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“Not everyone you love is going to leave you...but what if they do?”

For Nate Lucas, this was his reality.

When he lost her, he was left with no choice. Life was impossible in Crawley without her. He couldn't live with all of the memories or her ghost.

He vowed to never return again.

It was business that brought him back and the chance to right a wrong, but then she needed him; his best friend's little sister. Her life and her child's were in danger. It was an arrangement until it became more.

He vowed to never love again; to never allow the past a chance to repeat itself, but sometimes you're left with no choice.

?When the walls around your heart are finally breached, do you run and save yourself or stay and fight for the chance to love again?

?When you lose your way, how do you find the way home?

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French Press Bookworm Blog says

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This book was just what I needed to get me back in the swing of things and out of a funk.

The story completely drew me in. The H loses so much in a matter of a day and in that time his whole world changes. What I loved about this book is how instead of becoming a world class jerk like so many authors turn there H Into after having their world turn black... He wasn't a jerk. Broken yes and maybe a little rough around the edge. He was sweet, possessive, and loving even when he didn't see he was in love. The h is sassy and a kick butt chick all on her own.

I enjoyed how these two just kinda happened. It was instant but fought hard. The angst level to this was needed to me. Just enough to make it real. Ugh I can't explain how much I loved this book and excited to have found a new author... Off to devour the other books in the series

Hooked On Books says

4 out of 5 stars

Nate Lucas lost his reason for living when his girlfriend and unborn baby were killed in an accident. He believes it was all his fault for not bring there to save them.

Nate never thought he would return home to Crawley, but something was pulling him back. He has bought a business and his grandmother's house. It is far enough away from town that he shouldn't have to deal with anyone.

When he steps foot inside the bar he purchased, he is shocked to see a cute little girl sitting there. He is even more shocked when he sees her beautiful mother Miley. They would be every man's dream but Nate wants nothing to do with love ever again.

When someone from Miley's past puts her and her daughter Sierra in danger, Nate can't help but step up to protect them. As hard as he tries, he just can't stay away from them.

Miley is doing everything she can to break down Nate's walls and show him that he deserves to be loved.

This was a great book. Nate had so much sorrow to deal with. I loved how Miley and Sierra loved him without hesitation. They make such a wonderful family.

This story had lots of angst and sadness, as well as a lot of suspenseful and nerve-wracking ones as well. It was very well written.

I definitely recommend this book to read.

LettyT says

Reading the description you might think this is just another boy falls for his best friend's all grown up little sister. That is not the case at all. This story pulls you in from the beginning. Nate leaves town after a devastating tragedy. When he comes back he finds his best friend's little sister, Miley is all grown up with a child of her own. When her past comes back to torment her, Nate vows to protect her and her child. This is one great story and even though it's book three in the series it reads as a stand alone. There are no confusing characters descriptions or story lines you can't follow. I do plan to get the first two books in the series just to catch up...then reread this one.

Mignon Mykel says

What a great read. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment -- from the emotionally gripping beginning, to the sweet, sweet end... Nate left town, leaving behind essentially nothing. His grandmother was the only one who meant the world to him; she was his rock and the one who fought for his sanity when everything crumbled around him. Now he's returned home to take over the restaurant and take back the family home he sold -- the one thing his gran wanted him to keep.

Upon returning home though, he comes face to face with his once best friend's little sister, Miley -- and her little mini-me. I loved Sierra's initial reactions to Nate -- and the gripping sorrow he felt in return. Nate's emotions ran all over the board -- he hated the fear in the little girl's eyes, but at the same time, he'd have his gruff, I don't need this, thoughts, and they helped to fully portray this man who felt he had nothing, that he wanted nothing... but under it all, he just needed a little love and understanding.

Throw in a great suspense line, a line that will have Nate questioning his part in Miley's life now and in the future, and you have a great read. For such a big, tough man, I absolutely adored all of Nate's vulnerabilities.

No worries, though -- there's still plenty of room for at least another book in this mix of the Chasing series. Still more Logan brothers questions.

