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Life can go from awesome to total shit in the blink of an eye. For me, it will be forever changed. My name is PFC Jameson Carter, and I am a United States Marine, or I was until a bomb detonated and took half of me with it. The only thing that kept me alive was the woman I had waiting for me back at home.

How do you go from being a complete person to being half of something? How can I be anything more than half of what I used to be? How do I survive when the one person I counted on and lived for, leaves?

For Samantha Blalock life is easy. She helps repair people like me, people who lose limbs. I've known Samantha for a long time. I can see she isn't the same though; she's changed. She's hiding something. She's always there to help others but will she accept help herself? Can we help each other through these trying times in our lives? Or does the fact remain that we are both irreparable?

Irreparable Details

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TC says

Wow! This book is one of the best debut novels I have read. The synopsis initially grabbed me for this book and I was drawn to the broken war hero and equally broken female lead. What were their stories and how can they help one another. Once I started reading this book, I didn't stop until the very end. The situations dealt with were shocking and dealt with in a very sympathetic, accurate and empathetic manner. From the offset you are gripped and follow the characters on their journey of rebuilding their life and what each can offer to the other.

The twists and situations faced in this book were immense and I felt sometimes like I was holding my breathe, just waiting to see what happened. There is a lot of drama in this book but I do love how both Sam and Jameson grew as individuals and a couple and that we were able to see their transformation and acceptance of themselves. This book is a roller coaster of emotions and really gets you thinking about different aspects and I found myself wanting to read more.

Overall a very emotional but gripping read that shows us that whatever happens in life, we need to move on, accept our fate and shows us that no-one is irreparable, we just need the right person to repair us.

Olga therebelreader says

This book was amazing...I devoured it! It was a story of survival, love, loss, friendship, second chances, hope, forgiveness...it was PERFECT! A story of a man and a woman with painful pasts. It not only took me on a wild ride through life's obstacles and showed me amazing example of love, but made me feel and think.

It's a story about war, the cost of sacrifice and resiliency. Jameson Carter is a war hero who lost both legs while serving overseas but also all but one of the brothers in his team. He returns home and his fiancée Mary Beth, but things are different. Mary Beth feels stressed and unable to support him in adjusting in the new circumstances of his disability. So she breaks up with him.

He doesn't get the post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) but he finds it hard to deal with the new conditions of his body. His therapist happens to be his long term friend Samantha. But Samantha has her own secrets. She is beautiful, sexy, very good in her profession, caring and strong. She has been secretly in love with him for a long time but had stepped aside for Mary Beth. Samantha emotionally supports him and helps him stand on his prosthetic legs in order to use them in his everyday activities. Jameson manages with her help to use his artificial legs to function nearly as well as before.

He begins to see Sam in a new light and they start dating. When he finds out about Sam's past, he wants to protect her, help her fight all her inner demons and move forward. Together they become aware of their sexual voice including pleasure, eroticism and desire, and **there is nothing that speaks louder than love!** The book is full of deep, overwhelming emotions, passion and sensuality. Jameson's sexual prowess isn't affected at all by his prosthetic legs. He likes sex and he's very sexual!!

I'm finding it hard to express in words how emotional this book is and how deeply it can affect you. I felt as though I was there every step of the way, experiencing every heartache and challenge life could dish out for Samantha and Jameson. I smiled, I cried, I loved how the author takes you through the emotional journey with the characters. The connection between the two of them left me breathless and part of that was because I wanted them both to have a happiness that they so deserved.

The author gave me a gloriously eloquent, powerfully emotive, sensual love story that was as rich as it was enriching. I loved the ending, it seemed somewhat fitting. There were no loose ends to tie up and you were left with a good feeling altogether. Superb and so worthy of 5 stars. Highly recommended and an unforgettable piece of writing.

Annika says

DNF at 12%

I don't remember ever giving up on a book this early.

I'm sure this is a wonderful romance, at least that's what all the high ratings suggest, but I just can't look over the lack of punctuation and the excessive use of names in conversation. I already know that it would be a struggle for me to read on, as beautiful as the story might be.

