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A present life worth moving on for. A past best left to memories tucked away.

Jaxon Dean has reached a point in his life where everything is as it should be. He has the personality, the looks, and the charm, to basically get whoever he desires—except Cassandra Tyce. She's immune to his playboy ways, quick wit, and over indulgence of himself. There is only one time he can recall having to work as hard to snag the one he had his sights set on...

At a much simpler time in life, all he had to worry about was passing classes, hitching a ride to places, and collecting phone numbers. Although on his first day of high school, Jaxon found not every girl was susceptible to his charms. Could one person truly change his overzealous ways?

An unexpected turn of events can leave even the toughest ones lost without hope... Hope of ever recovering, of ever wanting to see tomorrow, of ever feeling true happiness again.

With the help of Cassandra Tyce, Jaxon will learn that sometimes, lying to oneself can be the sole reason a person stays torn.

This book contains adult situations and some explicit language.

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Christy says

4-4.5 stars

Jax Dean is a character I met over two years ago when I read *Ending a Broken Journey* and I've been waiting for his book ever since. Jax was by far my favorite character in the first book, but I had no clue as to all the heartache he'd been through. Most of the time Jax seems so care free and lovable you would never guess the pain he's endured. His past completely shattered my heart.

I am never going to move past this. I am never going to be okay. I am never going to love again. And, I am never, ever, going to be the same.

Jax's story is one I don't want spoiled so I won't go into detail. What happened to him, I can't imagine much that would be worse than that kind of loss. I cried several times while reading this, but it wasn't all sad. In fact, the flashbacks to the past made me smile more than anything else. Young Jax Dean will give you something to smile about. That teenage boy is a hoot. Confident, a little cocky and just a kid that steal your heart. Jax's high school years were so much fun to read about. ??This story takes place from the time Jax is 15 and ends up in the present, where he's 27. There are many flashbacks from different points in his life, but they all fit into the story well. Since that one big thing happened in Jax's life, he's never been the same. Not completely. Then he meets someone that starts to bring that side of him out again. Someone who might be worth the risk to try.

She thinks I'm ridiculous. I think I'm cute. At times, our... whatever we are, is so easy and relaxing and gives me hope of maybe someday settling down. Someday.

Cass hasn't had the easiest life either. Growing up, things were hard for her. Now she's an adult. She has a job she enjoys, great friends and life is good. Then she meets Jax. He brings out a different side of Cass.

I did enjoy the dynamic of Cass and Jax's relationship. I loved the friendship in the beginning and all Jax's reasons she loved him. I loved the light and carefree, but I also didn't mind the heavy. It worked with the story. I loved the past story so much, but I really do wish I felt more when it came to Cass and Jax's relationship together (view spoiler).

Just as the first book had journal entries/poetry that added so much to the story, I felt that Jax's song lyrics did the same in this book. I felt so much emotion through his songs. Melissa is a very strong writer, not just with the stories she writes but with all the extras when it comes to the poetry/lyrics. Jax is a fantastic character with tons of heart and his story didn't disappoint. I also truly loved his friends Stiles and Holland. I

think they brought a lot to the story, both in present and past. If you're looking for an emotional read with tons of heart and feels, with some steam and humor as well- this is one I would recommend.

Kristine Fawson says

I received an ARC copy of this book. However the author never even asked me to write a review. I wanted to write one. I loved the first book and couldn't wait to get my hands on this one. It did not disappoint! I pride myself on being able to figure characters and plots out and usually my guesses while I'm reading are pretty close. This book was able to surprise me with something that I didn't see coming and I appreciate that in a book so much. While this book has some really emotional, gut wrenching scenes, it also is a lot of fun to read. The author has created characters that are funny and ones that you want to be friends with. I read this book in 2 days because I just couldn't put it down. I really enjoyed this book and look forward to more!

***kawehi.reviews says**

? I received an ARC via the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you! ?

“I always knew, no matter what, she’d be mine. We thought we had forever, time was of no importance. No one could predict, no one could make sense.”

Jaxon, Jaxon, Jaxon. I always knew that there was always something hidden beneath your snarky, playboy, tatted up, and carefree exterior, but when I got to see underneath I was astounded and heartbroken for you. To have everything you could want in the world and have it all taken away in a blink.

Those of you who have or maybe not read bk1 of this series, Jaxon “Jax” Dean is the younger brother of Drew and Kennie’s best guy friend from childhood.

