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Anna says

Loved it !!! Review to come!

Skye Burling-Briggs says

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WOW!!!

I am emotionally drained!

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I have no words for how DEAPLY this story affected me!!

I fell in love with Dalton and Rhane.

I KNEW going into this that it wouldn't last, I knew this wholeheartedly and still it DESTROYED me, shattered me and ripped my heart out! I was so attached to these two as a couple. I kept telling myself ' Just stop, you know he's about to die!' But did that stop me?? NO!!

"Karma's Desire" was fast becoming recognised as our signature song, I belted out the sultry Ballard about two star crossed lovers. The twins dubbed it ' The Legend Of Dalton and Rhane.'

Dalton was a true bad boy with a heart of gold.

"Ray, you'll always have a little piece of my heart," he says suddenly serious " don't ever leave me babe, a guy can't live with part of his heart missing. "

Enter car accident

6 months later.....

The accident left Ray with a fractured wind pipe and voice box. It also killed Dalton instantly.

I felt so terrible for Ray. In her own words she is left

"An out of work woman mourning the death of the only man I've ever loved. "

I ADORED uncle T!

What a wonderful man, he was more of a big brother/ father figure, than an uncle.

"As though sensing my hesitation T tells me, " It's ok Rhane. Nothing's going to hurt you inside that room. Wasn't this once your safe place?"

^^ this had me sobbing, as I hadn't recovered from the 'stairs' incessant yet.

My heart bleeds for this young woman, her whole world is falling down around her, and her main support person is gone, her two other band members, the twins, want nothing to do with her (to the point of a law suit) and her 'parents' disowned her when she followed her heart and soul into music, not collage. The only one she has left is uncle T.

I heart him!!

After moving to the 'house' her Nana left for her, she meets Gwen her nurse and soon to be friend. I loved this woman and her no holds bared attitude. Army chick all the way!

There are some rare moments of humour from Ray, and I loved them!

'I'm pretty sure washing it in puppy shampoo isn't something I want to make a habit of doing.'

So this 'house' needs a LOT more than some tlc, you know, because its not normal to rain inside! Enter Ian Callahan the carpenter *sigh*

I enjoyed the fact that there was no insta love! Insta lust, yes, but their friendship grew and blossomed into something beautiful.

So many ups and downs throughout. When he unknowingly plays 'Karma's Desire' while they're working, Ray totally and expectantly loses it! And let me tell you it CRUSHED ME!

When Emmy (Ians daughter) is introduced I fell in love harder with this man that has been dealt one of the worst hands EVER, after what his mother and father did, leaving he and his sister Orphans, he could have easily turned out like his sister an alcoholic, but no- he turned his life around even after Aubrey O'Meara, a girl he went to school with planed to get pregnant before graduation, not caring who the daddy was but deciding to " Scrape the bottom of the barrel " with the local trailer trash, seeing how her family is very well off and this will royal piss mummy and daddy off!

A new depth was brought forward when Ray and Emmy are at the piano.

"She is completely enraptured by the vibrations coming from the music, which I'd mistakenly assumed only I would be able to hear. "

After Ray remembers part of the accident the night that everyone is iced in At her house she has a scene with Ian, later know as the 'bathroom incident' and it is heartbreakingly breathtaking!!

"It's ok sunshine, I've got you,go on and cry like nobody's watching, I'll be your rock."

"Sometimes when I think of never seeing you again, I can't breathe." "It's alright, Sunshine. I'll be your oxygen," he whispers.

I was thinking this had a 'The Sea Of Tranquility' by Katja Millay feel, which is in my top 5 books of all time, so I freaked out when Ian started calling Ray 'Sunshine' just like Josh from 'TSOT' ! Weird!

I was so mad at Aubrey with the whole Christmas thing, what a horrible person!!

I really do believe Ray overreacted at this particular situation (well more so than usual anyways!!)

I felt terrible for Ian.

I hated their time apart, but I feel they both grew so much that it was a necessary evil.

I think it truly helps that this book just flows so effortlessly, I couldn't stop, I read it cover to cover, only breaking when I could no longer see through the tears.