*ARC received in exchange for an honest review

Laura Henderson says

The synopsis

Due to a sad and tragic accident our leading man, Nate Lucas loses his wife and unborn child. Nate consumed with grief and pain promises to never return to the place that made his heart stop and freeze over. However life doesn't always work the way you want. Brought back by business circumstances, Nate returns that small town and all the gossiping that comes with it. Nate then meets Miley and her daughter Sierra. He vows to protect them from a certain trouble. Will Miley and Sierra melt the ice around his heart? Will he save them and possibly himself? Read the book to find out!

The Review

First of all I love that even though this IS part of a series I can read it as a standalone. Id love to read more of her books to see the other characters. Linda's writing is beautiful and so heartfelt. I fell in love with her characters and would love to see more. You can tell Linda threw her heart into this story. You feel all the emotions with the characters: heartache, romance, caring, and more. Linda delivers a superb story and tells it well. I loved how we see things in Nate's pov, and would love to see an anthology or something maybe from other characters pov. The writing flowed smoothly and freely and hooked me from page one to the last word! Cant wait to see what Linda writes next!!! 5 out of 5 stars

•Cici• Theory of A Dreamer Book Blog♥ says

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Thank you so much Love Affair With Fiction for sending me an ARC of The Way Home! I'm very honored and grateful!!:)

5 Life is full of Surprises Stars!!

This book was beyond beautiful and really makes the reader realize life is too short to not live as well as love. Ms. Oaks takes two characters that had harsh life's and intertwined their worlds to create a story that is filled with so much hope it will stick with me for years to come. It was real and showed the true anguish of those who had lost people they held close to their hearts. The story really hit my heart and left me with many tears. It's really hard to slow down sometimes in our lives to step back and take a breather. The importance of living really shines through during the whole story. It makes me so happy to come across books that strengthen me with every single turn of the page and build me up with such outstanding words.

Nate Lucas was a character that i couldn't fully grasp how i honestly felt about him at first but as the story progressed i became more connected with him. He was kind of an intimidating guy and not one to engage in conversation unless he absolutely had to. It broke my heart that because of his past he never wanted to let anyone in and the way he sank in his misery daily was hard to read about. I just wanted to reach into the book and hug him as well as tell him everything will get better. Nate became such a sweetheart but at the same time he was all alpha male which made me love him as a character. His relationship with Miley proved to be something that he needed tremendously. The way he treated Sierra left my heart all warm and fuzzy.

Miley Triton was a character that was fierce but had a past that still haunted her. She was very kind but could tell you off if you crossed her in some way. I liked that she was strong after everything that she had been through in her life and wanted nothing more than to make sure Nate realized he deserved happiness. Miley was a wonderful Mom to her daughter Sierra and it cracked me up how much alike the two were. It ticked me off what some people said about her in the story. She could have given up and thrown in the towel after

everything she endured but she didn't and that made me have a lot of respect for her as a character. The way she build others up instead of tearing them down was something inspiring to read.

I highly recommend this book to anyone looking for a story that gives a whole new meaning to the phrase learning to live again and how opening your heart may be scary but worth it. If you haven't already read this book what are you waiting for?!?! Go one-click this amazing story right now! I hope it touches your heart as much as it did mine! 5 Stars all around!!:)

Danielle ?? (Danielle's Escape) says

Drawn into the book is the perfect way to read. When a book grabs you from the beginning and holds onto every word. When you can wrap everything you love in your arms you know you're home. This story brings you there.

Innergoddess_Booklover says

Finished The Way Home by the amazing Linda Oaks..
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Another great story that Linda Oaks delivers to her readers everyone needs to read once its out. I loved all characters.

Nate Lucas rugged sexy rough around the edges alpha..Makes you want to cuddle with him at night . Don't want to spoil anything . But this book is great and I enjoyed it very much..

