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Steamy and sweet; an emotional roller coaster of a romance ride.

For Karma, she had found her role as being the girlfriend to the boy who was bigger than life to be everything she ever wanted and needed. Loving Braden had been easy and something she had intended to do the rest of her life. Only, life had different plans for Karma.

After graduating high school and realizing sometimes love doesn't always conquer all, she takes off on an unforgettable road trip in the hopes of finding herself among the shadow of the boy who she loves- Braden. Only, after returning home, Karma and Braden soon learn that life gave them a twist they never saw coming as their once unbreakable relationship becomes broken.

Now, years later, Karma finds herself trapped between the past and the present as Braden comes back into her life. As adults, the two still have their undeniable chemistry and passion, but is it enough this time? Can selfish decisions and broken hearts be forgiven? Does lust outweigh love? Discover an unforgettable romance novel that brings two souls together in a union of blazing flames.

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Treasa says

FANTASTIC! ❤️ I LOVED IT!

WOW! Not at all what I was expecting but ended up giving me so much more than just words from a very realistic read! An amazing journey of love life and finding one's self and choosing a selfless act all for the one thing we all want in life the joy of being happy and the arms of real love! An emotionally gripping rollercoaster ride of twists that pull you deep into the heart and soul of this suspense filled read never losing your undivided attention till the last word has been read making it extremely hard to put down! Passionate sexy hot chemistry, laugh out loud fun, exciting, edgy, intense, fierce, dominating, page turning twists and emotionally driven to the point of no return until you've consumed every last word! An enthralling must read that will be impossible not to fall in love with meeting wanting it to end as you become so emotionally invested you feel like you were there watching the story unfold in front of you! I LOVED IT !

Erin Daniels says

Karma was an absolutely beautiful read that left me thinking about it long after I finished it. What I liked most was the way in which the author focused on the ties that can connect two people, across the years and across a lifetime. This was done in a way that made me think about situations and people in my own life and what our relationships really mean. What I really appreciate is the fact that the author did not shove an over-sweetened, YA lovefest in the readers' direction.

Karma and Braden were so human and so accessible that I was able to completely get lost in their story without the jarring effect of 'hey, that could never really happen' or 'what teen acts like that?' There was nothing to stand between me and the story.

Lastly, I want to say how much I loved Karma's character. If you're like me and you're tired of teen characters who are insufferably smug, rolling their eyes because they've got it all figured out, then you will love Karma's character. She's strong but also vulnerable and her emotional IQ makes the book resonate with depth and feeling.

So glad I discovered this gem. I highly recommend it!

Holly M says

A sweet, nostalgic, coming-of-age story! I adored Karma and her steadfastness to be her own person, despite her superstar, soccer player boyfriend's status. Their love story was sweet and steamy, and took me back to the days when bonfire parties were all the rage and high school sports and future universities were hot topics of conversation. Braden was swoony, successful, driven, the perfect book boyfriend. I appreciated the young love that developed, and the angst delivered when Braden and Karma reunited after several years' separation, with unfinished business between them. This book covers all the bases and portrays all the feels. Well done.

Michelle "Chelle" Thompson says

I truly cannot say enough about this story. It is a story of finding yourself, following your hearts and dreams, love, friendship, and second chances. I read this story a while back and loved it. I was asked to read it again after some changes were made and I fell in love with it all over again and more so than before. I loved how this story incorporates the past with the present to show the reader a story that is simply amazing. I have always been a believer in "what is meant to be, will be" and this story shows that so well. How two people can go their separate ways, move away, chase their dreams, but still end up face to face and just maybe have their second chance at that love they thought got away. This is a truly feel good story that will have you turning every page just to see how everything will work out in the end.

Heather says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

I really enjoyed this book. The description on Goodreads warns that it's not high drama, which I forgot until I just looked at it again. I wish I would have remembered that because I'm used to drama and I kept waiting for the other shoe to drop, so to speak. It never did. You know from the beginning how this story is going to go, yet it's still such a fun and enjoyable ride.

