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For Chad and Jeff, summer camp had been a time of discovering each other and making promises. One of those promises was to stay in touch and keep seeing each other. But Chad never called, and Jeff remained behind to finish high school. Chad broke Jeff's heart, but both men suffered. Chad couldn't forgive himself for being a coward and not standing up to his parents, and Jeff wouldn't let anyone into his heart again to hurt him.

A year after Katrina and ten years after that fateful summer, Chad and Jeff meet again, only this time it's in the ER of a local hospital. Chad is the attending doctor and Jeff is an assault victim, on the brink of death. Chad is once again swept into the past by the only man he's ever loved, and like before, Chad makes promises to Jeff—promises he will keep, or else.

When Jeff awakes from a coma, he finds the man who broke his heart sitting in his hospital room. Angry, confused and scared, Jeff has no defense against this man. And he also has no one else to care for him, only Chad.

After all these years, Jeff's dream has finally come true, Chad is back in his life. But for how long? And is Jeff willing to open his heart to the man who broke it?

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Kendra T says

Nice story about 2 guys being reunited after many years. Did have a few moments where I had to push the "I believe" button (being able to take care of medical and personal things with no proof he was allowed to) but I liked the pace and story.

Heather♥ says

This story was a little sad in the beginning when it appeared that Jeff would not survive his brutal assault. Chad hadn't seen Jeff for over 10 years, but he didn't want the only man he'd ever loved to die with no one by his side. While waiting to see if and when Jeff would regain consciousness, Chad was filled with regret for breaking Jeff's heart but was also determined to make it up to him any way he could. The little things Chad did like taking care of Jeff's cat and sitting by his hospital bed reading to him while Jeff was unconscious were very touching. Flashbacks showed us how much they had cared for each other as teenagers and how deeply it hurt Jeff when Chad walked away. But fate had a way of bringing them back together and giving them a new beginning, so it ended on a sweet note.

Arthur says

A beautiful sweet story that I just re-read it after I finished it the first time. I'm sucker for 'first love never die'-type story and this novella is just that. What I particularly like from this story is that Jeff doesn't accept Chad right away. They didn't hit the sack the minute they were reunited. Instead, they talked about what happened, and Chad gave Jeff time to think whether to accept his apology or not.

Tam says

3.5 Stars

Chad is a Dr. in emergency in New Orleans a year after Katrina. A young man comes in badly beaten when Chad realizes it's his first love from summer camp. He had promised Jeff he'd keep in touch but fear of coming out and his family's pressures meant he never did. Jeff nearly dies and Chad feels responsible for him and all the old feelings come back. He steps in and clears out Jeff's apartment, takes custody of his cat and tells hospital staff they are partners so he can get medical information. When Jeff wakes up a few months later he's pissed that Chad would take over his life and he's still upset about him never calling. However he soon starts to realize that Chad did a good thing and his cat would have been sent to the pound and he would have flunked out of school rather than being withdrawn. I really liked how Chad worked through things as he spent time with Jeff during his coma for those two months, realizing that his behaviour with guys was because he'd never gotten over Jeff. I also liked that when Jeff woke up he was at first upset but then realized that Chad had done a good thing helping him and decided he wasn't going to let another chance at happiness slip through this fingers. It was a fairly quick read but I enjoyed the two guys and you hoped they'd get a

second chance at happiness. It would have been nice to see them further down the road, but it's a nice hopeful HEA ending.

Lacey says

3.5 stars

Paws says

Doctors will throw up their hands over the ethics presented in this book. When you can suspend belief over that, it turns out to be a really heart warming story.

Trisha Harrington says

This was a nice, short story that worked well enough. It's more of a 3.5 star read rounded up. I liked the story, and some of the scenes were very sweet, especially towards the end. I could have given it more but it would have needed another 50 or so pages or to give a bit more on their past.

It's a sort of typical thing with two lovers reconnecting after years apart. But, it didn't show us much of their past, so I can't say if they were sweet or anything back then. Of course there was a bit of anger, but I never felt like it was there. That part felt a bit flat. I like emotion in books like this.

It was a nice story though, so I would suggest giving it a quick read. It's not long.

Angelmira says

3.5 stars

I like it. First half of the book was fantastic. But from the moment Jeff awakened from coma, I felt like the book lost a little of its potential. And it was a bit rushed. I couldn't quite believe Jeff forgave Chad so easily.

Serena Yates says

Emotional involvement, be it for a personal decision or a professional one, can be very risky. Chad found out about the personal consequences - loneliness - when he decided not to call Jeff, the boy he first kissed at summer camp. When Jeff turns up in Chad's ER years later, Chad faces a professional dilemma that, were it not for his past with Jeff, would be nonexistent. Given Chad's reaction to seeing Jeff again, a man he never forgot and clearly still has feelings for, I can see why he does what looks like total insanity. The fact that Chad's action is shortsighted, has all kinds of consequences, and hurts Jeff yet again is the basis for renewed contact between two men who should have been together in the first place – except Chad wasn't ready to face the truth back then.

Jeff is shocked to see Chad again, as the doctor who saved his life and is in charge of his recovery, no less. Chad broke his heart, and now he has decided to waltz right back into Jeff's life and take over. Jeff is justifiably angry about that, but the anger and pain from years ago make everything so much worse. But he is also all alone, since his parents died, and he may vehemently deny his emotional attraction to Chad, but it is very, very strong.