He’s the life of the party, the ladies man, and not one to want to settle down with any woman. Only meaningless, no strings attached sex for him please.

That is, until he meets Cassandra “Cass”/”Blondie” Tyce~

One of Kennie’s two girl besties. Cass is the opposite and quite different from any female he’s ever encountered since ‘her.’

Cass is hardworking, confident, and quick to call out Jax on his BS and shoot him down on his advances as she sees fit.

She and Jax indulge on a frivolous relationship, one filled with no commitments or expectations, and soon both find themselves bargaining much deeper than both could ever have had imagined.

I really loved both Jax and Cass, along with, the rest of the “Journey” crew. Their love story isn’t an easy one, as Cass still battles pangs of her foster home upbringing and Jax is merely a broken shell of a man he once was.

A lot of this book focused on coming to terms, letting go, opening yourself up to people...your own self...to love. And moving on past it to embrace a brighter future.

Jax and Cass were lovable characters, both with hearts of gold and so much to give to others. Cass was a definite winning female heroine, as her persistence, resilience, tenacity, and unfailing attitude really won me over. Her staying over at Jax’s place for 6 days on his couch with him giving her sh*#, and constantly fighting for him, showed true love, dedication, and a lot about her character.

And Jax, as much as I wanted to slap some sense into him at times for his harsh and ill-mannered treatment to Cass, I totally felt his plight and conflicted feelings for her. It was bound to happen and wasn’t something to easily get over or succumb to.

However, nonetheless, I loved LOVED (and even laughed at) his witty, self assured quirks and “reasons” for why Cass (in his mind) undoubtedly loves him. Haha!!

He’s so conceited and yet hilarious!! Lol.

And yet, the poetic passages and song lyrics he writes, is so deep, so touching and beautiful.

A very dynamic and complicated character, that one.

Definitely, a MUST READ!! Author Melissa L. Delgado has outdone herself in this gorgeously written second installment of the "Journey" series that will tug at your heartstrings and never let it go!!

I REALLY hope for Ade and Kip’s story to be up next!! And appearances from the rest of the cast + Stiles and Holland!!

“Do you think we’ll be forever?”
“If I have my way? Absolutely.”

Talitha says

I had the honor of receiving an advanced reader copy. This is one book you don't want to pass up! I couldn't put the book down! It made me laugh so hard and cry at times. I will definitely be reading it again. <3 me some Jax Dean

Lauren R. says

Jax Dean just stole my Heart in this story!

As soon as I started this book, I knew I was going to be sucked in.

I loved how this book is in the present and goes back into the past of Jax Dean's life. Melissa Delgado has written this character that many of us ladies can relate to of falling in love with, wanting to hate, feeling sorry for him, wishing we were the lady he was with.... just we can't get enough of Jax!

Jax Dean is a sexy, tattooed, tortured soul man who never has any problems with being with the ladies. They come to his charms within seconds...well all of them do except Cassandra (Cass) Tyce.

Cass gives Jax a run for his money by not giving in to his advances. She is one tough cookie and when she finally breaks down and lets her feelings for Jax be known, their hot steamy romance is off the charts.

I really enjoyed how 2 tortured souls can come together and learn from each other what it's like to fall in love again.

"Reason number one hundred and seventy seven as to why you love me so much: Even when a day isn't about you, I still manage to make you feel like the only woman who counts." -Jax to Cass

I loved how Jax as hard as he tries to seem like he is not a romantic, he says these "Reasons" that make you totally make you want to hug him sooo hard for being such a smart mouth romantic! Yes, I would have his babies even with his stubbornness. :p

This story will make you laugh, hot scenes that had me drinking tons of iced water as I snuck in reading at work, it has tragedy that will definitely make you ugly cry & then there are times you will want to slap Jax for his outbursts which keep you guessing whether or not Jax will ever learn not to always say what he is thinking at that moment.

Go get this book and fall in love with Jax! You don't want to miss out on one of my favorite reads of the year!

ARC kindly provided by Author in exchange for an honest review

5 Cherries Popped

Amy says

I wanted to like this book so badly after falling for Jax's teasing & fun loving personality in Ending a Broken Journey, but I just didn't.

I started skipping pages.

Too much dialogue. I didn't like the constant flashbacks.

Way too many bromance moments with the Jax, Kip, Drew & Stiles.

Once revealed the tragedy he experienced in his past was shocking and very sad.

I just don't understand how Jax could keep something so tragic from his best friends.