The story jumps back and forth between two timelines. You jump between Karma as an adult and Karma as a teenager, following her story past and present with her high school sweetheart. This is an addictive style of storytelling for me. I get wrapped up in a chapter in present day, and then it switches to the past so I have to read on until I get back to present day. But then while I'm reading the chapter in the past I get hooked into that story as well and want to keep reading until I can get back to that part. And so on and so on. Next thing I know it's 2am and I really need to force myself to stop so I can function at work the next day.

I really loved these characters. Karma is relatable and sweet. Braden is charming and addictive. You see why Karma is so attached to him because you too become attached to him as you get to know him and learn their story piece by piece. You root for them. You get angry at him with her. You hurt for them both. The secondary characters are also great, particularly Jeremy. The storyline steps away from its regular rhythm for a while in the second half to take you into the past for several chapters while Karma goes on her trip of self-discovery with Jeremy. As funny and kind as he is, and as great as he and Karma are together, you never wish for them to be more. That's where I would have liked to remember the no high-drama warning because, in most of the books I read, the Jeremy story would have likely gone in a different direction. But not in this one. Jeremy is her friend. Braden is her forever. You know it from the start and it does nothing to detract from the intrigue as you follow their love story.

This truly is a coming-of-age story, for both Karma and Braden. It's a story of losing yourself in someone else and finding yourself apart from them. It's a story of finding your soulmate, losing them, and finding them once again. I'd recommend this book to anyone looking for an honest and true love story they can get lost in for a day or two. That's really all it'll take to read this one!

Tpagirl says

Finding Karma is the first book I've read by Stacy Wray. I received a complimentary copy in return for an honest review.

Finding Karma is the journey of Karma Mickelson and Braden Stewart. The storyline starts out in present day with the surprised meeting of two people, Braden and Karma, where there is a teaser for an interesting history. Wray builds the story with detail and depth bouncing back and forth from present day to the past, until the stories intersect and we are brought up to speed with the present.

I like how Braden and Karma have three meetings and Wray includes all three into the storyline: their first meeting in the fourth grade, their reconnecting as Juniors in High School and then again present day as adults. Wray also describes the relationship development during each time period; with of course, the present day bringing everything full circle.

The story includes personal development and fulfillment, love, forgiveness and healing. It's a sweet yet intense story sprinkled with heartache and redemption.

Finding Karma is well written with depth, dimension and complexity. There were a few editing errors of missing words, such as to and do; however, they weren't numerous and didn't detract from the overall experience.

All in all, I enjoyed Finding Karma. I look forward to exploring more from Wray in the near future.

Tiffany Marie says

I received a free eBook copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

My Rating: 5 Stars

Finding Karma is a second-chance romance switching between 2006 and 2013. 2006 is when Karma and a childhood friend, Braden, are reunited for the first time since last seeing each other in 4th grade. Braden & Karma quickly move from just friends to something more. But when Karma decides she's not going to go the same college with Braden as he planned for them, Braden decides to end things with Karma. Fast forward to 2013 and now the pair are working together and the sparks are flying again. Will they rekindle their romance or forever remain apart?

I gave Finding Karma 5 stars. I love a good second chance romance and thought Braden & Karma's relationship blossomed perfectly. The story was easy to follow and Wray was skillfully able to make you understand Karma's pain over losing Braden. But it seems the couple's break made them even stronger. This story was a complete roller-coaster of emotions that kept me hooked. I'd recommend Finding Karma to New Adult readers 16+.

Babs says

Braden is a football king and Karma is his girl. She wants everyone to know her for HER not being his girlfriend and living in the shadow. She is not going to follow him to UCLA that is his dream. Once she finds out she wants to be a photographer and go to a different college she dumps her.

Years have passed and Karma's photography has taken off and she is happy. When she applies for a job that can take her even higher in her career she is excited until she finds out who her boss is. The one and only Braden.

