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Loving Cassie was effortless.
She was a thirst I couldn't quench.

She was everything I needed, but nothing I deserved.
I failed her more times than I could count.

I lied relentlessly.
And she always forgave me.

Until she couldn't.

Maybe I deserved to be left behind.

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Jax swept me off my feet with his disheveled hair and his easy smile.
I loved him fiercely.
He made me believe in the fairytale.

Then the walls crumbled around me.
The lies never ended.
I left him behind. I had no choice.
I mourned the loss of him.

But I moved on.
I created a new life,
Now, I was marrying someone else.

Where do we go now that he's back?

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Samantha says

Heartfelt Lies is Jax's story and starts out by ripping out your heart. The story bounces between the past and present and rotates between Cassandra and Jax for points of view. The first chapter sucks the air from your lungs and everything that follows makes it hard to breathe. The novel is painful and well thought out. Jax is a redeemable hero and does redeem himself by the end to ensure a very happy ending for both him and Cassandra.

Melissa says

Wow talk about 2nd chances. True love is true love and Jax and Cassie have so much hurt so much love so much strength but can they survive it. No Spoilers ! Go read this Now!

Amy says

"I had no idea where my life was headed from here, but I finally was taking control. I was no longer a passenger in my own life, I was taking charge and doing the things I needed and wanted to do to make myself happy. As long as I did that, my life would be ok."

From the moment I read the prologue, I was intrigued by this story. I wanted to know what had happened to Cassie and Jax? How did they get to this point? Where do they go from here?

This is not your typical second chance romance. Falling in love was easy, it was staying together that was hard. The road to HEA for these two was extremely hard. Heartfelt Lies is told from dual points of view & in past and present. The story starts off in the present: Cassie and Jax were both different people from when they first fell in love. There was so much hurt and so many obstacles that had to be overcome; so much that Jax had to prove. Cassie had to really look inside herself to see if she could believe that Jax really changed, to see if she could ever get past all the hurt and pain he caused. I was amazed to see how far Jax had come: going from amazing boyfriend-to dealing drugs to care for his mom-to losing his way after his mom dies-to finally hitting rock bottom. To see Jax come out of all that, to witness all the positive changes he made in his life was just amazing.

Heartfelt Lies is a story about redemption, accepting one's role for the mistakes they've made, the lies that one tells themselves because the truth is too hard to see. This is a story about love, forgiveness, hitting rock bottom and then finding yourself again. This story is heartbreaking and difficult at times. But, the journey was well worth the ride. The author did an amazing job, making me fall in love with these characters. Their angst and emotions, so palpable, they felt as if they were my own. The author was not afraid to show us the good, the bad and the really ugly.

Heartfelt Lies is the second book in the Undone Series and can be read as a stand-alone. I did things a little backwards, and read this one first, but I did not feel lost at all. If anything, I am more intrigued about the characters from the first book and am really looking forward to diving into their story. Kristy Love is a new

author for me and I can not wait to read more from her.

I was provided an ARC copy of this book via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review

Sher♥ The Fabulous BookLover says

3.25 Stars

ARC graciously provided in exchange for an honest review

Even though I didn't love this book, I still liked that it's a story of love and redemption. It deals with drug abuse so it's a great story for those who like to read this type of storyline. The prologue was amazing! It really gripped me. But the rest of the book went downhill for me. There was a lot of talking and not enough happening for me. I don't mind the back and forth POVs but they weren't distinctive enough. Cassie sounds like Jax and Jax sounds like Cassie, *but* it's still a well written beautiful, angsty story. It just didn't quite work for me.

Kylie Frankel says

Holy SNAPS! I don't even know how to explain this book. I knew I really liked Kristy's writing from reading the first book but now-- I am OBSESSED with Kristy! I loved Cassie and Jax together so much. Jax really had a lot of struggles throughout the book that I never thought would happen when I read the first book. I am so sad that I read the book and it's over now though-- I want to read more. I did want Will's Aunt Liv to be in this book a little more though. All I can say is-- WELL DONE KRISTY!! I need the next one!

Stephanie Rose says

No one does heartbreaking angst like Kristy Love! I spent most of *Fragile Fall* in sweet pain, but loved every minute of it! She's done it EVEN better in *Heartfelt Lies*.

I wanted Jax's book for what seemed like forever. Yes, he made me mad, but he was such a good guy. In *Heartfelt Lies* he's still that great guy, but does all the wrong things for all the right reasons. It broke my heart watching the suffering he was going through at his own hand.

