful to her. The above review is my honest and unbiased opinion and in no way influenced.

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## OpenBookSociety.com says

<http://openbooksociety.com/article/to...>

Brought to you by OBS reviewer Andra

First off I should let you know I am a great fan of the author Dori Lavelle and her Moments in Time series. Overall, I really liked this book. It had all the requisite components...sexy guy, sexy girl, intrigue as to each of their stories and steamy parts to keep a reader interested. However....I found the first chapter a bit disjointed and not up to the standards I expect from the author, but luckily after that, the story takes off with and a bit of back story is written about Kelsey and from that point onwards I felt the story was more cohesive. And then I got hooked and could NOT put the story down.

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Both main characters are filled with much angst and distrust of the opposite sex. There journey is intense, sexy and interesting! And let me tell you, their sojourn to the farmer's market and what happened there was definitely swoon worthy. Dori...you can certainly write those hot scenes!!!!!!

Now let us get on to a couple of the supporting cast of characters: what can I say about Maeve. She is a character and pushes Kelsey outside of her comfort zone in a very good way. I think we all should have one

friend who is bubbly, full of energy and does not let little things (like other people's opinions) affect the way they approach life...full of vitality. All I can say is that Maeve is a breath of fresh air which is sorely needed in Kelsey's life. I enjoyed the townspeople (specifically the women in the beauty shop)....I can just envision them sitting around and gossiping about the new hot guy in town. Brian and Sarah (Kelsey's landlords) are just your typical sweet, down to earth small town country folk as well as the parents of Maeve.

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### **Kathy Osborn says**

Dori Lavelle done it again and wrote a wonderful story. To Live Again is an awesome start to another series. Kelsey leaves her career behind her and goes to a small town near the seashore of Dreara, Ireland, where she runs into the mysterious Shawn (the next door neighbor).

Kelsey is the strong-willed work-alcoholic, but life has hurt her and Shawn is the sexy alpha male who loves them and leaves them.

Both Kelsey and Shawn are drawn to each and a romance starts to develop.

Will Kelsey get to Shawn and have a long term meaningful relationship or will Shawn shut her out?

Dori has written a wonderful story about two people trying to find themselves and maybe love along the way. The steamy scenes are superbly written and full of passion. The storyline is realistic and the ending leaves you wanting more.

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I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a romantic read with a mystery element. This book is a short read, but you won't regret getting to know Kelsey and Shawn. I look forward to the next book in this series and to see what Dori has in store for us next.

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### **Shelly Wygant says**

Kelsey has left her old life, including the heartbreak and the disappointment, behind to take refuge in a quaint cottage in Ireland. She is set on finding happiness and figuring out what she wants for her future. The sexy, mysterious author next door just may help her with that.

This book centers around two strong characters. Kelsey has left her old way of life but is independent and determined to make a new life for herself. She had her life planned out and now she is going to do what she wants to do in life not what everyone else wants her to do.

Shaun is a mystery. He is also running away from his previous life but for a whole different reason. As all of the town folk gossip he is the love them and leave them man. When he has feelings for Kelsey he does tell her how it is.

Do they get together as a couple? What is the secret Shaun is hiding? Can they make a future together when Kelsey finds out this secret? Pick up the first book in the series to find out.

It is not only a steamy romantic read but one that shows you how important family and friends can be.

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### **Rochelle says**

Describe the story in one word: Captivating

It's one of those books you can't put down. Shaun was so mysterious you couldn't stop reading until you find out what he was hiding.

"She had a feeling it might be hard to ignore the very sexy stranger living next door."

Oh yeah. I wouldn't be able to ignore him either if I was in Kelsey's shoes. There is still so much I don't know about Shaun but I have this habit where I fall for male characters easily even if I don't know them pretty well. How he was described was enough for my heart to melt.

As for Kelsey, she was great. I loved her and the decisions she made. I just needed to know more to feel really connected to her character.

I'm not surprised I liked everyone in this book. I think I mentioned on my previous reviews of Dori Lavelle's books that her characters are very nice.

Whether you liked or hated the beginning of this book, you can't really stop reading until you find out what happened in Shaun's and Kelsey's past.

In general the book is very well written and really absorbing.

I'm satisfied with the book knowing there will be a sequel. I can't wait to learn more about the two main characters and how their love story will end. This was a nice read, I read it in one night.

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### **Tammy Hamilton Green says**

This is the first book I've read of Dori Lavelle's and I really enjoyed it. Two broken hearts not wanting to risk it again by putting themselves out there. Understandable, but the sparks are there and it's so hard to resist being together. Like Lay's potato chips, you can't just have one. One or once is never enough. Maybe they're

both denying what they're feeling? Can't wait till Learning to Love Again comes out December 2014. I already pre-ordered!

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### **Space Cowgirl says**

#### **One Who Loved ? What ?Love Denied**

Cover Art is completely panty ripping Hot!!!!  
Aren't CLIFFHANGERS wonderful?

Kelsey?? leaves her cheating, con man husband at the altar and flees to a small coastal British town of Dreara. She is the daughter of the CEO of the company she worked for. She is also tired of being the company accountant her father wanted her to be.

Shaun is a successful writer? from the U.S.. He has come to Dreara to run away from his past and his time in prison. He's a tall, jacked ?alpha stud???? with the tattoo of a sword running all the way down his back. The town's people see him as a womanizer.

Kelsey happens to move into an old cottage just across the street from Shaun's cottage. They're Sexy neighbors who see each other across the way and just have to get acquainted.

This is kind of a quiet book?, it's about people just trying to live a normal life. But there is no "normal" life, there's just life.....

YEHAW! Ride em Bareback?, Cowgirl!!!!!!