The story was great we see each chapter grow and come together in their relationship. Well written and a story anyone can enjoy reading. A great second chance romance.

K~Terror says

I really enjoyed this journey with Karma as I followed her adventures and self discovery as she grew into her own person. Karma was so easy to connect with and care about. I felt like if you don't personally identify with her story, it's likely you knew someone who did. There was a lot of character development, building up the story to a point I wasn't able to put the last half of the book down. I loved all of the feels of this second chance romance and can't wait to read Ms. Wray's next book!

Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

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Author – Stacy M. Wray

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Genre – Contemporary Romance

Type – StandAlone

Rating – 4.25 out of 5 Stars

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My Thoughts - Story

I absolutely LOVED the premise of the story with Karma!! How often do we lose ourselves with “labels” --- The author did an excellent job of bringing that problem to the forefront of society today – especially with the age group Karma fell into.

As much as I wanted to hate Braden, I LOVED the relationship between him and Karma (the second time around). Beautiful story of second chances and Ms. Wray did a great job of bouncing the story between the past and the present!

Reason for Reading – Author Request**Story** – 5 out of 5 Stars**Steam** – 4 out of 5 Stars**Angst** – 4 out of 5 Stars**Writing** – 4 out of 5 Stars**Content Flow** – 4 out of 5 Stars**Would Read More from Author? Yes****Recommend To** – Readers who love second-chance stories and self discovery!**Ashleigh says**

Being Braden's girlfriend was a label that followed Karma around. Yes, she loved being his girlfriend, but she wanted people to see her as her own person, not just part of him. Braden is larger than life, the football star and all around nice guy, which means he's always the centre of attention. Karma has never minded living in his shadow, until she realises she's not making decision based on what she wants. It may have taken a road-trip with an unlikely ally for her to find herself, but she starts to question the future she had planned for herself and Braden. Some would say they were selfish decisions, but Karma knows what she needs to do. Two hearts may be broken, but that doesn't mean they've ever stopped loving each other. Having been given the opportunity to find herself, will Karma get her happily ever after?

Already a fan of this author's work, some would say this review is a little biased. Yes, it's going to be an incredible review, but that's because it's an incredible story. I will not be able to tell you enough times that you need to read this book, so I'm only going to say it once (maybe). You will not regret reading Finding Karma, and hopefully this review will help to convince you to do so.

Everyone loves a high-school romance, right? Through a series of flashbacks, we get to follow Karma and Braden's relationship and see how it develops and changes over time. I loved reading about the early stages of their relationship, as it really does have that 'teenage first love' vibe (which I cannot get enough of). In present day, we see Karma's life in a place very different to where it was heading, and we get to see her as an independent young woman. The plot takes a number of twists, throws out some surprises and may leave you shouting at the characters (I certainly did!), but the emotional journey it takes you on is so worth it. The story will be relatable for so many people, so be prepared to feel things; I did and although it was hard, I'm so glad I did. I don't want to ruin the outcome for you so I won't say too much more about Karma's journey. I will say that once you start reading this, you won't want to stop so set some time aside to get through it in one go!

It's only the start of 2017, but I already want to say Karma and Braden are going to be one of my favourite book couples of the year. I will admit that I'm a sucker for a high-school romance, so there was really no doubt that I was going to love them. But then in that terrible flashback, my heart was broken (you'll know what you mean when you get to it!). Struggling on, I focused on the positive: Karma is a wonderful female character. She's strong, independent and focused on looking after herself, which I love so so much. So often in romance books, the girl drops everything for the boy, but Karma is not like this. She is such a good role model that I want to tell everyone about her, even though she's not real! As for Braden, who wouldn't fall in love with him?! You can see how Braden fell so easily for him; I certainly wouldn't mind my own personal Braden. Although he had his flaws, I can't help but love his character. I loved seeing them reconnect and was willing things to happen between them (again, I'm not spoiling anything for you!) even though they both had their own lives. The story was supported by some wonderful characters (most importantly, Jeremy) that helped bring an extra dimension to the story. I loved Karma and Jeremy's relationship and you could see

how much he supported her when she needed it most. All together, Finding Karma has a wonderful cast of characters that make the story so real, believable and fun to read.