Chad is in trouble for more than one reason. First, getting emotionally involved with a patient is highly unethical. Second, lying about his relationship to Jeff is borderline criminal. And third, how the heck is that supposed to lessen Chad's guilt over leaving Jeff in the first place? Quite clearly, Chad is not rational about any of this, and that makes him very human. What he does is wrong, but why he does it? I can certainly see where he is coming from.

With two characters this emotionally torn up about their past, the deep feelings they still have for each other, and the difficult current situation they find themselves in, this novella is explosive. It is also very intense, and even though it is short in the number of pages it contains, I found it to be very engaging, carefully plotted, and about as nerve-wrecking as it is sweet.

If you like to see men getting a second chance at love, if you want flawed characters with real issues who make real-world mistakes, and if you're looking for a read that might just pull you in and not let you go until the end, then you will probably like this novella as much as I do.

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Jennifer Wardrip says

Really enjoyed this one!

Ami says

Ten years ago Chad broke Jeff's heart by leaving and never gave Jeff a call he promised; even after they spent such lovely nights together. Then, fate plays its part where Jeff is brought to the E.R. where Chad works, his life hanging on a thread. Chad realizes he still has feeling for Jeff ... so he makes a promise this time to stay with Jeff and makes things right. But when Jeff wakes up from a coma, will he be able to forgive Chad and embrace their future?

I love story about "reunion", "reconciliation", or "the one who got away" theme. This just carries that theme perfectly. When Chad realizes who is being brought to his ER, a man whom he loved ten years ago, who never really left his mind (and heart) ... and how he stays with Jeff afterwards, waiting patiently until Jeff wakes up, it's so touching.

I also like the fact that Jeff doesn't welcome Chad easily. Oh, no, that man broke his heart and he has all the right to be angry. Often in this kind of story, the other man will forgive easily. I'm glad that it's not the case here *grin*. Because when they finally get together again, it's just so sweet.

Shannon says

Not great but not bad either. Jeff isn't even awake for a large portion of the book so we get to know Chad pretty well. Formerly of the a-hole club but now making amends. Both of their existences are fairly bleak and super lonely so I did enjoy the "found my lost love" aspect of the book. Sweet read.

Barb Manning says

Almost everyone remembers their last summer camp, a time for making special friends and discovering things about yourself. Dr. Chad Wright and Jeff Stone met at summer camp and fell instantly in love. They made promises to each other. Everyone makes promises to keep in touch and not forget. Jeff believed the promises Chad made when they were teens. Unfortunately, the next time they see each other, it's ten years later and Jeff is unconscious on a gurney in an emergency room with Chad looking down upon him.

Remember Me is the story of their second chance.

Remember Me takes place in post Katrina New Orleans and much of the story evolves at Jeff's bedside while Chad prays for his recovery. Jeff is in the hospital because of an attack that is so severe it could cost him his life. Lorenz weaves the story of their last summer together through Chad's memories. The relationship the two young boys had is a sweet one, like most summer loves, but when camp ends so does their contact.

Remember Me is a brief glimpse into Chad and Jeff's struggle to come to terms with their past relationship and find a way to trust each other and build a future. The characters are engaging and the images of post Katrina New Orleans add atmosphere. Still, I would have enjoyed more detail in the story. For example, why was Jeff attacked? Did Chad ever talk to his parents about Jeff? Do they even know that Chad is gay? These are a few of the questions that Lorenz leaves unanswered in *Remember Me*.

Cindi says

This is a story about the one who got away. Actually, the correct phrasing would be *the one who ran away*.

Jeff and Chad meet at summer camp when they are both in their teens. A quick, secret relationship develops and they both fall hard as teens are prone to do. They are each other's firsts in every sense of the word. On the last day of camp, Chad makes promises to Jeff... promises that he doesn't keep. Jeff's young heart gets broken and he vows, as a teenager, never to allow someone to hurt him like that again. Chad never forgets Jeff nor does he forgive himself for walking away from the only person he could ever love. His reasons for not contacting Jeff are justified in the beginning but the justifications do not ease the guilt or the fact that he walked away without a word.

Ten years later, Chad is an ER physician. An attack victim has been rushed to the hospital and is not expected to survive the night. Imagine Chad's shock when he realizes that the patient he is treating is Jeff. Jeff remains in a coma for two months with Chad only leaving his side long enough to do his shift at the hospital and to rush home for a few hours of sleep each night. He vows to make amends for walking away ten years earlier. He hopes, during those long two months, that Jeff will wake up and not only forgive him

for the pain he caused when they were teens but to love him back the way that Chad has never stopped loving him. First, Jeff has to survive.

When Jeff finally awakes, he's still bitter toward Chad. He doesn't want him around or to be part of his life. Slowly Jeff realizes that Chad not only helped him survive but he has been taking care of him in other ways as well. It's a slow process but Jeff opens his heart again and allows Chad back inside.

This is a nice story about righting old wrongs and reconnecting with an old love. The journey to forgiveness is not an easy one but it's worth it in the end.

A nice, quick read. Roughly about 100 pages or so. My only complaint is that I wish it would have been a bit longer and that certain aspects would have been fleshed out more. Otherwise, a very nice story.

This is part of *Where The Heart is*, a series of shorts by various authors.

Review can also be found at On Top Down Under Book Reviews.

My Dichotomy Life says

After Chad and Jeff fall in love at summer camp they don't see each other for ten years.

Jeff is badly beaten and almost dies. Chad is the ER doctor and remembered Jeff instantly.

They have a sweet HEA which includes Murray, Jeff's cat!

Really enjoyable story, just slightly put of by Jeff's endearment in the final paragraph... It came from nowhere?

4.5*
