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Once upon a time, there was this pampered rich girl who was kind of full of herself. She really only cared about appearances and hiding all her dark, ugly secrets under the guise of an opinionated snob. But then Eva Mercer got pregnant, shot by a psycho, and kicked out of the only home she knew. Now she's broke, unemployed, and has to start anew with a newborn to raise. But how?

On the other side of town, sexy, tattooed orphan, Patrick Ryan, can't get a break. He's out on parole for defending the last damsel in distress while trying to help her support her child, but all he wants is to find his one true love. He knows this woman by scent, smile, and laugh, but he's never actually met her. He doesn't even know her name. He just knows she's the key to fixing everything.

One kind of hero can save you from physical harm. Another can rescue you from a different kind of doom. To reach their dreams, Eva and Pick can save each other. But first, they must open their hearts and learn how to trust.

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Jen says

This is the 3rd installment of the "Forbidden Men" series, and I yet again devoured this one. I thoroughly enjoyed it, although it did get a lower rating from me than the other two books. My main reason for that was the choices that the hero made about his "son" irked me on a level I couldn't ignore. I can't say much but the fact is, I don't agree with how he dealt with his little guy, in the beginning.

When Eva and Patrick Ryan finally gave into their extreme urges to be together...the flames that blazed of the pages was more than sizzling hot!! I kid you not...their sexual tension through a big part of the book was so frustrating; however....when they finally gave in....I couldn't look away!! Eva and Pick were most definitely soul mates and you could feel their intensity through Linda Kage's words!!! I loved every second of that, and it made up for any frustration that I felt in the first part of the book!! LOL

I have said it before, this series is a MUST read!! I am loving it so hard, and I keep asking myself why I waited so long to dive into it!! I have to say that I am not as eager to read the next installment as I have heard things about one of the characters in it. She is not likeable, and I feel the hero of that story deserves the best.. So, I will give myself time to prepare...but I will be coming back to this series....I know I can't stay away for long!! LOL

Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says

5 Fated Stars

You don't even know what your mere presence does to me. You're my sanity.

If you've read To Professor, with Love then just like me you've been dying to get your hands on Pick's book ever since. I'm a huge fan of Linda Kage's writing and this book further proves why. While some may not like the particular twist that was added here, I absolutely adored it. It spoke to a hopeless romantic part of me that I never even knew I had.

My favorite part? Patrick "Pick" Ryan. How do you not instantly fall for everything that he is?

He appeared to be a bad boy straight from the wrong side of town. But there was something NOT bad boy about him. He simply didn't look like the type who didn't give a damn about life. His deep brown eyes held too much compassion and vivacity.

If ever there was a perfect sump up of who he was, that was it. Sure he's tatted up and pierced, but this is no bad boy asshole. Pick had a gentle heart and an even gentler soul. A protector. He was THE perfect match for Eva.

Eva is not quite the spoiled rich girl that she had appeared to be at first. This is a girl that is truly broken. Just how broken? Well you certainly don't get eased into her history. The very first few pages offer you a very harsh glimpse into the reality that is her life.

Eva has very good reason to distrust men and shy away from relationships. With her history, it's no wonder that she believes even the nicest of men hide a bastard beneath the good looking surface, even her cousin's boyfriend, Mason.

Pick couldn't be more different. This is a man that not only believes in true love, he yearns for it. Years ago he got a "glimpse" of what his life could be when he met his soul mate, and he's been looking for her since. So when his "vision" walks into the bar where he works, he knows he'll stop at nothing to be with her.

I knew exactly what it felt like to thrust inside this woman. I knew exactly how she looked when she bit her bottom lip when she came, how her muscles clenched around my cock and her breasts arched against my chest. Yet I'd never had sex with her, never actually seen her naked, never even kissed her.

What follows is a touching and beautiful love story between two very unlikely people. While Evan and Pick couldn't have been more different, they are more similar than they realize.

