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Redemption ain't all it's cracked up to be.

The minute foul-mouthed Irishman Adam McLoughlin sees Dionne Pryce, he knows that he's a goner. The ex-glamour model has curves for days and an attitude to match, and her ridiculous stilettos do funny things to his insides.

He makes it his mission to have her.

But Dionne isn't interested in being had. She's spent her whole life running from love, and now she's busy cleaning up the messes left in her wake. In fact, she has a mission of her own: Operation Atonement. And even the fiercely sexy Adam can't distract her.

...Or can he?

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From Reader Review Operation Atonement for online ebook

HTL says

short freebie from the author.

too short for me though. i wanted more details!!

Nancy L Thompson says

2 1/2_Stars

Ok...is it just me??? Am I slow??? What was the big "sin" that she was so ashamed of that she had to atone for???? This made no sense to me and left a lot of gaping holes in the story. I won't be reading the 2nd book

Amanda says

3.5 stars, rounding up

Talia Hibbert is taking romance twitter by storm, and I'm getting caught up on her backlist since she is writing *so much* right now. The first book of hers I read wasn't entirely my cup of tea but it wasn't because of the writing, and I was pleased that this one held up. Short, sexy story about a woman who is looking for redemption from people she hurt or pushed away over the years (hence the title). Dionne has estranged herself from people as a defense mechanism because she's been judged by her choice of career (she's... a plus size model, basically? but has done nudity? I feel like I might have missed what exactly she does. There are references to sex work.) Adam is a sports agent and they meet through their mutual friend, Eli, at Dionne and Eli's school reunion.

This is really more of a novella length, so it didn't really explore Adam's background and family too much--nor was there much resolution with one his brothers who was a jerk to Dionne--and I wish the story had gone into more depth about Dionne's past relationships (familial, platonic, and romantic in nature) for which she was seeking forgiveness. But I'm giving it a higher rating than I probably would have otherwise because I really liked the heroine a lot. I suspect this isn't Hibbert's best, but she's got a lot of talent.

Frida says

"Listen," he sighed. "You seem... complex."

"Is that a polite way of saying I'm kind of a bitch?"

Not a big fan of the actual romance, it just wasn't that interesting. The hero also wasn't interesting (despite being Irish!) and I was not ok with what the heroine did there at one point (when she was angry at the hero and went to that party). *However* I do enjoy Hibbert's writing - and her heroines - and the whole "Operation Atonement" thing really resonated with me.

Lissa Smith Reads'~Bookaholics Bookshelf Reviews says

4 Star Kindle Unlimited Read

I devoured this pretty quickly. At first I thought it was a book based on AA. Was I way off.

Rita says

Her books are ending too quickly. I would have liked to see the confrontation with the brother. Anyway this was a good read. I will definitely read something else by Hibbert.

???s Xamante de los spoilersX says

Es instalove pero en este caso no me molestó. Me encantó que fuera Adam el que quería tener una relación seria mientras que Dionne solo quería sexo.

Me hizo acordar a Until I'm yours de Kennedy Ryan porque a las dos protagonistas las juzgan por su trabajo y las tildan de putas y los héroes son re understanding, compañeros, las respetan y cuidan un montón. Y las defienden pero sin caer en eso de ser machitos violentos.

Una novella corta y entretenida.

constance says

I think I'm in love with Adam McLoughlin. This is the third book I've read by Talia Hibbert and I'm more and more impressed every time I read her. Her books have the full range of emotions for me. There are always times that I laugh, and get teary eyed, and breathe a sigh of relief as our couple works it out and finds their HEA. I've read some reviews where people have described Hibbert's characters as stereotypical but I didn't get that at all. Dionne is a black woman who loves to have her nails, hair, and makeup done. So what, lots of woman do, and that was in no way the basis of her character. Hibbert created a unique and truly likable heroine in Dionne. I love the idea of someone going back to try to right their previous wrongs to not only mend broken relationships, but to grow as a person. I will admit though that I was waiting for Dionne to have done something much more dramatic to have to atone for, like I was expecting there to have been some bigger reason why she left home in the first place. Aside from that, I loved everything about this book. I love that Adam was so understanding and accepting. I loved that he was so protective and nonjudgmental. I truly enjoyed their journey and the love scenes were great as well.

Em (Bookjinni) Ali says

SOFT!!!!!!!!!! SOFT SOFT

G says**Nice, quick read**

I love that this book features a strong confident plus size heroine. I wish the author delved more into Adam's family and past. What makes romance novels unique is that there are usually two main characters. Not a lead, and a supporting character because love stories should be a partnership. I would love to read a book by this author that thoroughly fleshes out both of the main characters.

Also, the plot twist/secret/scandal was fairly anticlimactic. All in all, a nice quick read.

