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It only comes once in a lifetime, that all consuming love—the kind that grips your heart and soul like a vice and never lets go.

When that love is threatened; you'd do anything to protect the only good thing in your life, even if that means surrendering and letting it go.

A lot can happen in ten years—heartbreak, devastation, loss.

But when a chance encounter throws two broken souls together again, will their pasts be too much to put behind them?

Or will they be able to put all of their fears aside for one last chance at love?

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# From Reader Review Etching Our Way for online ebook

## Sassy Southern says

Harmony and Tristan were college sweet hearts-but Tristan's greedy father tore them away from one another. After years a part, when Harmony moves home to start fresh after catching her husband cheating on her, old wounds are left wide open. Tristan and his two children are emotionally broken even six years later after loosing his wife, and their mother. Although Tristan was forced to marry someone else, he tried making his marriage work for the sake of the kids. He knew he would never love again like he did Harmony, and his late wife accepted that. When Tristan is forced to adopt single dad responsibilities, it's clear he's mentally sinking fast-as he has no one to lean on. When he sends his children to a new art studio in town, he never imagined their teacher to be his college sweet heart, Harmony. As the two adults get to know each other again, their emotional stability is put to the rest-were they really meant to be?

I enjoyed this story-and I absolutely fell in love with the plot. I've never quite read anything like it, and felt like the plot was absolutely very unique. I did however, I did feel like the story didn't really flow all that well. There was a lot of push and pull between the two characters and often times I felt like enough was enough. I do believe a lot of scenes probably could have been edited out, and it wouldn't have changed the plot of the story whatsoever. (Like, Any scene with Amelia)After the first couple times Tristan was having his meltdowns and avoiding Harmony, I felt as if Harmony was being a door mat and continuously being walked on allowing someone to talk to her and treat her the way Tristan did. Despite my feelings, the plot of this story was very interesting, and the Carter family characters were completely adorable.- By Victoria

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## BookSmacked says

Wow !!! That's one word that I would use to describe this book. Another one is Amazing.

This was angst heaven and for a lover of angst which I definitely am this book punched me right in the gut. I felt everything with this story, pain, heartbreak, forgiveness, and peace.

Harmony and Tristan's story is full of ups and downs.

This was an epic second chance romance but boy oh boy did it have its lows throughout this book.

Tristan at times I was so angry with him but ohhhh he gutted me completely. So consumed by well just a shit deal it seems. I won't get into details here and just say you need to read it.

Harmony spoke to my inner soul. She was strong yet weak at the same time and I just thought how can she keep going. I would be completely broken, she was such a great character and i could relate to her on so many levels. Especially having experienced a lot of what she went through myself.

This book is a must read. If you don't get any type of feels from this book then all I can say is you are not human.

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## **A Book Lover's Emporium Book Blog says**

This book was fantastic; it grabbed my attention right away from the beginning of the storyline throughout the whole book. The emotions I went through from laughing to crying was a great feeling of bringing Harmony Jameson and Tristan Carter together again. From being college sweethearts to breaking up and finding each other again was truly amazing. Abigail Davies and Danielle Dickson did an exceptional job of writing the storyline together.

I fell in love with Tristan Carter and Harmony Jameson with the way they fought the demons of their past. Tristan had two kids with Natalia who was Harmony's best friend from college. It broke my heart to see Harmony struggle with her feelings for Tristan when they found each other again; especially after her husband cheated on her and she divorced him. Tristan's kids Clay and Izzie took art classes from Harmony at her art studio Willow Arts.

This is the first book of The Broken Tracks Series, but it can be read as a standalone. I fell in love with the characters and I hope you do, too.

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## **Susan says**

This was a good book, good premise as well, and I see a lot of promise with these co-authors.

This story follows Tristan and Harmony, who were college sweethearts, but were "forced" apart by Tristan's father. They found their way back to each other ten years later.

Things I liked: The kids. Izzie was adorable, and I felt for Clayton. I liked that Tristan's mom worked hard to regain her son's trust. The premise of the story was really good, too.

Things that didn't work for me: I really wasn't a fan of Tristan. He was selfish through most of the book, although he portrayed himself as doing what was best for Harmony in college. Yeah, I didn't see that. I had difficulty with the idea of how much he loved his first wife. I also had trouble with the timeline; I never felt like I had a grasp on when things occurred in the past and how they fit together. I mean, Harmony stuck around for three years after they broke up, but didn't know that Tristan married Natalia? And never found out that they had kids, but they were from the same town (or really close together). Lastly, the ending seemed very rushed to me.

