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Life changes in the span of a heartbeat—one tiny heartbeat.

Blake and Layla have lived through disappointment and regret, only finally finding relief through the powerful love they have for each other. A love they intend to fight to keep.

They've had to forgive each other, but can they truly move forward without facing the pain of the past?

Layla's been avoiding the phone calls. Nine months pregnant and exhausted, she doesn't want the complication. But she can't run from the truth. Whoever's calling was there eighteen years ago. Unlike her, he remembers the night that changed the course of her life, and he's ready to confess.

Blake's preoccupied with an email, a few simple sentences sent through cyberspace that have the capability to rob him of his sanity, his freedom, and the people he loves most in the world. When he's called home for a mysterious reason, leaving Layla isn't ideal, but hope for reconciliation with his father combined with his brother's secrecy ignites a curiosity he refuses to ignore.

Putting the pain behind them is no longer an option.

To get the answers they need, they must face the past and open up old wounds that threaten to bleed them dry.

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### AJ says

*“I’d walk through hell and back if it meant the rest of the life with you.”*

### 4 ‘Happily Ever After’ stars!

I loved this novella. Essentially an epilogue to *Fighting to Forgive*, this book takes us right back to ex-manwhore and now dedicated family man, Blake, his very pregnant fiancée, Layla, and their fight for their happy ever after.

Blake and Layla both had a lot of personal issues to overcome in order to be together, and this book sees the demons from their pasts resurfacing to threaten their newfound happiness. They are issues that were raised in their book and though they were dealt with, there wasn’t complete resolution, and that is what this book provides – without unnecessary angst and drama in their relationship, which I loved! Blake and Layla are together and committed, and though they are both going through some pretty heavy emotional issues, they never let it impact on their relationship and they are still crazy in love and stronger than ever.

*“You’re my true love. My first and only true love, Blake”*

*He brings my hand to his lips and slides soft kisses against my skin.*

*“First...and last.”*

This book is a story of two people finally dealing with the past in order to move forward, and it’s really beautifully done. It’s super-hot, emotional and so freaking swoony, and I loved the opportunity to catch up with this couple as they embrace the HEA that they so desperately deserve.

*“Amazing how quick life can change. There are periods where we soar and some where we plummet, but as long as we hold fast to what matters, fight for the things that count, we die happy knowing we did our best to battle for what matters most.”*

As a bonus, I absolutely loved getting to know Blake’s brother, Braeden better. He is freaking hilarious and so intriguing! I can’t wait for his book.

I really enjoyed this novella – a must-read for fans of the series!

4 stars.

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### Jen says

This novella was a quick read that I didn't want to end. The humor between Blake and his brother had me laughing out loud more than once!!! All and all a great read..Review to come♥♥

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### ✿kawehi.reviews says

? I received an ARC via the author in exchange for an honest review. Thanks, hun!! ?

**4.5 stars!!★★★★?**

*“You’re my true love. My first and only true love, Blake”  
He brings my hand to his lips and slides soft kisses against my skin.  
“First...and last.♥”*

***A Father’s Fight*** was one of those genuine reads where you can’t stop but turn the page and awe at those precious moments in life.

With Blake and Layla newly engaged and expecting a baby on the way, you’d think they’d be clear of their worries. *Boy, are they so wrong!*

Author J.B. Salsbury doesn’t throw in any over the top gimmicks and plot devices in this fifth installment. It’s pretty stripped down to basic human values of love, family, forgiveness, sacrifice, and the lengths you will go to protect them.

Both Blake and Layla go through their own share of personal plights and confrontations throughout this read. For Layla, it’s what happened 18 years ago that led to the birth of her daughter, Axelle Rose. And for Blake, it’s about going back to the homefront and making what was broken, right.

★★★★★

***A Father’s Fight***, was by far, one of the more touching reads from the Fighting series. Sometimes even if it’s hard or you try hard to forget, you still need to confront scars of your past to pave way toward your future. You can stumble, you can fall, you can make mistakes, or you can triumph.

