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A love that has smoldered for years ignites when two women and one little boy come together in the aftermath of tragedy.

An early morning hotel fire turns out to be anything but routine, and firefighter Reid Webb's best friend and partner, Jimmy Grant, dies. Guilt-ridden and grieving, Reid feels responsible for her partner's young son, Chase. She would do anything for him, even if that means spending far too much time in the company of the woman she's harbored feelings for since high school. Isabel Grant doesn't know anything about raising children. But when she returns to her hometown to assume custody of her orphaned nephew, she gets a crash course. Isabel's struggle to keep her footing in the midst of chaos is further complicated by her growing attraction to Reid, a woman whom Isabel blames for her brother's death.

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Ayse says

Like All Erin Dutton books, this was very well written. However, the straight girl falls in love with lesbian trope is done to death and really off-putting. If there was some indication that Isabel had also been aware of and partially in love with Reid from their childhood, which was why her relationships with men didn't work out, it would have gone a long way to explaining the way the events panned out later. As it was, there was no real motivation for her actions. Its a shame, I would have given this one 4 stars for the well developed plot and integration of the kid, but I loath this kind of thing.

Linda J says

Ratings - 3.5

Sandi Setlak says

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Good story but did take a while to get going. None the less a wonderful love story and an honor to firefighters and what they face each day.

I would have liked a better ending with what comes next!

Joc says

This was nice enough. I didn't find either Iz or Reid well-developed enough for me to become fully involved. There was a huge amount of potential to have incredible tension and drama but it didn't quite get there.

Jessica Roberson says

Pretty good

This is the second book I have read by this author. I feel that the first one, CAPTURING FOREVER, was better. I did enjoy the story, but it felt like a resolution was reached abruptly at the end. I also would have liked an epilogue depicting their relationship working out for the long haul since Isabella waffled back and forth throughout the book. It would have been enjoyable to see their successful relationship rubbed in Nathan and Susannahs faces too. Overall, I enjoyed it.

Stephanie says

Really really great story. Moved me to tears in places.....though I'm the biggest sap alive so that may not mean much. Sweet romance.

AL says

Really beautiful book. Nice story with some very emotional moments and a nice end....I am looking forward to read more of her books....easy to read with beautifully described characters.

Lex Kent says

3 1/2 Stars. I have been trying to read more of Dutton's books, and a book with a woman firefighter appealed to me. I enjoyed this. I liked how the main characters really did not get along in the beginning of the book. This was not a love at first sight type of book. Both characters had a lot of issues to work on. And I thought Dutton did a great job of building chemistry between the MC's. I also enjoyed the actual firefighter scenes, thought they were well done. I will continue to read Dutton's books.

Laure Dh. says

Well written & very touching story ... simple and very effective like I appreciate. Since I'm a very sensitive person, it made me become very emotional from time to time but I deeply loved this novel.

Monisha says

I love this book. I really do. I've reread it so many times, and I fall in love with it every single time. However, there are some things that weren't discussed/resolved in the end that really needed to be before Reid and Isabel got together. They really needed to sit down and have a talk so they could have the foundation they needed for a solid relationship. There were a lot of not okay emotions between them and harbored resentment and just a mess of things. But aside from that, the rest of the story was really good.

Lesbianfunworld Online says

It would have received a 4 star rating except for some editing issues which confused the plot. I guess there are so many authors now, editors are overwhelmed. In this story the flashback to childhood was problematic because of who lived where and when. So close, so close.

Kara says

With “Fully Involved”, author Erin Dutton puts several lesfic tropes together, adds a terrific narrator, and delivers a delightfully entertaining story.

Lesbian MC Reid has been in love with straight girl MC Isabel for twenty years, but has never let her know. That’s a long time to pine after a straight girl!

After the tragic death of Isabel’s brother Jimmy (who was Reid’s best friend and firefighter partner), Isabel returns to town for the funeral, and is thrust into the role of guardian for Jimmy’s now orphaned young son Chase. Isabel plays the will-I-go-or-will-I-stay theme song for awhile as she decides whether to take Chase back home with her, or to move into Jimmy’s house, next door to Reid and Reid’s mother, Meredith.

Deciding to act in Chase’s best interest, and minimize change for him as he struggles with grief, she stays...and begins getting to know the adult Reid, whom she blames for Jimmy’s death, and also harbors bad feelings about their years together as children. Individually and together, the women are consumed with grief, guilt and anger. With such intense emotions already in play, Isabel becomes confused as she soon finds herself attracted physically to Reid.

Even as Isabel falls in love with Reid, she keeps her shields. She’s not afraid of being attracted to a woman, but she’s afraid that with Reid’s dangerous job as a firefighter, Reid could be killed and taken away from Isabel. Sigh...this “I’m afraid I could lose you” trope occurs in several books I’ve read recently and it’s kind of annoying. I mean seriously, thinking “I might lose you so I won’t be with you” is really sort of just deciding to lose you right now on purpose. Oh well, without some drama lesfic would be boring, I guess. Well, except for the sexy scenes!

Eventually, of course, we have an HEA, and Chase is cool with it. I liked both characters and enjoyed their path to sex and romance. 4.4* - recommended more than many of my 4* rated books, but just shy of 5*

Loek Krancher says

Two thumbs up!

The whole family is being torn apart by a devastating fire. The loss Chase has to endure tossed them down a joint but unwanted path. Pent-up frustrations and unspoken desires makes it all very difficult. Both drew a line for them not to cross and there were unspoken rules. Raw emotions are running high. Sometimes actions speak more than words but it also can make situations very inconvenient. Can Isabel put her fears aside or will her fears control her life forever? The bond between Chase and Reid was touching and did feel so real. The storyline is strong and the characters are lovable and well developed. The moments that they couldn't hold back anymore were so passionate and sizzling hot. This is a real pageturner and I absolutely will read it again.

Kexx says

Excellent book - loved it.

Mirtha Siblesz says**Very sweet story!**

Ah the angst of love! This was a very sweet story. Talk about struggling with unrequited love! Dutton really did a good job with the character development to get us to the final point of the story! Well done!