I couldn't get enough of them. What could have been a story that was insta-everything, truly wasn't. Linda managed to paint a believable and truly heartwarming connection between two people that were the perfect addition to feed the other's void. It was in a word; perfect.

Readers that want more of Mason and Reese will get that here IN SPADES. But the focus was on the love story of Pick and Eva. I can't begin to describe to you how much I loved it. And this is coming from someone that rarely enjoys "sweet". Yet this is what it was. It was a sweet romance with a touch of steam and a little angst with some WTF twists thrown in that you'll never see coming. It will keep you glued to the book from beginning to finish. I'm head over heals in love with this series.

I'm really looking forward to Quinn and Ten's books next. Linda Kage is definitely now one of my go-to authors when I want a NA book that I'm pretty much guaranteed to love. I simply can't recommend this book enough. Read it and see what all my gushing about. Trust me. You'll love Pick as much if not more than I did.

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Christy says

5 'Pick is PERFECT' stars!

This book... I wasn't expecting for this book to effect me the way it did. I don't know if it was the characters, the subject matter or what, but I felt so much while reading this one. Much more than I expected. I love to feel when I read. To be moved, to laugh, to cry, to experience a book like that- there is nothing better. And this story gave me all those feelings I seek out as a reader and more.

"I gave you a glimpse..."

Be My Hero starts with a glimpse... Pick is just a child in the foster care system. He meets someone who gives him a glimpse into his future. It's supposed to be just him, but he sees someone with him. This is unusual. It's determined that Pick has a soul mate. His Tinker Bell. He doesn't know who she is or if she really exists, but he holds on to that hope for ten long years that she's out there. No matter what direction his life takes, he's always waiting for his Tinker Bell to appear in his life.

Pick's life doesn't go quite the way he imagined it would. He's marrying his childhood friend so he can help provide for her baby. Tristy is not mother material and after years of trying to keep her safe, keep her clean and off drugs, he's now essentially supporting her and raising her child. Pick is that kind of guy. He works full time in the garage during the day, and as a bartender at Forbidden at night. That's where he meets Mason Lowe. Who has a girlfriend named Reese. Who's pregnant cousin Eva stays with. One night Eva comes into the bar with Reese to pick up Mason. The same day he marries Tristy. From the moment he sees her, feels her, smells her, he knows. It's his Tink.

Fate hated me. It figured I'd finally meet my soul mate on my wedding day.

?Life hasn't dealt Eva the easiest hand either. She is seven months pregnant and alone with only Reese. When I read *Price of a Kiss*, I wasn't the biggest Eva fan. But the more I learned about her past and saw the positive changes she was trying to make, the more I started to love her. When Eva first meets Pick, she can tell there is something there, and that he is a genuine guy. The two develop a friendship over time, only seeing each other sporadically. Just being around Eva is like a drug to Pick. All he wants to do is be with her, but he has this innocent child, Julian, he's grown to love and care about to think of. For now, just being friends and being near her is enough.

Pick was the sweetest, most honorable man I'd ever met.

I am not even kidding when I say there has never been a more perfect fictional man than Pick. This guy could do no wrong in my eyes. If there were more men out there like him the world would be a better place. I love reading about a hero with a heart like his. He is the most beautiful man. Even though I couldn't stand Tristy, what he did just to be able to keep and help Julian was so special and honorable. So many of his actions I was just in awe of. They brought me to tears. He deserved so much more out of life than he got. A little piece of heaven is not enough for a guy like Pick- he deserves it all, just like he had in his glimpse. But it seems like that's never going to happen for him...

Eva is a heroine who had so much growth from the first time we met her. I loved watching her change and her character develop. How she was with her child and with Julian was inspiring to watch. I never would have thought someone like Eva Mercer would deserve a guy like Pick, but she did. She was his match and I love what he did for her. Made her feel different than any other man had. He mad her feel loved for the first time, clean for the first time after being with a man.

