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US Navy SEAL Gabriel Carter knew Julie would be there for him when he needed her, but not that she'd still affect him as if she'd only walked out yesterday. As inconsistencies come to light in his best friend's death, and the progression of his own career is put in danger, she stands by him, just like she promised she would.

Julie Ritter has wanted to return to Little Creek for months, but definitely not to attend the funeral of a fallen SEAL and her former friend. No, she'd wanted to return to rekindle the affair with Gabe.

Now she has to support him through the loss of his best friend. But maybe they'll be able to clear up what happened eighteen months ago and reclaim the love they've lost.

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Kent says

Another great story in this awesome series, but I was surprised to find many typos.

Ola says

REALLY wanted to like this story because j.m. madden writes some great military romances, getting 5 stars from me a bunch of times, but sorry, this one had nothing going for it, in my opinion :(i still hope more people check out this author's works, she's not one you wanna miss out on.

♥? Dorsey aka Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

Great addition to the series, I loved Gabe and Julie. This (to short) novella delves into the reality of dealing with service members mental illness, suicide, and the aftermath. Very emotional. I wish the story went a bit longer giving us a glimpse of Gabe and Julie's transition into the *Lost and Found* family fold.

Abra says

Generally speaking, I am not a fan of second chance at love stories. I particularly dislike when the block to the relationship is gone, but the party who left doesn't bother to look the other one up despite harboring a secret love and wish to get back together. There's a random meeting and the leaver is suddenly desperate to get back together with their former love.

This book is not like that.

This is a story about three people. Reclaiming the Seal starts with the hero, Gabe, and heroine, Julie, meeting for the first time since their breakup at the funeral of the third person in the story, Butter. Butter is ever present in the story and its crux. Julie is a nurse at Walter Reed Hospital and Gabe and Butter are Navy SEALs. Much to everyone's shock, Butter commits suicide. Gabe is devastated. He and Butter were partners throughout training and are partners now as well as close friends, spending most of their free time together.

There is a dark stigma attached to mental illness and the military is no exception to this, even now. People don't speak up and get the help they need due to the fear of being exposed and losing their jobs. This short book explores how this problem affected the lives of three people and I really enjoyed it.

CC says

Not my favorite. Not my least favorite either. I just don't love their history. Plus I am just not sure the hero is

really ready for a relationship. I think Julie is carrying it.

Karla says

4 Stars! Another insightful installment in this eye-opening series!

In this novella the author deals with the issue of veteran suicides, a heartbreak all too real issue that is plaguing our military service members.

Sometimes the cry for help comes too late. The story begins at the funeral of a fallen comrade and let me tell you, it broke my heart. Former lovers, Gabe and Julie, find themselves back together under the worst of circumstances and the picture the author paints is gut-wrenching. I can't get the image out of my head.

I wish that Gabe would have given Julie the benefit of the doubt when it came to the circumstances that broke them apart. Life is so precious and they wasted so much time. However, Gabe realizes the err of his ways and sets things right immediately, no contemplating, he grabs onto Julie and isn't going to let her go. Just in time too, because his life is about to change dramatically and she will be the strength that he needs to move forward.

The story was a little short, but the author still delivers her message and gives another military couple the happily ever after they so desperately need. I love this series!

Aislinn says

A very clunky beginning and badly paced. The beginning of the book largely consisted of attempts to shoehorn in connections to the Lost and Found series and my eyes quickly glazed over. The couple actually get back together at about 50% and the rest is Gabe dealing with an injury he sustains.

I also wasn't convinced by the portrayal of Butter's mental health issues.

Darcy says

I'm very torn with this one. With how this one opened I hated that a service person felt the only way out was to kill himself. It's a very real, big problem out there today. But as the story went on and we learn a bit more about Butter I found myself not liking him and even thinking of him as the "bad guy". I feel like he betrayed his friend with his actions, that he betrayed his country and those that depended on him in their missions by keeping secrets of where his head was at. I thought it was telling that everyone told Julie and Gabe to take advantage of Butter being gone to give their relationship a go again. While I hate the reason why, I do like that Gabe and Julie are getting a fresh start in a new place, one where they can build new memories without the ghost of Butter.

Siobhan Muir says

I really enjoyed this tale of old loves reconnecting after the death of a friend. And it was a bittersweet reunion because the friend who'd died was the source of the original conflict. Ms. Madden's storytelling is such a pleasure to read and she makes the characters really come alive with all their flaws and foibles. This was a great addition to her Lost & Found series.

Lisa says

I love this series and this is a great addition. This novella touches on a real issue some of our veterans are dealing with.

Out of a tragedy came the opportunity for a second chance at love.

Dee says

3.5-4 stars

A quick read that touched on a lot of emotional issues, suicide being one. I love this series but feel like this short tried to cover too big ground in too few words. I'm talking life changing events.

The jumps in time frame and the way some of the story was told in flashbacks made me feel disconnected from what should have been a hell of an emotional story. Something JM is more than capable of writing.

Cindy ~ says

Wow. J.M.'s military stories are always very emotional but the subject matter she tackled in this one and how she had her main characters deal with it was – I just can't think of the right word – but it makes you FEEL!!

Trying to describe this book in a normal review would give away a lot spoilers. I'm just going to say this was a heartbreakingly emotional reunion story with shocking revelations.

Its short, and I always feel the endings to these are a bit abrupt but it still packed a huge emotional punch. Another great addition to the Lost and Found series..

Mandy says

3.5 stars. Enjoyable and sweet story of ex-lovers who come together to mourn the loss of a friend.

Debbie Oxier says

Let me start off by saying I love this series. I couldn't wait to read the next book. The plot was everything I expected from the author. **HOWEVER . . .** and this is a biggie . . . I can't believe she cut it off like she did. There was really no conclusion to the story in my opinion. The characters deserved a longer book. The readers deserved to know more about what happened to this couple and in a satisfying manner. I feel cheated! There could have been more about Butter's suicide, more particulars or maybe he could have been involved in something that would have added to the suspense. Gabe might have been shot on purpose by his teammate. Something to lengthen the book and give us some kind of closure. So are we just to assume Gabe and Julie live happily ever after? Are we to assume Gabe finds success in his new job? And what of Julie? What about their relationship?

Even though I felt slighted in this case and it seems as though the couple's story had no clear ending but rather were left hanging, I gave it five stars. The writing itself was excellent. The characters were the type you want to know more about. And while the plot started out interestingly enough and didn't quite meet my expectations, I still enjoyed it very much. Just wasn't expecting it to end so soon.

RachelW (BamaGal) says

Lovely little (very) short story. I'm a sucker for second chance love stories. As always, Madden brings the trials and tribulations of our military warriors to life, and what happens when a mental or physical issue brings an untimely end to their time in the military.

It is not necessary to have read any of the "Lost and Found" series to enjoy this read. In fact, it's the perfect story to introduce the reader to this wonderful, heartwarming series about the lives of 'wounded warriors' after their military career ends, and the next phase of their lives and loves begin.

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