*“Everything life throws affects who we become. Different experiences wouldn’t have brought me to where I am today.”*

*“There are periods where we soar and some where we plummet, but as long as we hold fast to what matters, fight for the things that count, we die happy knowing we did our best to battle for what matters most.”*

*“We’ve all made mistakes, screwed up in varying degrees, but we can’t allow our mistakes to define our future. We have to look ahead, focus on that next step in the right direction, and fight hard to get what we want, even if that feels like throwing punches to the wind. At least we fight, and if we go down, we go down swinging.”*

But most importantly, NEVER give up that fire, that fight in you. And ALWAYS safeguard with all you have, those you value most.

★★★★★

#A breathtaking tale of unconditional and unwavering love and devotion!! Great job J.B. and thank you for personally providing me with a copy of your ARC!! Much love and gratitude!! ♥♥

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### **Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says**

This series is awesome. Every story rocks. Jake "The Snake" and his "Mouse" were always my fave and any more to their tale is just like an extra bday gift! Not much to say other than, thank you J.B. Salsbury for MORE!

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### **Melissa says**

\*\*\*\*\*Possible

Spoilers\*\*\*\*\*

First I want to THANK JB for sending me the ARC for this book! It is an Honor to call you my Friend!

My review, my review huh I don't know where to start on this beautifully written novella on Blake and Layla! First, WOOHOO more Blake and Layla, Thank You! I had forgotten how fiercely these two love each other. How much they have fought to be together. "To have peace, you must go to war" and it seems these two will be fighting again, yet healing at the same time. This book will make you laugh ( Of course is Blake and add Braeden and it's a hoot) cry, bawl, hurt. So many feels with this one. I don't want to give too much away but if you LOVE JB's writing and books this does not in any way disappoint!!! It's PERFECT! JB keep on writing and I will read anything you publish!!! Love You BIG!!

Favorite quotes from the book:

Blake to unborn baby " My throat gets tight as if I'm carrying a ten-pound weight inside it. I love you. I'll always love you. I'll be the first and the last man who'll love you 'til his dying breath. You hear that, baby? First and the last. Layla's breath hitches in her throat, and I take the moment to close my eyes and settle into the feeling. Love. Unconditional love in all its fucking glory and all around me. With that, I can face insurmountable obstacles, and a half-day visit with my parents tops that list."

Blake: "Everything life throws affects who we become. Different experiences wouldn't have brought me to where I am today. I owe everything I have to the fact that my dad didn't make things easy on me. Rather than give him forgiveness, he deserves my gratitude."

Blake: "Love is makes the pain of the fight so worth it"

Blake: "Amazing how quick life can change. There are periods where we soar and some where we plummet, but as long as we hold fast to what matters, fight for the things that count, we die happy knowing we did our best to battle for what matters most."

Blake: "On my way back to Layla's room, it hits me. Trip, The General, and I have a lot more in common than I ever would've thought. We've all made mistakes, screwed up in varying degrees, but we can't allow our mistakes to define our future. We have to look ahead, focus on that next step in the right direction, and fight hard to get what we want, even if that feels like throwing punches to the wind. At least we fight, and if we go down, we go down swinging."

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### **~Dawn~TUG says**

\*\*arc received from author for an honest review and blog tour with T and I at <http://www.twounrulygirls.com> \*\*

Flove this series..can't wait!! Full review for blog tour!! Mmmmm Blake and Mouse heat the kindle screen again...love them, even teared up!

### **Full Review**

Blake and Mouse have not had an easy road to their happily ever after. They are finally cruising along, baby coming, daughter doing great when the past comes and puts a huge obstacle in their path. Not just one of them, but both of them have to deal with the past that created who they are today, and forgive the monsters that have held them for so long.

Loving this series and every book that has come from it, I was SO excited to get my hands on this glimpse into all of their lives again. Blake and his possessive ways crack me up, when Layla's regular doctor is not available for an OB appt and he freaks out and scares the young male doctor that enters the room, into retreating and having a female nurse take it from there. LOVE it, it's that kind of male that screams DAWN READ ME!