He was me, and I was him, and we were just this beautiful twisted mass of all our hopes and dreams coming together and exploding in a dizzying array of euphoria.

I loved Pick and Eva together. They had wonderful chemistry and this amazing connection you could feel. The family dynamic was great too. And it was nice to catch up with Reese and Mason. We got quite a bit of them too. My only complaint about this story is the little bit of over the top drama towards the end, but it in no way effected my love for Pick or the book so it's still keeping it's 5 star rating along with a place on my bookshelf and favorites list.

Be My Hero is one of the most heartwarming, beautiful and romantic books I've read in a while. It left me with such a happy heart when I finished, even if some of the subject matter was difficult for me to read. Trust me when I say you've never met such a swoon worthy hero with a heart of gold- you've never met anyone quite like Patrick 'Pick' Ryan. This is a story about fate, about true love, and about finding your own happy ever after in the most unlikely of places. I can't recommend this one enough!

Viri says

Estoy un poco anonadada después de este libro.

No esperaba que me gustara tanto como lo hizo. No esperaba encariñarme así de los protagonistas y mucho menos esperaba esta historia.

Los que me conocen bien saben que ODIO. A ese tipo de protagonistas perfectos, llenos de positivismo y que no hacen nada mal.

Lo odio en serio. **Pero cuando conocí a Pick... todas mis impresiones sobre los protagonistas perfectos se fueron a la basura.**

No hay otra palabra. Pick es PERFECTO. Y estoy tan irremediablemente enamorada de él que hasta yo estoy sorprendida.

Él, es de esos hombres de los que ya no hay. Esos que dan la cara por ti. Que te dan libertad. Que se preocupan por ti. Que adoran el piso por donde caminas. Así era Pick.

NO DIJO MAL NINGUNA MALDITA PALABRA QUE SALIÓ DE SU BOCA.

Así de perfecto era.

Y me encantó.

Me encantó porque encontró a su campanita. Porque se merecía su "Happily Ever After" como ninguno. Pero sobre todo me encantó porque se enamoró de Eva.

Ella fue perfecta en su imperfección. Valiente, amorosa, capaz de dar su todo por aquellos a quienes ama.

Lástima que la autora tomara el camino fácil y resolviera todo el problema en unas cuantas páginas al final. Porque sin duda, a pesar de algunos detallitos en cuanto a la personalidad de los protas. Hubiera sido un 5 estrellas.

No leí ningún libro anterior de esta serie y aunque no siento que me "faltara" hacerlo si hubiera querido hacerlo solo por haber tenido un precedente de ambos personajes.

PD: amo a los niños. Si saben de un litro con niños déjenmelo en los comentarios. Es en serio!!! Quiero más!!!!

[~Ami~]♥Sexy Dexy♥ says

4 stars

Eva is alone to raise her newborn baby. Pick is supporting his friend and her child. But can they help each other?

I loved Pick, he was the loving caring family man. Eva was also a great feisty character. And the group of friends were fun. But I felt like all the non stop drama overshadowed the romance and it failed to deliver me that hearts and butterflies feeling. Although I didn't love it I still liked it.

It was in a way **a bit insta love and OTT drama** and I would normally hate that but I could make an exception here as **I adore these characters** and as always the **writing was addictive**. A great addition to the forbidden men series.

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

5 Glimpsing Tinkerbell Stars

OMG I loved this book. It's my favorite of the series so far! OMG Pick was so delicious. I loved his attitude. He had such a sweetness to him. Protective, hardworking, caring, and very upbeat Pick was just amazing. I swear he was so awesome I think he may have rainbows shooting out his sexy ass! Pick had a hard life but he never let it turn him bitter. He held onto hope and the glimpse of his soulmate Tinkerbell, he had when he

was 14 years old. Eva was great too. In book 1 I hated her. I thought she was a total unredeemable bitch, but she turned it around, grew so much and made me love her. When I learned why Eva acted the way she did I totally understood where she was coming from. The things she lived through broke my heart and made me hate her father and mother. Eva had a steel core to her and she was loyal to the ones she loved. She loved with her whole heart. She really grew up when her daughter came along and was a great mother.