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### **Georgina says**

#### **Second chance at love.**

It was good. Both characters vow not to get hurt by the opposite sex. Shaun story we find out is more devastating than Kelsey being lied to and cheated on just before her wedding. Have to read the next installment to find out how they move forward.

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### **Laura Reading says**

I will say that this book is for mature audiences.

Dori Lavelle can write a HOT seduction scene, as well as what follows.

As stated above in the blurb, Shaun only believes in lust.

He has a reputation as a womanizer, and a self vow to never date the same woman twice. In fact, he really doesn't "date."

Kelsey had her life planned out for her. She was about to take the last step into cementing her future when her world fell apart. Actually, she discovered her future was a lie and she was the one who stepped off her deceptive path.

Fate brings her to a cottage next door to Shaun, both of them looking for fresh starts with deeply distrusting

pasts.

This is part one, so a quick read to get to know the main characters and the supporting cast. We learn a bit about Kelsey's past, but Shaun's remains a mystery.

Even without knowing them, the reader quickly begins to care about them.

It is a love story, a romance, but also a story about family and friends.

About overcoming obstacles and fears.

Trying something new, and letting some new feelings in.

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## **Cynthia says**

I have been a Dori Lavelle fan from the beginning this is the first time for one of her books that I am unsure how to review it, what to say and not give the book away. Dori has a style that is all her own as she shows again in *To Live Again*. She knows how to bring mystery into her writing that keeps you guessing how things will play out. She gives you wonderful characters that are very realistic. They bring heartache and pain as they reach out and draw you into their story. As usual Dori leaves you wanting more, she hooks you with her talented style and leaves you waiting for the next shoe to drop. This is a book you will not want to put down and will read in one setting.

In *To Live Again* Kelsey has her life planned out she is about to marry a wonderful man but the day before her wedding she walks away from her life as she knows it when she finds her soon to be husband in their honeymoon bed with another woman. She finds out all about his past, more than she ever wanted to know. He breaks her heart but she goes on and blows the whistle in style on their wedding day. She then walks away from an over protective father and a wonderful job that she never wanted to go to the little town called Dreara where she moves in to a cottage with a mystery neighbor Shaun.

Shaun is a hot little mess in more ways than one, he is a man that to look at has everything a women could want. He is one messed up man, he lost everything and is taking one day at a time while he tries to out run the demons that chase him. He lives with the lose which drives him, he can't forget what he has done and there is no place for a women but in his bed, never will he love again. He doesn't trust himself to love again, he feels he will destroy any women so he keeps to one nightstands. Until he meets Kelsey, there is something about her he can't walk away from even though he tries.

Shaun is more or less a playboy, only out for lust never wants love. He can't afford to love another woman. The town sees him as a love them and leave them kind of guy, what you see isn't always what you get. Dori reminds us not to take things at face value just because it might look that way doesn't mean it is. By the time you get to the end of book 1 you just love Shaun and wish you could take him in your arms to give him the peace he needs. With Kelsey she comes across as a sweet innocent who I think she is but I have to give her more credit, she is a sweet wonderful lady but I think there is a wild side that will come out.

Both Shaun and Kelsey know they should walk away but neither can. There is a strong pull with lots of passion that keep them coming back for more. Even knowing the others secrets there is no chance they will ever walk away. In book 2 will these two wonderful people find the love they both need to make them feel complete or will the secrets be too much and they walk away from a love that is so filled with passion that it

could be a love of a lifetime?

This is a love story that brings so much pain, each must learn to trust, love, to overcome so much before they can even think about finding someone new. Can these two people bring the much needed love to start over, get over the past and become one? I can't wait to see what Dori has in store for us with Book 2. Knowing Dori I have a few ideas that would be mind blowing, as usual she keeps us waiting and wanting more. Dori has a refreshing writing style, that hooks the read as she takes you through the twist and turns. You usually end up thinking OMG NO WAY, as she giving you a very touching love story. I can't wait to find out what Shaun big secret is....

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### **Theresa Ritchie says**

#### **Must read**

Wow this book was amazing dori another great book by you that I was hooked to from the beginning looking forward to reading the other books in this series

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### **Christina Teilmann says**

In order for me to enjoy a story, I have to feel some kind of sympathy for the main character, or the character has to at least be interesting, if not likeable. Any chance of me rooting for Kelsey, the main character in this story, was ruined early on by the way she chose to deal with her cheating, lying fiancée. Instead of handling it like any mature, sensible adult person would, she chose to make a public spectacle of it. It was undignified, immature, unnecessary, and should only occur in shitty soap-operas IMHO, and instantly gave me an unfavourable opinion of her.

Another thing I don't care for is when characters refer to themselves as "broken" or "damaged". I've seen it in SO many romance stories and it's really getting old. Show, don't tell FFS.

On the bright side, it was very short. And free. I'd have felt ripped off if I'd actually paid money for what is essentially not even half a book or half a story. There is not even a real conflict. I love book series, sequels etc, but I do expect some kind of conflict and closure to occur in the first book of any series. I might've had a better opinion of this story if it had had those two things, because the writing style itself isn't bad. But this just didn't work for me.

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### **Jo - \*-\*•.★Reading Is My Bliss★.•-\* says**

This was a great beginning to the story of Shaun and Kelsey.

Shaun is a broody author, on holiday in a cottage by the sea whilst he writes his next book. He is a very good looking guy and the small irish town he is currently residing in has been awash with gossip about his nocturnal habits and women.

Kelsey has left a corporate career behind to begin a new life and career path.

These two are now neighbours and slowly develop a friendship of sorts that is umbrellaed by a deep attraction for each other.

Shaun is hurting from something that happened in his recent past, he does not want love or a relationship but Kelsey is unknowingly creeping her way inside his head and making him feel things he isn't ready for.

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