Cassie and Jax had the love of a lifetime, every page and interaction you felt the pull between them. Their story was as beautiful as it was heartbreaking. The first chapter sucked me in, and from there I couldn't put it down.

I highly recommend this fantastic book!

Three Chicks says

4 Star Review by Jen Skewes

Heartfelt Lies is book 2 in the Undone series and Jax's story. When I first read The Fragile Fall I fell in love with Jax and could not wait for his story. In reading the blurb I knew that this was going to be a second chance love story, which I love. But I still had no idea what direction this love story would take. And what I was not prepared for was how real and emotional it would be. You do not have to read The Fragile Fall first but I recommend that you do because it will help you understand Jax and the relationship he has with his sister and Will. As well as his need to help his mother and keep her in his life.

This story had me from the prologue. All we know is that at one time Cassie and Jax loved each other, but something happened that broke that love. It's now five years later and Cassie is about to marry someone else. Jax is back and wanting a second chance with the only woman he has ever loved. Cassie has had his heart from the beginning and he hopes that she will give him a second chance. From the moment I read the prologue I was sucked in. I needed to know what happened between the two of them to break up and most importantly what was going to happen now? Would Jax get his second chance?

Kristy Love then takes you back to the past where Cassie and Jax met and we see these two connect and fall in love. Cassie is a single mom to an adorable two-year old boy named Ben. She is working hard just trying to make ends meet. She has no time for a man in her life or romance. But meeting Jax changes all that for her.

From the moment he first saw Cassie he was completely taken back by her beauty. He could not stop thinking about her and needed to see her again. The more time they spend together the harder they both fall. Jax loves Ben and loves spending time with him and Cassie. But Jax also has a lot on his plate at the moment. He has been living with his mother who he recently reconnected with. She is a recovering drug addict and trying to stay sober. Jax has this need to help and protect his mother and to keep her in his life. He will do whatever it takes to help her out, even if that means lying to the people around him. But the more he gets caught up in his own lies the more he starts to break. And if he didn't have enough going on something happens that causes him to completely spiral out of control. He copes in a way that makes it all go away but at the same time causes the ones that he loves to slowly drift away. When Jax finally hits rock bottom will his family still be there to pick up the pieces? Or will the one person he loves the most walk away?

This story goes back and forth from the present to the past. We slowly get to see how Cassie and Jax met, how they fell in love and how it all fell apart. And what I loved about the way this book was written was the suspense of it all. Piece by piece we learn about the past and see what happened to Cassie and Jax. Just as we get closer to the truth of their past we are brought back to the present. We are left wondering what happened next.

This is a story about love, forgiveness, redemption and second chances. But this story also deals with a very delicate topic, one that I think Kristy Love did an amazing job with. She made me feel the emotions, the hurt and the pain. I loved Jax and my heart broke for him and what he went through. If anyone deserved a second chance it was him. He loved Cassie but he let his pain and guilt get in the way of it all. But in the end he grew so much as a person and I loved the man that he became. I became so connected with his character that I myself felt so proud of how far he had come. Cassie was such a sweet and beautiful person. She had her struggles with being a single mother, not seeing her family and just trying to make it all work. She loved Jax so much but her son had to be her priority. I admired her for the woman that she had become despite all the

for me. Maybe I wasn't in the right mindset for this particular read. I'm not sure what it is but I didn't love this book. However, I didn't hate it either.

The characters were sweet, though at times they felt a little...flat. I struggled with the feeling that I have read this novel before, but with different characters. Their actions were all rather predictable but there were things the author was able to present with some honesty and realism. Jax's ability to lie to himself and just flat out deny reality felt familiar. Still, lack of communication as a plot device has always been a pet peeve of mine and so I just wasn't as invested in this book as I could have been.

There are plenty of good things in this novel, they just didn't work for me. Don't let that deter you from checking it out. The author has a nice way of writing and had a distinct voice for each character. I just know that with all the different little things that were constantly going on, I was exhausted when I finished.

Paula Genereau says

Jax has started college. He meets Cassie & they fall in love Ry & Jax got to know their mom. But when she takes a turn Jax takes his life down the wrong path. It causes a lot of heart ache. Years later he reconnects with Cassie at her wedding. Can he stop it & make her see she still loves him?

Bianca says

I received a complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review.

You know that feeling you get when you start a new book where you're like OMG I AM SO GONNA LOVE THIS?! Yeah that feeling? Well I felt that with Heartfelt Lies the minute I started. I was HOOKED. The writing and characters drew me in immediately and seriously where has this author been all of my (literary) life?!