"Jameson you don't need to be frustrated baby. We will get through this."

[Description/inner monologue]

"Mary Beth, get your sexy little ass over here right now", I say huskily.

[Description/inner monologue]

"Jameson, are you sure about this?", she asks a little breathless.

[Description/inner monologue]

"I knew you weren't ready for this Jameson!"

No rating for obvious reasons.

A.J. Harmon says

I received this book from the author as a gift a few weeks ago to critique. I read the first few sentences and admit, I sighed. Another book written in first person from a man's perspective. I figured it would be difficult for me to get through. I WAS WRONG!!!!

Irreparable had me hooked quickly. A soldier - a hero - a victim, tortured and haunted by his past. Jameson was so real and raw and I loved him and rooted for him and hoped and prayed for a happy ending for him. Amanda Lanclos evoked much emotion as I read this novel. It had me anxious to keep reading to find out what would happen next. I highly recommend this book, especially if you love a military hero. 5 stars from this book lover!!

Brazen Bibliophile says

My mind is spinning with all of the things I want to say about this book, all of the points I want to make. First thing is that this very easily could have been a book about a "crippled" guy, but it wasn't. It could have been about a "disabled" man, but it wasn't. It was about a man who served his country with honor and strength and is learning to live with the cost. Yes, this story is about a man who lost his legs, but that in no way defines who he is or how he has to live his life. The way this aspect of the storyline was written was just beautifully done. I come from a proud family of service men and women. Mom and Dad both served. My brother served and so did my hubs. When a story honors the men and women who serve, I'm proud to honor the author! There are so many stories within this story that I quickly became immersed in their lives and I honestly lost track of how many times I laughed or cried. I was absolutely surprised when I was crying for the most hateful person in the book!! I never saw that one coming. There are quite a few twists and turns in the book that will keep you glued to your kindle/nook/book until the very end. You won't be disappointed!!

? Jeri's Book Attic ? the Romance Bibliophile ? says

As I really like reading books about "tortured / wounded Hero's/soldiers" it was no question at all that I had to read *Irreparable* (Wounded Souls #1) by Amanda Lanclos as she practically drew me in. And I even have to go a step further... to say that I was so engrossed in the plotline that I directly accompanied this read with the second book of the series *Inconsolable* (Wounded Souls #2) by Amanda Lanclos.

I can guarantee you that those books will capture you and they will not release you until they are done with you. Amanda Lanclos is a new to me author and I hope I will get to read more books from her that are as well composed as those two.

Her writing style is fluent and flawless and the plotline will stay with you for a long time. Please enjoy this read as much as I did ...

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Kathy Wideman says

This story is about a guy named Jameson. He was in the marines and was in a horrible attack. He was on patrol with 5 other guys. He noticed something was right but it was too late. There was a bomb that blew up. 4 of the guys died, he saved one and lost his legs. This is his story about what happened after that. The book starts on the day he is getting discharged from the hospital. He has a fiancée named Mary-Beth; they have been together since high school. She has waited 3 years for him. She wants him to be happy that he survived and be there with her now. He understands this but wants her to understand that it is going to be hard. He feels like he should have died that day. She isn't happy with this and is frustrated. She wants things to be the way they used to be but Jameson can't go back because that person doesn't exist anymore for him. He