I didn't feel as a reader we really got to know much about Cassandra.

We do know she was very strong & determined, putting up with his mood swings when not even realizing what he was going through.

It made his & Cass's relationship very difficult at times. To me this book wasn't a love story about Cass & Jax's relationship.

It was about Jax realizing he deserves to love & learn how to live again without the guilt.

Ashley says

I was fortunate enough to receive an ARC of this amazing story.

We first met Jax and all his wit, sarcasm and hilarity in Ending A Broken Journey. I've always loved him. I knew something was hidden underneath.

What we found out was hidden was a heartbreaking tragedy. Man, I cried! He puts on the huge facade that everything is good.

I'm awesome.

I'm hot.

I'm hilarious.

But we don't see why he's the way he is until we're almost halfway through the book. Once it's revealed, it's painful to read what he's been through.

To see him give up, it was so hard to read. I wanted to shake him!

But Cass, sweet, loyal, beautiful, charming Cass, was able to bring him back.

I LOVED Cass from the first book. She's so independent and witty. Her and Jax's remarks and dialogue were so funny. They had me laughing out loud when they weren't together, but when they were, hilarious!

To watch Jax go from being the crazy lovable guy we fell in love with to the shell of a man in a deep depression was tough. But he pulled through and he became a better man for it.

The author uses flashbacks in this story. You know how some flashbacks are so confusing and frustrating? Well, not in this book. It works out perfectly!

Ending A Torn Past will tear your heart a little, but don't worry. The tears and heartache are totally worth it!

Amal Danun says

I had the privilege to read an ARC of this beauty;

Wow just wowwwwww love,love,loveeeeeeee it! It was beautiful,flawlessly written,breathtaking, heartbreaking urghhh I cried,laughed, cried I had to put my kindle down, my eyes were blurry.....you have to read it. Also the words,the songs, the poems I can not describe it soo beautiful. Love Jaxon and Cassandra and the past Jaxon (I'm not going to tell about the past) you have to read it and tissues, you have to need it.....this is a gem,recommend!!!

Brandi Robert says

I was blessed with an ARC of this story. I say blessed because WOW is this one special!

Jaxon Dean. Let's all take a moment to swoon a little bit...

swoons

Okay, now let's discuss.

We first met this endearing character in Ms. Delgado's first book, Ending a Broken Journey. He was the comedic relief that had a secret or two that kept him from being too perfect. He was charming, hysterical, beautiful, and the breath of fresh air we all clung too while following Drew and Mac's evolving relationship.

They found their happiness. Now it's Jax's turn.

Enter Cassandra Tyce, another lovable character from Ending a Broken Journey. She has a past, as do we all, and has battled to become the person she is. Her tale is familiar to some, common enough for most to understand and empathize, but truly uniquely her own.

Jax and Cass.

Can two people with broken pasts come together to build an unbreakable future?

In order to move forward, the past must be conquered.

Ms. Delgado does an amazing job showing how hard overcoming your past can be. It cripples you. It destroys relationships. It causes pain, grief, and sometimes irreparable damage.

An author can truly go to the tip-top of the drama scale with the events in this book, but thankfully Ms. Delgado keeps things refreshingly real and extremely relatable. Her wit, sarcasm, and underlying positivity shine through all of the turmoil that incurs.

I adore both of these books am anxious to see what magic she shares with us next!

Emmi says

I can hardly believe I waited 2 years for this book. I loved the first book „Ending a broken journey“, it is one of my alltimefavs and ever since I've read it, I was excited for Jax' story.

Two years is a long time, you read other books, fall in love with other characters and the authors who created them and sometimes (unintentionally) you lose sight of the book you couldn't wait to read.

This was so not the case for me with „Ending a torn past“.

No matter how many books I've read in these two years, Jax was never forgotten and I regularly checked if there were news about the release.

I was so happy when I was finally able to read it. Before I started I made a short visit to Mackenzie and Drew's story and rereading the beautiful poems in their book made me wonder, if there would be something similar in "Ending a torn past".

And in Jax' emotional journey we get wonderful, sad, heartbreaking lyrics <3 They made me cry right from the start, I love them.

Silence as I watch you fade away
Asking myself how could you not stay
Nothingness as you silently weep
Wanting this pain to forever seep

In "Ending a broken journey" we get to know a happy Jax (or so it then seems) but it is hinted that something happened in the past. I already fell in love with him in the first book and reading his full story made me love him sooo much more. He totally stole my heart and is my fav Dean brother (sorry Drew).

