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Running away from his feelings is the one race he'll never win ...

A star athlete and Olympic prospect, Kal Carter is bound for greatness. Everyone says it, only he's not sure he entirely believes it. Because he's lost something he can't replace, and most days feels like he's holding up the sky; and doing it all on his own.

To maintain focus, he never lets anyone close except in the most superficial ways and he's become very good at it. Until a long, cold week when the solitary girl next-door who never speaks, smiles or makes eye-contact barges into his life and seems poised to upend the whole doggone thing.

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Crystal says

Brava;! Great Story ??????

Let me start by saying Happy New Year to one of my favorite authors. I absolutely loved the relationship backdrop between Kal and his dad. Asha and her mom is a common situation believe it or not but I adored Ibrahim and the principles/fundamentals he established early on for Kal. We need more fathers!!!

Ashe and Kal are just getting started, please revisit their story ??
5 ??????????

Carolyn J. says

Super Good

Wow, what can I say? The afterwards series is picking up and showing out. I enjoyed seeing Deuce becoming this cool young man. His super powerful dad and stepmother have to be proud. In this story, his best friend Kaleem and Ash's edition was very emotional. It's so nice how Deuce effortlessly gave Kal support against his protest. Two different world, and the two friends made it work. Kal and Ash had more in common. As the story builds its easy to see the connection. And I was overjoyed when we didn't have to deal with Ash's self-centered mother too much. The drop in by my girl Zora was extremely nice.. Overall, the story was magnificent!

Malaika says

Amazing!

Nia never seems to disappoint with the characters she creates! I love everything about Asha and Kaleem. Their journey was filled with sorrow and pain but also perseverance and triumphs. I also loved getting an update on Deuce, who really turned out to be a great man. Hopefully there will be an update on Ash and Kal in the future.

Mary says

Nothing But Love

They say opposites attract. That is definitely the case with Kal and Asha. Nia really took us on a journey with these two, but loved it. Loved the sneak peek at the old gang and catching up with Deuce.

Lisa says

Opposites do attract!

I really enjoyed Asha and Kaleem! Their relationship evolved from nothing in a sense. Deuce and Zora were an intricate part and I really felt they were destined to be! I hated the ending because it left you hanging. Is there another book?? Not sure but I definitely want there to be and I will inquire. by the way Asha's mother was so superficial and fake and she really got on my nerves! Ibrahim was a deep dude, I liked the way he kept it real with Kal! These two struggled with their lives but prevailed and found common ground! Oh by the way Bennett should have been reported dirty dog! Great story of coming of age and real life issues!

Deena says

Nia Forrester knocks it out of the park yet again with this book. How she creates such intriguing characters, I'm sure I'll never know. Asha really touched my heart; I wanted to give her the longest, tightest hug possible, while b*tch slapping her trifling Mama. When I think of the many women I know who long to be mothers, while she gives less than zero effort to being one, just infuriated me. And then denying Asha the slightest detail about her father - oooh chile, just the worst of the worst. I'm so glad that Asha had Javier, because she truly had no one else.

Conversely, Kaleem grew up in a loving household, with both parents, but loses his father in the most senseless way. I'm still trying to process how Ibrahim handles his situation. It was almost cruel. But I must confess that I read most of the reunion scene in tears. The author captures the scene so beautifully.

So much to love about this story, from the way Kal and Asha meet and get to know each other, to the way that each character's story unfolds, the relationship between Kal and Deuce and Asha and Zora, and on and on and on. I finished reading this one yesterday, but I'm still processing today.

Nia Forrester, you rock! Thanks for another excellent read. And because it can never be said enough, thank you for sharing your gift with us!

Deeva05 says

Damn Nia would it kill you to give us an epilogue... we not asking for much just a few more chapters... did he make it to the olympics and get the gold? How'd the plan go... how many kids did they have? A nice pretty bow for us who are invested.

On a real note... you can't go wrong when this lady puts pen to paper. You get sucked in and invested. Love her writing.

Shawn Oates-Martin says

I LOVED this book!!!!

This is a classic love story that could've taken place during any timeframe. Soul connecting true love is everything. Kal's dad was a major player in this story, even though he wasn't a main character in the traditional sense. Two things really stood out for me. One that a good father is constantly teaching his son so that when or if they part he has most of the necessary tools to move into manhood confidently, and two, a GOOD man takes care of his woman emotionally, spiritually, materially, and physically. The right person, the person God made just for you can open you up to love and also heal your heart from love. Great read!!!

Jazmen says

Sometimes I read a book, and sometimes it reads me. They don't always have to be self-help books, but some books, even fiction books have the ability to see you. I feel seen.

Snowflake caught me by surprise. I wasn't sure about this one as I got about halfway through but as the story progressed, and the characters grew (you know figuratively), I was totally entranced and I am warm inside, like an ooey-goey brownie or something.

Asha is shy. She hides behind her locs and her gentle demeanor. She doesn't socialize or go out unless it's to class and back to the apartment where she lives across from the school's star athlete--and resident playboy.

Kaleem whose name will now always bring a reminder of good feelings--is a runner--hence the cover of this book, which I love by the way. It's actually what convinced me to pick it up. He's a ladies man but he's a respectable ladies man. He gets his rocks off and he moves on, but he's always respectful.