As the synopsis indicates, Cassandra (Cassie) is getting married. To someone else. Not Jax. Her first and only true love. And Jax? He is devastated, and Cassie just wants a future with a man that will love her, but she knows she can never love anyone as deeply as she loves Jax. But love isn't easy. Not for these two. The moment Jax and Cassie come face to face in the beginning, you FEEL their intensity. The passion between them. For an author to illicit such a feeling between two characters I've just met gave me CHILLS. I was in that room with them. I held my breath. They made my heart beat. In the very FIRST chapter.

This is Jax and Cassie's story, so I will not spoil it for the reader. But just know that you will LIVE this book as you read it. The author never tells you their story. She puts you IN their story. Jax and Cassie fell irrevocably in love years ago. They fell effortlessly. Their love was easy. Until it wasn't. When Jax and Cassie meet you know right there that their lives would never be the same. You felt the moment when they simply handed their hearts to each other. But circumstances drive them apart. Lifestyle changes and choices become the reason why these two struggle with staying together. Lies, betrayal, and secrets. They became

too much in their relationship. But their love? It never wavered. It never faltered. It was always there. You still felt their heart beating for each other. But what happens when darkness takes over? When to protect yourself, it means giving up the one person that has become your life?

Jax and Cassie? They love deeply. Fiercely. Their love is LOUD. Consuming. Their love is intoxicating, overwhelming. Their love shatters all boundaries. Their hearts only know how to love each other. Their hearts simply SPEAK love. And I heard it. Clearly. *Heartfelt Lies* is such a powerful story about love and is so much more about the second chance. SO. Much. More. You feel the moment their souls find love within the other. And despite the darkness that tried to keep them apart, you still feel the magnetism between them. Even years later.

Can we talk about the writing of this story? The author effortlessly moves the story between past and present while we are given both the POVs of Jax and Cassie. There was an easy flow that allows the reader to be fully immersed in the lives of the characters. I felt that I was there with Jax and Cassie through every decision, every emotion. The darkness that consumed the two of them was portrayed in a very real and genuine way. Without giving too much away, the issues that are dealt with within the story are so relevant to the world we live in today. I love that the author doesn't stereotype this certain issue. It can occur to anyone. She faces it head on and deals with it in a very respectful manner.

I am not sure if I can truly put into words exactly how this book affected me. I loved every second of this story. Every second. *Heartfelt Lies* reminds me of my love of reading. This story resonated with me on such a deep level. It's about a kind of love that we should hope to experience, forgiveness, second chances, and it attests to the truth in love and all it is capable of. That love always wins. I will definitely be going back to read the first book in the series and I am SO EXCITED about the next book in the series to come that will be based on another couple. I think I have just added Kristy Love to my favorite author list. This read was beautiful, brilliant in its delivery, and I am still thinking about it an entire week later.

J.A. DeRouen says

What a beautifully written second chance romance! I fell in love with this story of forgiveness, redemption, and of course, love. Cassie was a strong heroine, someone who was easy to relate to and root for. My heart broke for her and the things she had to endure in her life, but she did it with such grace and strength. Now, I have to admit, I didn't love Jax in the first book in this series, *The Fragile Fall*. While sexy and sweet, he stood in the way of Will and Ry's relationship many times, and I was not having any part of that. But things changed the second I opened *Heartfelt Lies*, and I fell completely in love with him. Did I want to kill him several times and shake some sense into him? Absolutely, but truth be told, there's nothing I love more in a book than a long grovel, and for that, Jax has a special place in my heart. Trust me, you don't want to miss this one! I highly recommend this book!!

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Heartfelt Lies is Jax's story and my goodness, what a roller coaster ride Ms. Love put me through! The first couple of pages got my full attention and from there, I could not stop reading Jax and Cassandra's story!

Jax is in college, working and taking care of his mother the best he can, yet the people he associates with are

anything but good. The one thing that is good and constant in his sister, Ry and her boyfriend, Will. One day he meets them at a diner and sees Cassie, the one that has him wondering if he's missing something in his life....

As I read, Jax irritated me so bad that I had to put my tablet down just so I would stop yelling at him about how much of an idiot and selfish prick he was being. There are so many things Jax did but I can't say I didn't feel bad for him when his world came crashing down on him; I absolutely did. With that said, that is all I am giving you because you have to read it for yourself and see how he did it and if he is able to ever get it back.
~ Kara, 4.5 stars