I didn't expect Jax' past to be so heartbreaking, he loves and cares so deep, it really broke my heart. And Cass, I admire her strength, her big heart and how she didn't give up on Jax despite her own hurtful past. They are friends first and share a sweet and funny connection in the beginning but both are keeping their secrets, both not wanting to fall in love.

I am never going to move past this.
I am never going to be okay.
I am never going to love again.
And, I am never, ever, going to be the same.

Jax' list of reasons to why Cass loves him so much made me smile everytime :)

Besides their touching love story, the friendships are what I loved the most. Melissa created a group of friends that shows what true friendship is about.

„Sometimes the world around us crashes down, but only to prove to us how beautiful it can be when built back up.“

"Ending a torn past" will be right next to "Ending a broken journey" on my alltime favs-shelf.
Jax' and Cass' story about loss, trust, second chances, healing, forgiveness and hope will stay with me forever <3

This Kurt Halsey pic captures how I feel about Jax and Cass and this amazing group of friends.

Richelle Robinson says

We have Jax who is dealing with a tremendous loss and is afraid to let love in again. We have Cass who has been hurt and has trust issues. Can these two make it work?

My first 5 star book of the year! This book is just absolutely amazing. If you are looking for a book that will make your heart squeeze then this book is for you! I love reading a book and feeling every emotion of the characters. I smiled, laughed and cried while reading this book. It tugs on your heart strings. The character development was good and the story was well written. This book completely sucked me in!! I couldn't stop thinking about this book. I found my self staying up to almost two am on work nights just to read. I would force myself to stop because I didn't want it to end. I wish I could erase my mind and read this book over again. What I loved about this book is the message. It's ok to love again after being torn in half. It's ok to be happy. It's ok to live. I love books that you can learn from and apply it in real life. This is definitely a book that will stick with me forever.

I loved how the book touched on the ups and downs of their relationship. Cass was able to handle Jax at his worst and was there in his time of need. Jax also then return the favor when Cass needed the support. This is how a real relationship works. Most authors gloss over the ugly parts and want everything to be sunshine and rainbows. Anybody who reads this book will not be disappointed!

This review will be posted on Shelly's Book Corner.

Lindsay says

After waiting so long for this one to come out, I have to say I wasn't disappointed at all!! I can't wait to see what she writes next!!

xrysa says

Jax

When I met this guy in the first book of the series I couldn't help but fall in love with him. He was funny,teasing,tattooed so he seemed to have the whole package. However,reading his book I was introduced to several other aspects of his character.This strong guy has been through a heart breaking past and you can't even imagine how his life went from perfect to hell.

During his *journey* he seemed unable to move forward.*Everyone was moving on except from Jax.*It took several efforts from his brother and his best friends to make him alive again because he was dragging himself to a path that has not an easy return.

At this point of his life Jax looks to have moved forward but the wounds of the past are not completely healed.Cass, a girl that's been a lot around lately , is here to make him alive again.

Yet Cass is quite hesitant about his intentions cause he is so enigmatic and the past that he carries is definitely an unreachable place for her. However, she cannot let him down, she is chasing him and helping him get it together and finally start a new beginning in his life.

you just need to start a new chapter...

My thoughts:

I was not disappointed from this book at all.

Jax is dreamy and swoon worthy but that is not the only reason I liked it.

I have to admit that I'm such a marshmallow and I cried several times. I have reached this point of my life that I think crying over books or movies is ridiculous but HEY I CAN'T HELP IT !!

So leave me alone in my corner while I'm...

But also this playboy made me laugh a lot. I was giggling or grinning like an idiot with his cocky attitude.

Anyways, it was overall great but I needed more of Cass. Sometimes I felt her absence but I think that this happened because of the many flashbacks we got to read.

So that's all folks!

STAY TUNED BECAUSE THE READ MORE SLEEP LESS BOOK BLOG WILL BE HOSTING A GIVEAWAY WITH A COPY OF THIS BOOK AND OF COURSE THERE IS AN INTERVIEW WITH LOVELY MELISSA.

Don't worry if you haven't read the first book. In my opinion it can be read as a standalone and the author does a great job re-introducing us the characters of the first book so you will not be troubled reading it :)

Laura Harris says

I can't wait for Jax Dean!!

Melissa says

Jax is back! Here is the full jacket for you all! <3