Pick and Eva had a beautiful relationship. It was a slow build up but with tons of sexual tension and a deep connection. I loved how well they worked together. How deeply they loved and respected each other. And all the cute family moments with the babies melted my heart! I loved that Reese and Mason had such a big part in this book. I enjoyed getting to see how they were doing since book 1 ended. I also loved that Mason and Eva made peace with each other and came to care for one another. I love all the men from Forbidden the night club. They are each intriguing in their own ways and I can't wait to read each of their stories. I loved all the bro moments with the guys and the funny as hell guy talk. I will say that I did think the drama got a bit over the top at the end with Eva's dad and Mason's ex landlord, but other than that this book was perfect. The epilogue super sweet and made my day.

Patrycja says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

NiCoLeTa E. says

"EVERYONE HAS A DESTINY. YOU ARE MINE."

Wow!!! That was amazing!!!

I think that the third book of the "Forbidden men" series was even better than the previous two, which were very good also!!!

But this one was more sensitive, more tender, more emotional...

I just can't stop reading about those guys *girls and boys*... I just love them fiercely!!!

Well, this time was Eva's turn (Reese's cousin) and Pick's (another one who was working on the "Forbidden" club)...

We have seen Eva in the first book and I have to admit that I didn't like her at all.

She was from that kind of girls that you can not so easily sympathize...

She was a rich-girl who thought that all the world was in her feet... But I was so damn wrong!!!

In this book, I understand all the reasons why she was acting like that and every ounce of sympathy and even love that exists inside of me, I gave them to her.

She had to live an ugly past. Someone who had to be a protector for her, he violated her with the worst way... and her sassy attitude was her shield for the rest of the world...

And now, i finally got why she was provoking poor Mason all the time... She couldn't help it!!! She thought that all men where scumbags and she wanted to protect her cousin and best friend for his claws.

I really enjoyed the moment that she realised that Mason was a worthy and real nice man... (Okay, i like Mason and i want to settle free his name!!!)

"In that moment, he became the only male I'd ever considered not evil. And for the first time since Reese and he had hooked up, I was actually jealous of her. She'd found a diamond in the rough. She deserved it more than anyone I knew, but a part of me still felt covetous. Now that I knew there was actually such a thing as a good guy, I wanted one too. I wanted some white knight to be my hero.

Screw girl power. I wasn't strong. I wasn't anything. I needed help. A lot of help."

But let me tell you some things about the plot...

Eva was pregnant and when their parents forced her to abortion, she run away and she find a shelter to Mason's and Reese's house.

Now, her only worry is to give a birth to her little girl and to settle down for good.

But in some point, Eva met with Pick and she just couldn't stop thinking about him...

But there were many obstacles between them...

Pick was working his ass off to provide a better life to his best friend and her little baby, who Pick loved fiercely and felt him as his own.

Pick was living all his life in foster care and his life wasn't ideal at all and that was the main reason that forced him to take under his protection, young Julian. He didn't want to be raised in foster system too.

Ten years before, a glimpse of happiness kept him on the straight way.

He was an amazing guy. I don't think that nowadays there is a man like him...

He was so caring, so protective, so kind...

He was doing only good things and he was right beside everyone that needed him.

There was this rumor that she was a man-whore, but that wasn't true at all. He was trying to protect every woman for everything bad that could happen to her.

He was like a hero for all the woman, and Eva especially...

From the beginning, Pick and Eva were having an intense connection that none of them could ignore...

But the day they met for real, fate played an awful game with them...

That day Pick bound his life with somebody else and that happened for a very good cause...

So, they had to stay away from each other. But that was just impossible...