Michelle says

I definitely know what it's like to lose a family member, it hurts like hell and it feels like peace of you will always be missing. But I can't for the life of me know what it feels like lose the person who you plan on living your life with. Nate is a hero and survivor not only did he lose the love of his life but he also lost their child. I can't imagine how this man felt and tried to move on. All the credit to him. In the first book I did not like Miley cause of the way she came off to Addi. Sierra definitely changed her for the better. After everything she has been through she deserves to be happy. Nate also deserves a second chance to love and be loved. He is a good man, Natalie's accident was never his or Addie's fault. Another 5 fantastic stars for this gem!!

Red Cheeks Reads says

When Nate returns home after leaving it all behind when the love of his life died he thought he would just exist there and nothing more. But he wasn't counting on his old best friend sister to come walking into his life. Now not only is he imagining Miley in all sort of fantasies, he must now protect her and her young daughter Sierra from a very dangerous man. Throw in old family feuds, reunions and drama caused by jealousy; Nate will realise he will feel more alive back home than he has ever been.

“After losing Natalie, there had been no light in my life. She’d been my reason to breathe, to smile; the first thought I woke to each morning and the last at night when I closed my eyes. When she left me, my world grew dark.”

Loved, loved, loved this story!! It was just perfect! Such beautiful, brave, strong and loveable lead characters and such a thrilling plot line. I was hooked from the very first page thanks to Linda’s captivating writing style and those books didn’t loosen one bit throughout the story.

“Hurt shone brightly from her blue eyes. It was tragic, but she was still so fucking beautiful that the sight of her stole the breath from my lungs. For a moment, I wished I could chase away all of those dark shadows lurking within her eyes.”

Nate was a wonderful male lead and has earned a place in one of my all time favourites. He has so much courage, strength and bravery and although his appearance might come across as big and rough, you could tell straight away that he would protect those that needed it and would love unconditionally if he would just open himself up to that love. The way he looked after Miley and Sierra literally made me heart sigh!

“I didn’t deserve her. I didn’t deserve anyone; not her, and definitely not Sierra. They would both be better off without me.”

Miley and Sierra were also wonderful characters. Miley was determined to stand on her own two feet and do whatever was best for her little girl. She had been through so much but she didn’t let it beat her down and instead remained standing tall. Her love for her daughter was beautiful and the way she wanted to look out for Nate was admirable. Sierra was the cutest little girl and even had me wrapped around her finger!

“She felt like fucking heaven and the answer to all of my prayers.”

The writing was so captivating. It just flowed flawlessly and the plot had everything I could ask for; romance, suspense, laughter and drama. It was a story of love and forgiveness, of letting go and moving on. But it also had some great twists and a lot of suspense which has me gripping my kindle tightly. I loved the back stories of Nate’s family and finding out what had happened with Miley and her family. And I loved the light heartedness that was woven throughout this story which stopped it from being too heavy. It was just the perfect mixture which helped create one of my favourite reads this year!

~BETHANY

Bookbuster says

**Just maybe, I didn’t deserve to be alone, but was I willing to take that chance?
To let someone in... only to have them ripped away from me again?**

This book stole my heart from the first chapter! I just knew I was going to fall hard for Nate! What amazes me is that this is Lynn’s first novel. What a talented young lady! She did a wonderful job capturing all the emotions that you only hope to feel when you read the perfect book! And it was PERFECT!

This was starting to get interesting. Maybe, I should pull off my shirt around her more often.

Miley what a beautiful lady, both inside and out. She was independent woman and did whatever was best for her little girl. Sierra, what a sweet little girl! She stole my heart.

“Princesses need their beauty sleep,”

Nate What a man. He is funny, hot, sexy, caring and giving. After losing her and their unborn child to a stupid car accident, Nate lost himself. He didn't care about anything anymore; his heart froze in the pain and grief. Miley came in his life as light in dark tunnel.

She felt like fucking heaven and the answer to all of my prayers.

Thank you so much Linda Oaks for giving us the incredible and heart warming love journey of Miley and Nate. I will never forget this experience.

“Jagger,” he replied, holding my gaze.

“Someday, I’m going to marry Sierra, sir.”

“You won’t marry me, Jagger McGraw, unless I say so,”

PS: I am expecting Jagger and Sierra's story in near future.