I know this review sounds fairly negative, but the basic outline of the story was interesting. I am glad that I read it and will certainly consider other books by these co-authors.

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## **Vintage says**

I mean look at the cover. He's NOT EVEN LOOKING AT HER!

Okay, okay, okay. Skimmed at the speed of sound. I pity anyone (Fre/ Boogenhagen) who actually read this cover to cover as ZZZZZzzzzz. It was so fucking boring. BORING. B-O-R-I-N-G!

It's not that I hated the H so much, because I do for all the reasons stated by other reviewers but, hey, he's the sun and everybody else just revolves around him. It also has one of my least favorite writing, YA copouts: the alternating POV.

TRISTAN  
HARMONY  
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HARMONY

The last Harmony I encountered was vapid, shallow Harmony from *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Angel*.

Personally, I think the heroine needs to take her vows, go to the top of a willow-less mountain, twirl and sing...

Let's end on a positive note.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4R462...>

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## **J says**

This book made me so pissed! did not feel the love of H for h whatsoever, instead I read about a love story between H and OW he married (was bff to h btw). Yes, supposedly he betrayed/left h to protect her from his father's threat, marry h's bff for same reason but fell in love with her and had 2 kids with her! ...oh but he never forgot h nor stopped loving her! very disappointing...

H was all about grieving for deceased wife for years, never attempted to see h or explained anything, in fact would not have gotten together with her had she not divorced her cheating ass douchebag husband and moved back home. Of course as usual, poor tsl ha ended up with a douchebag cheating ass husband while H went on to great success in business, beautiful wife that he grew to love and kids and h cannot have kids -- really?? Authors why do you continue to do such disservice to women!!! Please change things around - i would be happy to read about same story line if the heroines are written to be strong (not drop panties as soon as H shows up, no actual grovelling or proof of love and faithfulness- you know, make him work for it)!! come one!

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## **Cc says**

I like angst. Love it. But.....I don't like it when the heroine gets peed on. Continuesly. Right up to the end. Yup, she's still being peed on. By the HERO. And she better watch out, cause I think he was turning around there at the end and pulling his pants down.

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## boogenhagen says

Kathunk! That was my head hitting the wall on this one. Fre warned me, but I didn't listen. I really should listen to my friends more. But I was thinking, 'Naw I will give it a go cause it can't be that bad really'.

I was wrong, really wrong.

The basic plot here is that the H and h were college lovers, but the H's father was a big muckety muck and wanted the H with another girl who also happened to be the h's friend. Both the H and the OW were from the "Right" side of the tracks. The H's father stated that he would rain down death and destruction on the h's world if the H did not dump her. The H, being an entitled little prick, fell for it and kept his daddy's backing too.

So he told the h to get back to her muddy hovel pig sty, as she was only good for a pump and dump and he moved on and married the "Right" choice friend.

He had a great and happy loving marriage and two kids. Then his beloved and adored wife died in childbirth and then we get chapters and chapters and chapters of how the universe is unfair to this privileged, rich, best-thing-since-sliced-bread, poor widower who is angry that he lost his beloved and adored wife and left his kids motherless, poor little baby tykes.

The h married too and her husband cheats and walks all over her and she finds out she can't carry babies to term, so just to pile on the woe, she will never be a REAL mother either. The h just wanted a loving relationship and some babies, she really gets the shaft. As these types of h's always are, she is kind, patient, loving and wouldn't accidentally step on an ant without severe remorse and deep mourning. (It kinda makes you wonder what she got up to in her past lives, cause she is paying some heavy Karma in this one.)

As these things also go, the H and h meet again. The H pursues and dips his wick in and the h is just grateful for the opportunity to be a poor substitute distant mom type. (Way, way, way behind the H's own mother and his seriously hot, maybe next Mrs. H nanny.) The h is also ecstatically delected to be his devoted, subservient and not-good-enough- for-him wick holder. (In other words the sex was great.)

But the entitled rich but emotionally wrecked poor H is angry and the h isn't sticking to her seen and not heard or worthy of consideration peasant place and actually has the gall to think she might have a word to say or a part to interact with the H's Sacred Life and Kids and Nanny.

(The quality of serfs who don't know their place these days, really the gall of them, why can't they just throw themselves down as convenient mud puddle bridges, like the old days?)