I really liked that story...

First of all, i really enjoyed Eva's tranformation... Under this bitchy attitude was compassionate, caring and very kind.

My heart was aching for all of that shit that she had to deal before that book and toward this book... She didn't deserve that, but she totally deserved to find the happiness by this man's side. They were so good for each other.

"You have given me things I never even knew I needed or wanted, but they've ended up being the most precious things I've ever had."

Pick was the most amazing guy. He was a loving father and a wonderfull man... Everybody thought that he was the bad boy since he was having piercings and tattoos, but he was a nice guy with golden heart.

"You know how you keep saying I was your hero and I saved you...? That's bullshit. You're my hero. Meeting you in those glimpses saved me. It made me want to be a good person so I could deserve you when I finally found you. And now that you're here, holding me and letting me love you when I just want to implode from the inside out . . . " He buried his face in my hair and inhaled deeply. "You don't even know what your mere presence does to me. You're my sanity."

I also liked that we saw small glimpses from the rest of the guys and especially from Reese and Mason... Except all of the above, i really liked the parental behaviour of Eva and Pick!!! Those two sweethearts (Julian & Skylar) climb upon my heart too...

Finally, i want to tell to Alex, Patricia, Shawn and Trish that ... you were all of you big bastards and huge...

Thank God, that there is God upon there!!!!

For Trish especially, i would like to say that she was unbelievable. I wanted to hit her several times... She didn't love her son for God's sake and she placed all the burden upon Pick's shoulder...

As for Patricia and Shawn i don't have to say anything more. They were the most awful and digusting persons that could exist upon this earth!!!

And Alex was villain and coward... How could you do that to the woman who was caring your child, ugh????

I will miss Eva and Pick...

I think by now, that they are my most favorite couple.

They touch my heart in a deeper level... And not only them... but also Julian and Skylar too...

They saved each other... They were each other's hero!!!

They fought very hard for their love and their family... and they succeeded!!!

And now it's time for shy and brave ex-virgin -until recently- Quinn and then, it's Ten's time!!!

Thank God!!! I keep hearing about him all the time and i'm very curious about his turn!!!

Jennifer Kyle says

4.5 *Glimpse* Stars

"It's a pretty crazy story, so please try to listen until the end. Okay?

Fourteen year old Patrick (Pick) Ryan falls into the clutches of a magical old woman trying to bring justice for his foster friend, Tristy for a cruel physic reading she gave the girl. Madam LeFrey gifts young Pick with visions of what his future could be with all the accompanying emotions attached.

"I gave you a glimpse."

Pick is so taken with the blonde woman, being a father, and the feelings of truly having a family and love in his life that he spends the next ten years holding out hope that his dream life is out there somewhere.

Pick has aged out of the foster care system and he is fixing cars during the day and bartends at Forbidden bar with Mason and the boys in the evenings. He has stuck by Tristy platonically all these years and his love for her son, Julian is so strong that he marries her to give the baby health insurance and a stable parent. Just when Pick has let go of his glimpses and embraces what his life is, Reese enters the bar with her pregnant cousin, Eva Mercer who is sporting a Tinker Bell shirt. Pick's world will never be the same...

"Fate hated me. It figured I'd finally meet my soul mate on my wedding day."

Pick and Eva's interactions were off the chart **SWOON!!** I loved everything about these two together and Pick has landed him a spot on my book boyfriend shelf.

Eva is a former rich party girl who is still feisty and sadly has a dark hidden secret. She has been living with Reese and Mason and has grown up a ton since last we read. Eva is as taken with the greatness of Pick as a reader will be. This story may have had a bit of instant attraction BUT it totally worked. These two got to know one other SLOWLY when Eva helps Pick take care of Julian after Tristy abandons the baby.