He noticed Asha, but not for any particular reason. But when they find themselves stranded on campus--alone, with a snowstorm on the horizon. A chance stranding brings about one of my now favorite fictional relationships.

I don't even know how to talk about this, though I would say I've written quite a bit before I had the nerve to say that. So, I'm trying.

I was afraid for Asha, afraid of her character and what it would mean for the story. She was painfully shy, and I thought her character would get lost in Kaleem's presence--and the very idea of it almost turned me off.

But as the story progressed, I found out how alike we are. For a long time (settle in for a short story-time) I was afraid and shy. Afraid of nothing and everything all at once. Shy to any social situation that would require I show parts of myself I wasn't prepared to show, parts I thought would be judged and have been judged. But the core of me was so much stronger and bolder than that--and I'm still growing into that person and so is Asha. She was just a woman with a not-so-great upbringing that is just trying to figure out where she fits, coming from a place where she never fit. Hell, Asha is me, and how could I ever think I didn't understand her? She is me and I am her.

Kaleem, I feel like even the inside of my head where I'm pulling this from is sighing in satisfaction. I loved

his character. Kaleem is suffering from the absence of his father--and the relationship he is trying to maintain with his mother.

He's a runner and an all around good guy. He just doesn't know that yet. Nothing like seeing a man becoming a man, even if it is fictional.

The relationship that grows between Asha and Kaleem is the thing of storybooks, not the kind with princesses and princes that kiss you awake and make your life better. Okay, maybe that's a bad analogy--because a kiss from the right man can wake you up. At least that's what I hear/believe. This is not a fairytale. Things get hard, feelings get hurt, and none of it is easy--but it's worth it, reading this book was worth it. So worth it.

The story itself is so layered, it's an onion, every part unveiled something else in the story, something about the characters, something about their life. It was like wow, okay, Nia. I see you, Queen.

Guys, this story is just so good, I can't even articulate it in a way that I want to.

This story really touched me--and I already know when I compile a list of authors and stories that stood out to me this year, this will be on it, right at the top.

I don't want to say too much because I want to gush, and rant and rave--but I would never spoil this for you guys. Please read this book. The relationships are so realistic and worth reading. The romance is a slow burn, slow, and I loved every delicious, delirium-inducing second. Every character, every moment built up this story right to where it needs to be, and I am so, so pleased and so in love with this piece of literature and how it made me feel.

Thank you for this, Nia. Thank you for writing about girls like me and giving them their well-deserved happy ending.

Thresa Nelson says

When I give a 5 rating, you can take it to the bank!

Kaleem and his dad, just like Deuce and his father are incredible father son duos to read about. I am blown away at this unique blend of black love that emerges in Nia's writing. This book had so many examples of black love at all ages that I am just overwhelmed. The deep couple intimacy experienced in Four continues and I was thrilled with being able to feel every moment of these connections. All I can say is when I give a 5 rating, you can take it to the bank! Bravo Nia. This from a reader who was in her feelings about Kaleem's book coming out before Deuce's.

Leave it to the masters of this art to determine pinpoint timing. I loved revisiting Zola and Deuce and can't wait to read about both of these couples and these four incredible young people.

Wanda says

Absolutely loved it

I hope there will be more with Kal and Asha. I loved this story. Nia Forrester is an amazing writer that makes you feel like you are the fly on the wall watching everything unfold. I always get excited when I see a new book from Nia and this one did not disappoint.

Tralaina says

Wonderful

Simply wonderful. I literally couldn't put the down. I instantly fell for Kal and Ash and loved their story from beginning to end.

Katheryn says

Wow...just wow

Yes, I'm a fan, but how can you not be? Nia has a way of showing humanity in it's truest form with all the flaws and beauty and somehow you fall in love with it all-even the flaws! I LOVED Asha and Kaleem. When I met Kal in another book I pegged him as a f\$&@ boy, but in this book...swoon. Asha had her issues too, but my goodness she was learning and moving on, and you couldn't help but want her to win in life. I've read it twice because it was so hard to let them go, but another thing I love about this author is that she leaves me with peace at the end of most of her books(stand alone). So I just know that Kal and Ash are just fine!

Jan says

I really enjoyed Kal and Ash's story. Kal is a close friend of Deuce Scaife, so there is a bit of interaction in this book, of characters we've met before in the Commitment series. Makes me want to go back and reread Afterwards/Afterburn! I think this one can be read as a standalone, but it means more when you know the other characters mentioned in the background.

Kal is a good guy. Has been a player, but deep down he is an upright and sensitive man, and once he meets the right woman he works hard to be worthy of her. Asha is a likeable character who has been dealt a horrible hand - till she meets Kal and they connect. They make a lovely couple.

These two are college students who are starting out in their lives. I prefer the other stories in the series that follow more mature MCs with more complex lives. But, having said that, I still really liked this book. I'm looking forward to the next book, about Deuce and Zora, and also to Devin's book when it comes out.

Deloris says

4.5 stars ? ???1/2

What I loved about Snowflake , first it was the title I really had no idea what the author mean. First the term was used in derogatory manner, by one of Kaleems female friends, when I say friend it's not a real one.?For Kaleem it was more that when he saw Asha,Kaleem knew no two snowflakes are the same , that each have their own individual beauty when you really take the time to really see them. Kaleem's relationship with his father while a young man was what I really enjoyed reading, it was background music for who He became . I would really love to know more of his story ,especially with the love story of his parents.