Akeisha -Til' The Last Page BB says

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

The Way Home is the second book I've read from Linda and I loved this story. This book can be read as a standalone but I did read book #1 to get familiar with the characters as they are interconnected.

I can't explain to you how many times I cried reading this. I would suggest reading this book indoors because face it, non-readers may think that you are crazy lol.

The story is told from Nate's point of view which was perfect. Nate was big, tough but most of all he was my type of alpha male. He was caring, loving and protective with what he considered his.

Nate's story is very heartbreaking but I couldn't help but root for him to come up from the feelings he was drowning in. I fell in love with him instantly.

Truthfully, for some reason I just could not place Miley. I liked Miley, she was funny, protective, and caring. I also liked that she wasn't your typical cry baby type of heroine.

The Way Home was well written and I was even able to read it in 2 days. I loved reading about Kara, Jake, Devon, Addie and the gang that reappeared in this book.

The Way Home left me with so many emotions but I was happy with the ending of the book. A good read in my opinion. Give it a try if you like the big ,dark and protective guy that is finally trying to come to terms with what happen in his past.

Yessica Rivas says

I absolutely Looove this book!

I was sad about Nate's past, but I Love how he protected Miley and her daughter Sierra
Both of them are sooo stubborn but they are perfect for each other
The ending was my favorite part!

Itsy Bitsy Book Bits says

A Must Read!!!

Nate Lucas is alone and has been since he was left by his druggy parents when he was a child. The only person he has is his Gran and she loves him and raises him to be decent, but when everybody in town knows you come from the other side of the tracks you are just not looked at or treated the same. He has one girl who loves him and he loves her like she is the air he breaths. Why does everyone he loves leave him? How is he supposed to go on without her? Everywhere he is, she is there too. Life became impossible in the town where they grew up. The memories followed him every step he took and she was all he could think about. The only way to stay sane was to leave town and never come back to Crawley again. His vow is to never come back or never love again!

It was business that brings Nate back to the one place he vowed to never return. He has decided it's time to right a wrong. His heart is covered in ice and Nate swears to never love again. He will never take the chance of history repeating itself. He is closed off to love and relationships of any kind but his best friend's little sister is in trouble and keeping her and her daughter safe is the only decent thing to do. They had an arrangement that was working until she and her daughter started melting the ice around his heart. Nate was so scared that all he wanted was to run fast and hard and not look back, but Miley was getting under his skin and so was her daughter. He knows that running will only send him backward and he won't be a coward.

Will Nate survive this and will Miley break through to his heart?

I really like this book. Linda Oaks has written a good read that I would highly recommend. I love it when I read a book that sucks you in and doesn't let go till the last page and you still want more. Thank you for sharing your writing talents with us.

Cheri says

This book stands alone. Third in the series the other characters are referred to and even show up, however make no mistake this is a complete story—AND I LOVED IT. Returning to his home town, Nate wonders if there is life after Natalie--His love in high school who died before she could even tell him she was pregnant. Years later he returns to buy back his home where his grandmother raised him and try to start a new life. However that life would never include a woman who could tear his barely patched heart apart again.

Until Miley—and of course little Sierra. Now he had a new battle—no longer just trying to survive, now he had to keep them from creeping in that black hole in the middle of his chest. But they weren't safe. He'd spent his life after Natalie bringing in bad guys who hurt good people. There was a real bad guy after Miley and neither of them were safe. How was he supposed to keep his heart safe with a woman so beautiful inside and out that it hurt just to look at her? And that little mite was a creeper—a creeper of the heart. Both of them were feisty and tempted him to tease just to work them up—then working up Miley in other ways was more than he could control.

He vowed to keep them safe until the man after them was caught. How was he supposed to protect them and his heart with them staying with him, the only way he knew to keep them safe.

I loved watching Nate return to life, fight back his demons with the memories of his Gran and the two females worthy of him despite Nate's worries and her fear of her reputation and the man after her. They are worthy of each other and so good together. It is a tough road and you will love reading their story.

A strong recommend.