Watching them become a family, including the daughter of his heart and knowing that Blake's life is now looking at him from three different sets of eyes, sent me into an emotional tailspin, even tearing me up! I know...right? This series has a way of stripping down to the heart of each of it's leads and leaving you totally engaged, invested and in love. I hope there is more...I will be anxiously waiting!

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### **Tracy says**

#### **4.5 Heartwarming and Humorous stars!**

We left Layla and Blake with one of my all time favorite epilogues. What could make that ending more perfect? Well luckily for us JB Salsbury was not done with their story because *A Father's Fight* made me fall

even more in love with Blake Daniels.

From the moment I picked up this book with the great 1990's references I could not put it down. I didn't feel like there was anything missing from Fighting to Forgive where I first fell in love with Layla and Blake, but with the addition to this story we truly get the rest of their story.

***When life finally starts smelling like roses, there's always something that comes along to drop a big fat fucking shit on my damn bouquet.***

This story takes place at the end of Layla's pregnancy; even 9 months along and ready to pop we still get the sexy scenes between these two characters. Although with as much as I love their chemistry, it's the true love they have for each other throughout the book that I fell in love with. There is never a doubt that Blake thinks the world of Layla and Axelle and would do anything for his girls. That also holds true for Layla's love and devotion for Blake.

***"I'd walk through hell and back if it meant the rest of the life with you."***

This story really gets to the painful pasts of both Layla and Blake. Layla's still struggling with her demons of what her ex told her and when it comes back to haunt her, she worries the information is going to put Blake on a downward spiral. Blake is trying to keep this pain and any other stress from his very pregnant fiancé, but with a cryptic e-mail he receives he is at a loss for what to do. Not only is *this* information weighing on him, he also has to confront his past with his parents.

*A Father's Fight* has such a great balance of angst and humor. With the serious topics that revolve around these characters, I'm so happy we still get the Blake we fell in love with in the very first book of the series. There is a scene in the OB office that had me laughing out loud!

While this book isn't as long as the other books, I don't feel anything is missing. It's a dual POV story which gives us a true picture of the characters we wouldn't have had otherwise. The angst is also spread throughout the book, allowing the flow of the story to be perfect. And thank goodness no cliffhanger!

***Love is what makes the pain of the fight so worth it.***

I honestly hope this series never ends, because with each book there are more character's stories I need. Please bring us Mason and Killian's stories... And a bit more of Blake's brother Braeden would not be frowned upon.

ARC provided in return for an honest review.

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**Nicla says**

Favorite to re-read.

Perfection! Loved getting to revisit these amazing characters.

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### **Sleepless Readmore says**

#### **4.5 FILF STATUS STARS**

*Layla and Blake* ♥

I'd walk through *hell and back*  
if it meant the rest of the life with **you..**"

Before I started this one, I **re-read** Fighting to Forgive and I just fell for *Blake* and *Layla* **ALL OVER AGAIN**. I'm sooo GLAD that this novella was written. *Blake* is the definition of **FILF** which is basically the opposite of *MILF* but in this case a scrumptious **DAD**. He makes such a perfect *dad, husband, and friend* .. I absolutely **adore** this guy. He protects **his own** and without a doubt is my favorite type of **alpha male**. This is one of my favourite series and each book is **AMAZING**, if I was to say my favourite *fighter* series? This would definitely score **HIGH** on that list!

"..**Love** is what makes the **pain** of the fight so **worth** it.

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- *Sleepless, Readmore. Twitter*

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### **Amy says**

A Father's Fight is a great novella from JB Salsbury. This book gives us a little more insight as to how Blake and Layla's life has been since their HEA. Things have been great, but they haven't been perfect for the couple. Layla is receiving mysterious phone calls and Blake is preoccupied with an email and some family drama. Neither one of them can ignore their pasts. But will they be able to put their pasts behind them in order to get their well deserved ending???

I'm just going to keep this short and sweet. I really enjoyed A Father's Fight. I loved getting to see more of Blake and Layla and the dual pov's. This book was heartwarming, well written, and had some great mystery surrounding it. Questions will be answered and lives will be changed.....Overall, this was a quick, sexy read with plenty of steam. Fans of this series will not be disappointed!