Once again, the author has written a story that completely captivated me. I loved the plot, the characters and all the emotions it made me feel, even the sad ones! I cannot recommend Finding Karma enough, so if you haven't already bought, make sure you do now! Thanks to the author for such an enjoyable read; I can't wait for the next one.

KristaReadsRomance says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Title: Finding Karma

Author: Stacy M. Wray

Genre: New Adult

My Rating: 4 *smiling Braden Stars!*

Swooning Level: 5/5

Karma felt lost. And she was not going to stop until she found herself.

Finding Karma tells a tale of self-discovery, redemption, second-chance love & empowerment.

Karma Mickelson doesn't want to live in the shadow of her high school sweetheart Braden Stewart any more. She wants to make her own choices. Karma loves Braden with everything within her but it's his dream to go to UCLA for college, not hers. During a summer road trip with her friend, Jeremy, Karma realizes what she feels she was born to do. So, Karma tells Braden her plans of going to a different college to pursue her dreams of photography, but Braden? He can't accept her decision. So he lets her go. Crushing both of their hearts in the process. And laying ground for a tower of regrets.

"No matter how much I resist, we share a connection that can't be severed. I've tried. And I've failed. Miserably."

Fast forward 5 years later...

Karma's photography career is taking off. She's still wounded over the past heartbreak but she's growing stronger each day. And when Karma receives an offer to interview for a job that would really skyrocket her career, she's more than elated.

But isn't it funny how fate works out?

Guess who's Karma's new boss?

The one guy who still hasn't forgotten her.

The one guy who knows her inside out.

The one guy who's not gonna mess it up this time....

"His eyes are shiny and I know he doesn't care if I notice. He's baring his soul and it's the most beautiful thing I've ever witnessed. So raw and so honest. So Braden."

In *Finding Karma* we're taken on an adventure that spans years. With chapters seamlessly switching back and forth from Karma & Braden's present to their teen years, you really get to know both characters and what has made them who they are today. It was so easy to fall in with Braden and then have the urge to scream at him for the way he ended things with Karma! (But I still love him. A lot.) And Karma was a very relatable female lead. I thought the author crafted a beautiful tale of second-chance love! And I also appreciated how when Braden stated that his feelings for Karma had never gone away & he asked for a second chance, Karma immediately agreed. I'm glad there was no back & forth deciding if she was going to take him back. Braden & Karma are perfect together and the ending was more than satisfying! A perfect HEA!

Overall:

Braden was freaking adorable.

Karma was a powerful lead.

This book has every emotion.

A very solid 4 stars from me!

I'd highly recommend this to all lovers of New Adult/Romance.

I will most certainly be checking out the author's other work.

P.S. That epilogue from Braden's perspective was the icing on the cake. Perfection.

~KristaMae~

Mary Meredith says

The blurb on *Finding Karma* is what drew me in. I was curious how it would all play out. I consumed this book, and quickly. I also found it left me hard pressed to find another good book to read after I finished this one. This story was one of the best coming of age, finding yourself stories I've read in a long time. Stacy kept the actions, reactions, and feelings relevant for the age of the characters.

Karma is a teenager that is used to being a wallflower. While a genuinely great person, she definitely preferred to not be the center of attention. All of that changes when the boy who haunted her past comes back. Karma had a lot of growing and soul-searching to do. I really enjoyed the stages we could see as a reader where her world was rocked and how she put it right again. She started out as a teenager with a level head, most of the time, and wonderful parents, who grew into a fabulous young woman attaining her dreams. The road trip section was probably one of my most favorite parts for this character. The author captured all the inner turmoil and changes so beautifully.