doesn't feel whole anymore without his legs. He is to be fitted with prosthetics. At his first visit he finds out that the person helping him learn to walk is his friend from childhood Samantha. She is tough, funny, and won't let him feel sorry for himself. She lets him know that it is okay to ask for help. That she doesn't think any less of him for needing it right now. And that even if he wants to act like a fool and think he doesn't need any she will be there anyway. Over the next few weeks he notices that there is something different about Sam like something has happened to her. The light that used to be in her eyes isn't there anymore. Jameson wants to know what happened to her. Sam warns him about phantom pains and tells him what will help with them. After 5 months he can finally walk out of therapy instead of being wheeled out. He has a night with Mary-Beth that feels like a good bye. The next day he learns that is was. He starts therapy and realizes he has feeling for Sam. When she finally agrees to go on a date with him they have a great time until he drops her off then something happens. She doesn't talk to him for weeks. He finally runs into her one night and gets her to tell him what happened to her. He never expects anything like what she tells him. Samantha has been through her own version of hell. Its part of the reason she has the job she has. Now that his life is turning around and his is happy with Sam of course Mary-Beth starts coming back around. Will Sam finally let him be with her in a real relationship? Will Mary-Beth try to get in between them and back with Jameson? Will he ever go visit the families of the men that died and visit their graves? Can he have a future with Sam when he still holding onto the past?

I really liked this book. He goes through so much to come out stronger and better on the other side. He wasn't easy and goes through more on the journey. I must say I hate Mary-Beth and love Sam. One wants him to just get over it and the other understands what he is going through and just wants to help him. Sam goes through so much herself and they really help each other complete the journey. This is a really great book, fantastically written with great characters. I felt like I was on this journey with them. The supporting characters were great also. Sam and Jameson have these great friends that support them through everything.

I was given this book as a gift in return for an honest review.

Jayna.j. says

DNF@30%.

I'm a bit baffled at this book's high rating/ reviews. The writing style was poor and pretty stilted throughout. Much of the dialogue was not believable and pulled the reader (I felt) very much out of the story. A significant editing is needed. The timeline of the book was all out of sync. The leading male is 23 in the present day, met his girlfriend 6 years ago when she moved to the area after 9/11 which suggests the book is set in 2007, but then the leading woman refers to an event that happened 3 years ago in 2011.... making the present 2014?! Yeah at that point I was just done.

Angela says

Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines irreparable as "too bad to be corrected or repaired." Upon reading the opening scenes of this book, we understand why the main character feels this way. He survives a horrific accident that takes the lives of 4 of his friends and fellow soldiers. He suffers even more when he comes home to his girlfriend Mary Beth. This guy can't buy a break. Enter Samantha, Jameson's physical therapist.

They grew up together but something had changed in her since he last saw her. She is very closed off and doesn't share anything about that time. Jameson can't help but be intrigued by her because of the way she makes him feel.

This is Amanda's first book and for a first book it is a remarkable job. The plot line, the characters, and the drama are written amazingly well. The angst, the romance, and the tension are all believable. The connection and the attraction between Jameson and Sam is strong but they don't rush into a relationship. They actually take their time to work up to it because of how bad off they both are. This makes me extremely happy. I can't stand when the "love" happens fast between 2 characters. It's not believable. What Amanda has written about Jameson and Sam feels real and even though it's not all fun and games, it's one hell of a ride.

Jennifer Watkins says

This book is one of those that will pull you in and you are not gonna let it go until the very last page. I fell in love with Jameson Carter within just the first few pages. I wanted to hug him and tell him that everything was gonna be ok and do many other things that I can't post about on here. Then I met Samantha Blalock and was completely blown away. Here is a woman who has been thru hell and back and instead of letting circumstances make her bitter and hateful, she has decided to try to fix everyone around her. The chemistry between these two is freaking amazing. The supporting characters in this book all have a story to tell and I can't wait to read all about each and every one of them. I laughed, cried, and even started to throw my kindle across the room a couple of times while I was reading this book, but I never once put it down for anything once I started reading, there was no way I could wait to find out what was going to happen next in this amazing story. I will definitely be recommending this book to everyone that I know and I will be VERY VERY impatiently waiting on the next book from this new author.