\*I received an ARC copy of this book in exchange for an honest review\*

You can also see my review here at: <http://www.onceuponabookblog.com/blog...>

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## **Elizabeth says**

3.5 Fighting Stars

**"We've all made mistakes, screwed up in varying degrees, but we can't allow our mistakes to define our future. We have to look ahead, focus on that next step in the right direction, and fight hard to get what we want, even if that feels like throwing punches to the wind."**

A Father's Fight is part two of Blake and Layla's story. We met Blake and Layla in Book 2 of the Fighting Series. Blake was a damaged playboy who meets Layla and falls fast and hard. Layla is a single mom who has overcome many adversities to become a strong spunky woman! I enjoyed reading about these two and was really looking forward to this follow up.

A Father's Fight focuses on tying up the loose ends from their past. Blake is faced with mending past pains with his parents. Layla is still trying to cope with her abusive past. Both Blake and Layla love each other madly. Now that Layla is pregnant with his child, Blake loves her even more.

**"Her warm little body, ripe with my growing baby, does weird shit to my chest. Having nine months to figure out what that is, I've come to identify it as a mix of arousal and worship, and I don't know what to do first, make love to her or make a damn sacrifice in her honor."**

The dialogue between Blake and Layla is what drove this story. The love between these two is tender and beautiful. After reading the heartbreak in book 2, it was certainly a treat to find out there is a HEA for these two.

However, the conflict in this book was minuscule compared to the previous stories. There was little time spent at the gym. (Which lets be honest, one of the best elements of reading a series about hot fighters is reading about hot fighters fighting!) What I wanted is a bit more of this....

UMM YUMM!

Hot bodies aside, the story would have been much more enjoyable if the plot had been more complex. Although, I loved reading more of Layla and Blake and it was delightful to read more about Axel (Layla's daughter) and Brae (Blake's brother). As I was reading, I kept waiting for the story to develop more! I certainly was rooting for Layla and Blake to resolve their past hurts but honestly I was expecting more. After all, I LOVE THIS SERIES!!!!

Still, I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who is a fan of the series. Layla and Blake are an amazing couple and it was nice to catch up with them. But compared to her previous books, this one felt like it could have been a novella as opposed to a full novel. What was good: the love story, the steam, and the healing. What I missed: more action, more fighting, and more plot development. Still a good read!

**"Amazing how quick life can change. There are periods where we soar and some where we plummet, but as long as we hold fast to what matters, fight for the things that count, we die happy knowing we did our best to battle for what matters most."**

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### **Jenny••Steamy Reads Blog•• says**

This book is sweet, short, and leaves me wanting more of this amazing couple!!! I love Blake Daniels. Layla and him are perfect for each other. Love this little addition to the series of one of my favorite couples.

**"This kind of love isn't a fairy tale meant for dreamers or stuck in the pages of books. It's real, all-consuming, and soul deep."**

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### **Maja says**

simply amazing! ! I love Blake and this book made me love him even more . Jamie has done it again . Brilliant Brilliant 55555 stars !!! Absolute must read!!!

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### **Ellen ♦ Book Bellas ♦ says**

I adore JB Salsbury's Fighting series and Blake and Layla's novella once again proves why she is one of my favorite writers.

**"Love is what makes the pain of the fight so worth it."**

This story is filled with warmth, love, family, strength and of course, the sexy Blake and his gorgeous Mouse. A Father's Fight is about all these things and much more. Blake and Layla again face tremendous obstacles and their pasts which threaten to interfere into the blissful life they have built together. Blake will do whatever it takes to keep his Mouse safe and to guard his new family no matter what. He is a fighter, for sure, and his strength of character is the glue that holds this story together.

I fell in love with Blake even more after reading A Father's Fight! He is sexy, strong, tough and gentle all at the same time. I absolutely loved the steam factor in this one and did not want the story to end! As with all of the books in this series, I craved more when I finished this story and cannot wait for more from the amazingly talented JB Salsbury.

(ARC provided in return for an honest review.)

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**Sarah Robinson says**

**Loved it**

Perfect short and sweet taste of two of my favorite characters!! Love love love it and can't wait for Masons story!

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