I'm not a huge fan of OTT drama and the author throws several punches in towards the end: Tristy's return and exit, Eva's pedophile father's grand plan along with his accomplice... Mrs. Garrison. Still, the love story of Pick and Eva was strong enough for me to go with the drama and embrace this family's hea.

"You make me so happy," I murmured in awe."
"That's the plan, Tink."

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

4.5--Dream-Worthy--Stars!!

Imagine being fourteen years old, having spent your entire life in foster care...and given a glimpse of your future. A future filled with love, marriage, babies, and a happily ever after. A dream that was so wonderful,

where you were happier than you'd ever been. Where you were afraid to believe in the beauty of it....but you would do anything in your power to have it.

Tinkerbell.....

Julian....

Skylar....

Chloe....

Pick had that dream. He was given the vision of a life he'd never dreamed was possible. But one he was going to make sure he was worthy of. Ten years later, piece by piece that dream became a reality. Maybe not in the way Pick originally imagined. Maybe it wasn't conventional. Maybe it wasn't going to be all hearts and rainbows. But it was his life. His future. His dream. And he would do anything possible to keep it.

Pick was....he was perfect. He was caring and giving. He put others before himself. Pick more than deserved his dream and I loved watching his dreams come true. Discovering what the pieces meant. Who the people were. How they met. What role they played in Pick's life.

Pick's dreams weren't realized overnight. There were ups, there were downs. There was heartbreak and pain. But there was so much happiness and joy. It was impossible not to root for Pick. To want him to have everything he dreamed of.

The only thing keeping this one from a full 5 stars was the excess drama at the end. I thought it was a bit over-the-top. Otherwise, this was a fantastic addition to the series. Pick is one of my favorite hero's to date!!!!

That teaser for Quinn's book.....

I. IS. SKEERED.

Catarina says

4 “Tinker Bell” Stars.

After a rough past, Eva finds herself pregnant and alone. But when everything seems darker help comes in the most surprising way: in the form of a tattooed bad boy, with a bad past and a future that he believes being connected to Eva.

Eva and Pick are exactly what each other needs, they just have to learn how to see it.

Wow, what a nice surprise this book was. I know I'm way behind in this series, but I intent to keep up with them because these books keep getting better and better. If you're looking for a sweet, steamy, heartwarming and slightly unconventional romance, this book is a great choice. Linda Kage has the ability of creating slightly taboo stories who had material for being absurdly angsty, and yet she always create these heartwarming romances, with just enough drama to keep us on our toes through the whole book... and she do it brilliantly.

If you haven't started this series yet, I strongly advise you to start now.

Rating: 4 Stars.

Characters Development: Eva was a nice heroine. It was nice to see how she grew up as a character, until become a really strong woman. Pick was amazing, sweet, loyal, caring and with a hint of bad boy. Loved him!! I love seeing more of the other characters and I really can't wait for Quinn's story.

Steam: Hot.

Sensible Subjects: (view spoiler)

Love Triangle: (view spoiler)

Cheating: (view spoiler)

HEA: (view spoiler)

♥Sharon♥ says

Before starting the book. > Excited to be starting this one. Peaked at a few reviews and it looks SOOOOO good.

My first Linda Kage book. Hope it's a good one.

My review....

2.5 - 3 It just didn't work for me stars.

I'm not sure what to say about this one. I read a couple of great reviews and saw that a number of my friends loved it so I fully expected to enjoy it but sadly I didn't.

Right from the beginning I wasn't sure if the story was going to work for me. We get a prologue from each of the main characters which equally peaked my curiosity and made me shake my head. But it was enough to make me want to read on.

So I did. The first half of the book was working for me. I loved meeting Pick. What a great guy. I loved that his life story was tattooed on his skin and his appearance marked him as a bad boy, but he had a heart of gold. But.....

Just a tiny bit about the plot ~ Pick lived his life, not always a pleasant one but he had a vision of his future which was his sole motivation to keep going. He was waiting to meet his Tinkerbell, the girl in his visions and his dreams. But meeting his Tink happens on the day he marries Tristy, a woman who has been part of his life for a long time. The marriage is of convenience and nothing more but it is a commitment that he wouldn't turn away from.