So the H ignores, berates and walks out on the h multiple times. Until finally the h remembers that the 13th Amendment was passed 150 odd years ago and that serfdom went out with the last Black Death epidemic. She gathers up her big girl pants enough to tell the H in a sobbing little voice mail that she is done and they are finished cause she deserves better, sob, sob, wail. (Yay! The h took a Flintstone with a milligram of calcium and got a hint of a spine.)

The H, who has been going on a month avoiding and mentally berating the h and wailing over his lost

adored, beloved wife while flirting with his hot nanny, gets the message and he is OUTRAGED that the h has the nerve to tell him they are done. HE will be doing any endings, thank you, and his wick needs a dip, so it has to wait a moment.

We get the big soliloquy about how the H's kids are so sad and pathetic cause they are rich, beautiful and have tons of adorning women and family but will never know their beloved, adored mother and this is a TERRIBLE TRAGEDY and the h JUST CANNOT COMPREHEND their intense, unrelenting AGONY for a woman they have never met.

So the h is stupid, but then the H also has to explain that he HAD to marry his beloved, adored and TOTALLY SO MUCH MORE BEAUTIFUL Daddy's Choice Wife to SAVE the ungrateful and much too willful peasant piece of nooky that is the not downtrodden enough cause she won't stay flat on the ground h.

But let him dip his wick a bit more and step all over her enough to lie flat and he will consider that she can stay and be a really, really sloppy third choice, cause well she really loves him and he knows it.

He would be a fool not to take advantage of that -- after she signs a suitably iron clad poverty striking agreement in case of divorce. So the h is eternally grateful for his patronizing condescension and leaps on that offer like it is the last boat off of an erupting Krakatoa for the big, we-are-sorta-okay-loves-since-the-nanny-is-moving-out on the H's part kinda HEA.

Theoretically this is supposed to be a romance. I am completely blind cause I really wasn't seein' it. Maybe I need to have a few more shots with the Captain so my vision will be blurry enough to see the lurve I somehow totally missed.

How on earth does ANYBODY think that being a wick holder for an entitled slime slurper wimp who couldn't tell daddy to jump and spends the whole book outside of wick dipping mourning his lost wife and lecturing the h about how she knows NOTHING constitutes a romance?

Why can't the h have a decent relationship? Well mainly cause as nice and sweet and wholesome and motherly as this h was, that was a serious character flaw. She just couldn't see the men she choose for who they actually were as opposed to who she rosily imagined them to be. So really it was her and not them, cause she couldn't shake the blinders off her own rosy imaginative vision. I felt sorry for her, cause really her reality when she wipes the rosy cotton gauze off her eyes is going to bite.

So while this one is NOT a romance, and I certainly wasn't believing the HEA, (which is the standard by which all romances should be rated,) it is a very good life lesson in personal prudence. Cause sometimes believing the best of everyone is just not the wisest or the best option to take.

While seeing the good in everything is a fine and noble ideal, it really bites you in the hiney when you wake up to the reality that you are a third class, shop worn, tarnished afterthought who, excepting your bad idealistic judgment, could have had a real romance with a respectful, loving partner who actually wanted you as his BEST choice and actually expended a little effort to woo you to get it.

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## Fre06 Begum says

He married her best friend to "protect" heroine from his father, he then had two kids with his wife and fell in

love with her. 10 years later they meet again where she didn't even know she was teaching painting to his children. She is getting divorced after being unhappy with her husband while "hero" admits that he had a loving marriage that he had been more than happy with. In no little amount of time she falls back into this guy's arms because "she will always love him". I frankly didn't feel his so called eternal love for heroine because the whole book revolved around his wife and her death. He was always running away and crying over his wife's loss never really being there to support heroine even after she told him she can't have kids. This book was depressing because while he seemed to have everything while separated from heroine, she was getting divorced and she would never become a mother. Why couldn't she have moved on too by having a happy marriage and kids with om? Instead she became the usual cliché that a lot of authors love by portraying as a martyr who will always love her man and his children because she is that magnificent! There was no sense of fairness or equality in how different their lives turned out and as usual it's the female lead that's had the worst life.

Maybe other people will find this book beautiful and tragic (loss of his wife) but I just found it full of wrongness.