3.5 stars

Kathryn says**Plot**

Operation Atonement is a short free novella that people get from Talia Hibbert's VIP mailing list. This story is all about a girl looking for redemption for a life she lived and a guy who wants to give her the world. It's very short and simple. I enjoyed how easy it was to read but how it also still has a depth to it. It was a love at first sight in the book but it wasn't bad because it was a short plot so it can't exactly be a slow burn. It was cute and you're probably wondering why I gave it four stars instead of five like usual. It's because for me it was too short lol so I couldn't fall in love with Adam and Dionne's story like I wanted to. But, the story was so fun and simple. I will 100% read it on days that I am looking for something light and fluffy.

Characters

Adam is a tough Irishman who will do anything for the people he loves, including pretending to be gay for his best friend at a class reunion. He immediately falls for Dionne and her sharp features and quick wit. Dionne is a curvy black girl with an infectious attitude who is trying to rebuild her life from the mistakes she has made. She has some lust for Adam and wants to get to know him but doing that will get in the way of her Operation Atonement. I think my favorite thing about these characters is that when they fought Dionne was the one to apologize. I liked that because she was the one to hurt him.

Romance

Soft, sexy, sweet. That is the perfect way to describe Adam and Dionne. They had such soft moments and when they had some heart to heart, I melted. They also had some sexy times that made me weak. And lastly, those sweet nothings had me swooning. They cared about each other and they loved each other. It was fast

but my heart beat faster.

Favorite Quotes

Ohh, this one was f*** trouble. And he would have her.**

“How far up does it go?” She raised a brow. "Wouldn't you like to know?" "Yeah," he said. "I really f*** would."**

"You're something else, sweetheart. I don't understand what you do to me, but I like it. I want to stick around and let you do it again and again."

Leaning down, he whispered his truth into her ear. "If we do this now...you're mine. Tell me you understand."

“Or I could get on my knees and worship you."

K.J. Charles says

I got this free through the author's newsletter which is basically like being subscribed to Christmas, she gives so much stuff away.

This novella features Dionne, who is in the middle of Operation Atonement aka apologising to all the people she's ghosted in her life. There are a lot of them because her default is to walk away from situations where she feels trapped. She's not a weak person, more "you know what, screw this", but it has left a trail of distress. So she's getting back in touch with old schoolfriends and the fiancé whose ring she posted back through the letterbox, and she goes to the school reunion and meets Adam who is posing as their mutual friend's boyfriend. (Against all genre odds, this works out m/f).

Adam and Dionne have a hot, intense relationship, and it's really notable that Dionne's sex work isn't a problem for Adam. But he is nevertheless makes a wrong assumption about other stuff, and once again Dionne walks.

It's a good premise though I think could have been more widely developed--we come into Operation Atonement when it's mostly done. I particularly liked that we see Dionne learn both that she shouldn't treat people that way, but also realise she deserved better treatment. Some people do, it turns out, need ghosting and blocking. I always enjoy Hibbert's writing and this is an enjoyable read with a properly flawed heroine who keeps our sympathy all the same.

Brianna says

4.5 stars.

This was so, so good. I mean...wow!!! A larger heroine who was into fashion? YES!!! An Irish hero? YES!!! Dionne, the heroine, had an interesting backstory wherein she wanted to fix all the mistakes she'd made

pushing people away throughout her life. On one part of this plan, she met Adam, the hero. Man, I loved Adam. Where Dionne was the more skittish one, Adam was all-in in terms of their relationship. Their chemistry was definitely obvious, plus there was quite a lot of steam all throughout the novella. I got this as a freebie for signing up to the author's mailing list, and now I cannot wait to read more of her work.

Elke says

I got this as a freebie when i signed up for the newsletter! It was thouroughly enjoyabke and i finished it immediately. On the other hand, now it's been a week or three and i could not, for the life of me, remember what this had been about. Reading other reviews that lay out the plot, it is coming back to me slowly, but i guess the important thing has been said. I liked it, i'm recalling it now and the plot was fine, the book was better (characters A+) but it was, apparently, not that memorable to me.

I am still really grateful i got to read this and i do really love Talia's writing and all her diversity. I guess it was probably a 3.5 star read rounded up, but due to the time passing maybe i'd round it down now.

Natalie says

this was the last book of Talia's i had to devour and it was a quick delightful read! Dionne, the heroine, was divine, i adored her. No surprise there because i love all of Talia's heroines!

I gotta say tho I do wish Dionne was on the cover because this is very much her story and Adam, while I love that dude seriously! was really a part of her journey of atonement.

This book was so engaging. Talia really crafts such multi dimensional characters and her female characters are always so amazing! I would so love to be friends with Dionne and her crew.

Also whew! Dionne and Adam were so steamy together. And one thing we can always be assured of with Talia's heroes is that they are always in awe of the heroines. And they are catching all the feels and i love that!

So now I wait to see what Talia puts out next because whatever it is imma be reading it