But meeting Eva, his Tink, was everything he had dreamt it would be and he wanted to be with her. He needed her in his life in any way he could have her. And in many ways Eva needed to be with Pick. So when a situation arises, Pick finds himself right where he wants to be. Spending time with Eva experiencing the things he dreamt about for so long. But there was always a black cloud hanging over them.

I won't go into the plot anymore because I can see why this book would work for a lot of people and I don't want to ruin it for anyone. It just didn't work for me.

Shortly after the halfway mark, everything started to go wrong for me. To put it simply there was just too much drama which caused me to not care enough. I was really bummed though because I did like Pick. I liked Eva. But everything swirling around them, the crap that resurfaced, honestly everything became too much. (view spoiler)

I wish I was writing a better review., I really do. Pick was wonderful and the storyline at the beginning showed promise, but it just wasn't enough. At least for me.

Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

2.5 stars!

This is my first book from Linda Kage, and I'm sad to say it wasn't really a winner for me. I adored the hero of this book though, and I do think he's a good enough of a reason to read this book, but because everything else – from the convoluted, overdramatic plot to the romantic connection I didn't really feel or get – didn't work for me I honestly can't bring myself to rate this book even 3 stars. For me, this is one of the books where it starts off REALLY good, but by the time I got to the end I was docking stars left and right and just wanted the book to be over already.

The first 20% of this book was a solid 5 star read for me, and I was so giddy thinking I found another winner. The hero Pick is an orphan who's got a heart of gold, but has no sense of direction in his life. At this point, he's eerily given a glimpse into his future, a future where he sees himself happy with kids and a wife he calls Tinker Bell. This vision gives him the motivation he needs to live life and search for this girl so he can finally have the happily-ever-after he's always wanted.

"I wanted it so damn bad I could taste it. I wanted that future and happily-ever-after. And if I never found that girl, if I never found even a portion of those glimpses, the disappointment would probably kill me."

It was a strange beginning, but it gave the story a fairy-tale spin that was quite unique and atypical and I wanted to see where it would lead. Fast forward ten years later where Pick now works at a bar with his friends, still the softie like he was back then but he's had no luck in finding his 'Tink.' To protect his childhood friend Tristy who's a druggie and her baby, he marries her to give her life insurance. But then...wonders never cease because the day he marries Tristy he finds his Tink, the heroine Eva Mercer, who's pregnant and escaped from her toxic family.

"If fate had really labeled Eva Mercer as my soul mate, then why did we come from worlds so far apart it was frankly a miracle we'd ever crossed paths?"

At first I was really with the whole fate and soulmate idea, and it actually touched a hopeless romantic nerve in me I never thought I had. But then, it just kept dragging and dragging and there were two main things that kept me from believing in Eva and Pick's romantic connection. One was that he kept making Tink remarks and alluding to the vision he'd seen, so often times I wondered if he was falling in love with his fairytale Tink or the real Eva Mercer.

Another thing was that there was SO MUCH SIDE CHARACTER DRAMA it took up the first half of the book and left me wondering where the romance was. At first I really enjoyed seeing the side characters show up because it gave me some background info since I hadn't read the first 2 books, but it got to the point where they completely overshadowed Eva and Pick. I actually thought about putting this book down and jumping in Mason and Reese's story since I wanted to know more about his gigolo background and also Noel and Aspen's story because of the student/teacher dynamic. It's a serious problem when I'm more interested in the side characters than the main characters.