Braden, the boy who has secrets from his past and never forgot a girl, returns to his hometown where everything changed. When he sees Karma again, his world stops. Literally. He knew at that moment, the tender young age of 17, that Karma would be his end game. Braden had some amazing growth in this story.

His character had a lot to overcome and it didn't happen in a day or even month. You really got to see how he took the long way around to figure out what was truly important in his life. Stacy captured his thoughts and they were palpable. You could feel his anguish, strife, regret, love, and hope. Even as a young adult, seeing him continue to grow was an enjoyment for me as a reader.

Jeremy played a pivotal role in Karma's life, and I liked how their dynamic grew and changed with the times in their life. Forever the brother she never had, Jeremy will always have a place in Karma's heart. Their unlikely friendship was so fun to read about. The yin and yang working together. Karma's parents were a welcome addition to this story. They supported and loved her to no end. I always love stories when parents are involved and in a positive way. It's heartwarming to me. Braden's parents were an interesting twist that sometimes is the reality. I enjoyed how she closed the loop on their feelings and interactions with Braden and Karma. The other secondary characters were perfectly placed in this story to aide Karma and Braden in this thing called life.

Overall I fell in love with this story. It really did have everything I could want as a reader. The plot moved along and I didn't once feel like there was a lull. The subplots only aided in the storytelling didn't overshadow the main plot, and were closed up in a seamless way. I enjoyed this coming of age, second chance romance, and would definitely recommend it to people. I laughed, felt the tug on my heart, and relished in the ending. From cover to cover, this book was wonderfully done and would be on my reread list. I am giving it 5 pointe shoes for originality, personality, writing, plot, and overall completeness of a fabulous story.

Lisa says

This is the story of two young people and how they meet, fall in love, break apart, and find each other again. Lots of fun and made me swoon more than once!

Sweet love story.

AnneKR says

Wow, this book blew me away! I love second chance romances and this one is by far my favorite read. Karma and Braden formed a friendship when they were just kids, with Braden going through a devastating event and Karma being the only person to reach out to him. From then on, they were inseparable until one day Braden and his family moved away without saying goodbye. Karma was sad about losing her best friend. But time went on and now being a senior in high school, she is assigned to take pictures of the soccer team during practice for the yearbook staff. What she doesn't realize is that moment in time is what determines her future. She has no idea that the new guy on the team is Braden, and that capturing images on camera is something that she learns to enjoy and eventually wants to do it professionally.

They realize after so many years have gone by, they have never forgotten each other. They become friends again, and eventually boyfriend/girlfriend as their connection continues to get stronger. Braden is smart, a hard worker, and focused on getting into UCLA to continue playing soccer. He's determined to take Karma with him, as he cannot live without her. But Karma soon begins to realize that even though she is madly in love with Braden, she feels as though she hasn't found her purpose in life. She's always been known as Braden's girlfriend, and he's made all the decisions and plans so they can stay together. When Braden

announces unexpectedly that he will be training at UCLA for the entire summer, Karma has nothing holding her back when accepting the road trip invitation from her newfound friend from school, Jeremy. It is this decision that will open Karma's eyes as she experiences new things, meets new people along the way, and sees many places. It is also this decision that will be the beginning of Braden and Karma going their separate ways.

I love how Karma is a strong, fierce character. She never backs down, will not be pushed over, and goes after what she wants. Her encounter with Braden years later at a job interview is a shock to her, bringing up all the memories of the good times they had together. But it also brings up the very bad memories of Braden breaking her heart. Braden knows this is his second chance at convincing Karma that they belong together. He's never forgotten her and his guilt and remorse of hurting her has always played in his mind and heart. The story is told during past and present times, which flowed so well into the story. Their path is a long, bumpy road towards forgiveness and redemption, but in the end true love conquers all. This was a fantastic second chance romance and I look forward to reading more from this author.