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### **Shari Kay says**

Not a scenario I have the least interest in

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

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### **Eleanor says**

#### **5 Second Romance Stars**

Wow just wow! I was so lucky to get an advanced copy of Etching Our Way by two amazing authors Abi and Dani. This is the first co-written book with these two authors, I've read their individual books and loved them. I was looking forward to this read and intrigued.

This book starts with heartbreak and this continues throughout the book. At points I wanted to hit Tristan across the head and tell him to wake up and open his eyes. But on the other hand my heart broke for him and his family. Harmony was just a strong woman that in real life I feel I could be good friends with.

This book was amazing, I was hooked from the first chapter. It was such a rollercoaster of emotions and I found the tears falling at points throughout. I felt Both Tristan and Harmony's heartbreak. There was fab secondary character's which is a must for me and we will get more in this series from these authors which has me very excited!

A must read, pick it up you wont regret it!

Also check out their Spotify playlist for Etching Our Way! I love a good playlist!

<https://open.spotify.com/user/mrsabid...>

<Http://realtastypages.com>



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## **Emma Johnston says**

I was extremely lucky to receive an ARC of this book by Danielle Dickson & Abigail Davies and oh my holy hell what a book it is!

Tristan is a widowed dad of 2 kids and he is struggling to get on with his life. Completely devoted to his children he does what is best for them at all times. But it is hard when they ask questions about their mom that has passed on. Harmony was Tristan's college girlfriend and best friend of his late wife. It takes them a while to be able to forgive but when they do it is beautiful. It is full of ups and downs but they were definitely necessary to the story.

This book had me hooked from page one, I genuinely couldn't and didn't want to put it down. I read it in a few hours whilst literally not moving from the couch - it pulled me in so much I genuinely couldn't. Emotional rollercoaster doesn't even begin to describe this book! I could completely understand why each character behaved the way they did. This book made me cry near in one particular part and when you read it, you will be able to pinpoint where and why.

This is the first co-write book with these two authors and I am so glad that it will not be their last. It was an amazing book and I am so lucky that I was chosen to read it early. Also, that I get to be in both authors reader groups and watch the progress of this book whilst it was written. It was beautifully written and I know personally that these two authors have put their heart and soul into this book and it definitely shows!!

You ALL have to read this when it goes live, I can 110% promise that you won't regret it <3

A well deserved emotional 5 stars from me, well done ladies - exceptional work!

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## **Vicky Wilson says**

I was gifted this arc for an honest review

I'm having trouble rating this book and I'm going with 3.5\*, the writing was brilliant and the story line heartbreaking and definitely had me hooked until the end but.....

we had Harmony and Tristan who are meant to have had this epic love that nobody could live up to or beat, but had it ripped apart, they were young and as much as it hurt and they loved each other both moved on and continued on with life until fate brought them back together, now reading it, yes, got it but really I think I felt the love more between Tristan and Natalia more. Tristan managed to move on pretty quick with his life after he broke Harmony's heart and yet 6 years after Natalia's death he still doesn't seem ready to move on and every thought was practically about her, frankly I really felt sorry for Harmony and felt that Tristan was quite weak and one thing I really disliked about his thought process was when he completely ignored her when she called out to him at the art studio, and then she left the message on his voicemail about them being done because he was too chicken to speak to her and then he crumbled because his thought process was it's one thing for him to ignore her until he cleared his head because he could go back whenever he wanted but her saying it's done between them and suddenly he has to go to her, I mean WTF! but at least he understood it

was his fault but I still wanted to punch him lol

harmony was a really lovely heart warming person and I loved her, she was strong and I would love her to be my best friend.

That's all my negative points, and I did really enjoy this book but it was just abit off the mark for me.

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### **Shannon says**

Beautiful story that left me with all the feels! I highly recommend, I couldn't put it down.

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### **Sloane Murphy says**

This book... I struggle to find the words. First things first, Gerry is a tool. I wanted to smack him in the face so ridiculously hard, my heart broke for Harmony in the first few chapters, I was a very angry reader. But watching her grow from her pain and become stronger, watching her face her past with Tristan and not give up on love makes it totally worth it.

I had some issues with Tristan, sometimes I wanted to scream at him in frustration, like he could hear me through my kindle and it would make him change, but it worked. We're all flawed, we all have issues, and none of us want to get hurt. I get his fear in that.

This is a definite must read, the way these 2 authors have come together to make something so special is truly great. I've read their individual works and now this, and I love watching them bloom as authors, and keep getting better, stride by stride.

You need to read this, but you've been warned - have tissues at the ready.

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