Even with all that going on, I still liked the book more than I disliked it and continued on hoping there'd be a bigger focus on Eva and Pick in the last half of the book and for a couple of chapters there was. But then I was so disheartened to read more drama resurfacing. Here's a brief list that doesn't even include all of it:

1. Tristy drama
2. Parental rights over Tristy's baby
3. Eva's psycho ex-boyfriend (this was supposed to be tied up but apparently not)
4. Eva's toxic family (this was supposed to be tied up but apparently not)
5. Side character Mason's past showing up AGAIN (this was supposed to be tied up but apparently not)
6. Drama blowout at Pick's bar, combined with Eva's dad and a woman from Mason's past

Please...give me a break.

It just seemed like anything that could possibly go wrong in the world had a spotlight in this book and I mean...is that necessary? Rape, abuse, drugs, violence, suicide, etc...and more are all heavy themes in the story and when you combine that with the author's flair for drama and then the side characters who completely overshadowed Pick and Eva, where was the romance?! I bookmarked the place where there was finally Pick and Eva alone time by the way, and you want to know where that spot is? At the **70% mark**. Seriously...I honestly can't fathom their romantic connection, nor was I even close to being impressed with the over-the-top storyline.

Prior to writing out this review, I thought I dug up enough positives to give this at least a 3 star rating, because believe me, I TRIED. But as you can probably tell, the more I wrote this review, the more aggravated and annoyed I got and I had to bump down the rating. When I rate a book, I take the whole story in consideration – plot, characters, writing, etc...and even though the hero was amazing and the fairytale twist at the beginning fascinating, those two positives just aren't enough for me to give this book even a 3 star rating. However, there are *many* readers who enjoyed this book so don't let my one not-so-glowing review sway you from reading this book. I just simply didn't love it like everyone else did...and there is absolutely nothing wrong with that.

I'm so sorry Jennifer!!! I tried, I really did...thank you for the rec anyways because I got to meet Pick!
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Amy | Foxy Blogs says

THREE POINT FIVE STARS

Wow, Patrick 'Pick' Ryan is an amazing hero that captures the heart of the readers. He's the type of man that you actually wish was a real person. Now, whenever I look at a tattooed, pierced man I'll be wondering if he is someone's **hero** like Pick was to **Eva**.

I love the cover of this book. The red shirt pops (pun intended). Once I saw the baby belly I knew I needed to find out why this girl needed a hero. *Yes, I pick books because of their covers.*

Although, the drama felt slightly reminiscent of a Jerry Springer episode, I was hooked on the vision the witch gave Pick as a child. I had to know it would come to fruition. Wading through all the drama, with our hero/heroine and the side characters, at times became overwhelming. BUT Pick kept me coming back because I needed my fix of him.

I've only read book one and this book in the *Forbidden Men* series. In **Be My Hero** I got to catch up with some of the other characters from book one. I was surprised their story was still playing out in this book. It's been so long since I've read book one I didn't realize their HEA wasn't complete. Actually, when I read it in 2013 it was listed as a standalone. Congrats to Ms. Kage on creating this world filled with great *Forbidden Men*. Series reading order listed below.

SERIES:

Brandi says

4.5

At 14, Pick is given a glimpse into the future. A future filled with love and happiness, a future better than he ever thought possible. He spends the next 10 years striving to find that future. But when things start falling into place, it isn't quite the way he had imagined. When he finds the woman he has been waiting for, he is overwhelmed with other responsibilities and she is 6 months pregnant.

They were suppose to be *mine*, damn it. My family. My happily ever after.

Eva has spent most of her life hiding a dark secret. Everyone sees her as this self-absorbed, rich girl. But when she finds herself pregnant, she is determined to change, let go of the past and be a good mother. But years of abuse have left her believing all men are truly bastards who cannot be trusted.

I'd always been too concerned with conveying a certain image so no one would ever know my secrets to worry about anyone else, and now that I did care, I was a complete

bumbling idiot about it.

Pick and Eva seem like an unlikely pair, but they discover they have more in common than they thought. Will Pick's glimpse be fulfilled? *Be My Hero* was a heartwarming story, I really enjoyed it.