GoodGlory says

****I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads****

PFC Jameson has been through hell and back. While fighting a war that many are unsure should be going on, he loses himself and his legs. Only one thought gets him through those tough times. Marybeth. She's his life, love and future. Until one night after coming home from the war he wakes up in the night with phantom pain. Marybeth scared and unable to deal with any kind of stress like the coward she proves herself to be leaves him. Jameson thinks his life has ended. Only to realize that Marybeth wasn't the girl that he loved right then. Sam is strong and been through a hell of her own. However Sam is strong enough to lift him from his darkest hours, bringing love to light. He does the same for her, showing her pleasure in the same ways that use to hurt her. This book has a great ending! And I really liked how realistic it was. It really helps bring light to PTSD, and the problems that Freedom fighters face during and after the war! It was really sad at times, but well worth it.

Denise Van plew says

I was so excited to get to read this book I could hardly wait to begin. As soon as I turned the first page this author packed a whammy with her prologue with my jaw dropping to the floor that oh doggie I really could not get into this one fast enough. One of the other reasons I think too I am easily caught up in this my father was also in the marines and with a son in law now active in the service most any story that has the service in it easy to relate to and if the author has the talent can emphasize also. The author has brought to life Jameson who has survived a bomb but lost his legs with now a long road of a different kind ahead of him. As you read more about this remarkable character who at the time is with his girlfriend Mary-Beth as he does this rehabilitation. It just so happens that his pt therapist is a long time friend named Samantha. Now the author has given Samantha quite the form with developing quite a intriguing character here. By now of course I am totally immersed and it is a good thing I have nowhere to go because this journey is one I plan on completing thanks to the writing talents of this author. So with the web she has created I am like a Invisible miniature on Jameson's shoulder seeing and feeling everything, right there with him when for instance Mary-Beth does a bone head thing like a dear john thing. Samantha being the kind of friend she is though is right there for him but for one little thing is off with her and he means to find out. Funny thing is they both think they are no longer whole and can not be that way again but this author with her ability will change their tune pdq. She accomplishes this all like in real time that you are right there with them through it all. The building of a relationship between these two was in itself worth the read that love can enable any obstacle to be if the two involved really love each other and do it together not apart. To often today when the going gets tough in a relationship one or both walk away to easily like disposable relationships. This story can give hope for better things if love and care are part of the mix. Samantha herself is one amazing woman with what life has delivered her also with the heart warming way love worked for her. The burdens they both carry will be laid by the wayside little by little with you right there to see. So this novel has it all love, humor, sadness ,anger and tears. I so enjoyed seeing how they were after all whole when they are with each other. When I reached the end I was then pleasantly surprised that only a few hours had past but seemed longer since I was in so deep with Jameson and Samantha's story with also then remembering too this was her debut novel but hey if I did not know any better would say she was pulling my leg because this is right up there in style and talent with Robin Carr and others of her caliber. Received a arc for a honest review.

E.L.R. Jones says

Lanclos is a step ahead of most. Wow! I cannot believe that this is her first venture into writing. This story was so well written. My heart went out to these two characters and I found myself wanting to read more and more. I didn't want the story to end nor did I want to put the book down. A great read!!

Johanna Sawyer says

Thanks for a free book to read and review for wicked reads.

I agree with the title, two people who were in fact irreparable. I really wanted to like this book, I was truly attracted to the synopsis and the cover was intoxicating. This was a story about survival..... And grievance. It affected me in many ways but failed to effect me in others. Grief can do many things to people, and I think this book explores many of those things but the writing style was abrupt which made it hard for me to truly immerse myself into the story. Some of the erotic scenes failed to seem erotic and came off as crude.

Otherwise this was a good read, and I can't say I enjoyed it but the content was understandable. Story

premise was good, and world building was good. This was a hard subject matter to write about, and I gave it three stars.

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

Wow. This is a fantastic read. I tried to read a few chapters one night before bed and ended up reading it all. Yep it's that kinda read.

Jamesons life changed dramatically when a bomb blows up and leaves him disabled. We read of his struggles to live with what's happened and move on. His friend Samantha also plays a part in his recovery.

Fantastic story that had my emotions all over the place. Really great relatable characters. A story full of drama but the author also portrayed the emotions beautifully. Well done to the author on a brilliant debut novel.