Rays moment with Grams saying

"If someone takes a piece of your heart, hunt 'em down and get it back. You're a strong girl Rhane, but ain't nobody able to live with half a heart. "

The ending was very nicely wrapped up, although I hope to read more about the journey of Ray and Ian

"Because let's be clear here, you're mine, I'm yours. You can have your own toothbrush. No way in hell you're driving my truck, and I definitely won't be sharing you with anyone."

Thank you Lori for a beautiful story, you have made my favourites list :)

Anne Parks says

The girl who has everything going for her - sensational singing voice, member of an up-and-coming band that is already making waves; sexy, understanding boyfriend...life is good for Rhane. Until it's not.

I started this book and could not put it down until I was finished...then I was really mad that I didn't have a Book 2 waiting in the wings. I loved that this is not the usual "girl with a broken past - boy will fix it with mind-blowing sex" story. Rhane had to fight through some deep-seated issues, while dealing with some hidden demons, and a boat load of guilt. And I absolutely loved that she was the one that had to fix the problems in her own life.

Not that I don't think Ian was a major driving force (in more ways than one) in her road towards a potential recovery. But he had some issues of his own to take care of before he could deal with Rhane. Both characters brought past relationship drama to the mix. Again, in a shift from the norm, Rhane's issues with her previous love had more to do with her problems, and less to do with his. It was refreshing to stray away from the "horrible" ex syndrome!

I would love to see more of Ian's story (wink, wink). There is also the whole discussion on T, and his life...I really want him to find someone to love...and stop smoking.

Another great departure from the boilerplate love story, Lori L. Clark has put forth another must read that will have you begging more. This is a must-read!!

Vanessa says

“No! Dalton, come back!” “Why are you leaving me?” The dark timbre of his laughter vibrates through me, and he taunts me unseen, “You killed me, Rhaney baby. Are you happy now?”

Rhane Evans is no longer the woman she once was. After months in the hospital following a tragic accident, Rhane can finally go back to her life...or what's left of it. Without her voice, Rhane is just an angry shell of who she used to be; forever a reminder of the loss she suffered, her career, her spirit, her soul mate. Disowned by more than just her parents, she finds solace with her Uncle Thomas “T” and Gwen, the nurse hired to care for her in her new home; left to her by her grandmother many years before. Forced to make something out of nothing, Rhane is bitter. Not being able to remember how she ended up the way she is now doesn't help her already short temper.

“Being pissed off is something I've mastered over the years. But I felt it was much more productive when I was actually able to vocalize it. I've got to find a way to release all of this built-up energy or I am going to lose my friggin' mind for good.”

The house Rhane has inherited is less than shiny and new. The pipes leak and creak, the basement is dark and damp (not to mention—spiders) and over all needs a good sprucing up with some TLC. Rhane and Gwen set out to make a list to give to T in order to have repairs made. What Rhane never counted on was the copper-headed, gorgeous man to show up on her doorstep...

Ian Callahan.

“All at once it becomes crystal clear to me. My fascination with Ian isn't just because of how attractive he is or how his presence affects my breathing and heart rate. No, it's because, in so many ways, he reminds me of Dalton. F~ck.”

This man. This rugged, strong man. A man with his own demons, cannot possibly know what lies in store for him with Rhane Evans. To him, she is just “Sunshine.” Drawn to her as she is him becomes too much to bear and neither one is willing to give up the stubborn streak they share. The differences between Rhane and Ian fall on deaf ears as gossip swirls and pasts come back to complicate their new and fragile relationship. There is always more to the story than what you hear on the street...and Rhane is scared of what that means for her and Ian; but it can't be any worse than what she's running from in her dreams.

“Let's face it, I'm falling. Hard and fast, and I'm powerless to stop it.”

Seeking an outlet and finding none, Rhane's temper flares more and more often. Because of her outbursts, as well as her lack of sleep (for fear of nightmares) along with her memory staying locked up tight; not only is she seeing a doctor but is also enlightened on a family trait she had no idea about. Deciding to redirect her anger and focus on her music, Rhane knows it's only a matter of time before she has to face the truth of her past; and how it will affect her future...with or without Ian...

“Something my grandma used to always say to me pops into my head. ‘If someone takes a piece of your heart, hunt ‘em down and get it back. You're a strong girl, Rhane, but ain't nobody able to live with half a heart.’”

This review is one of the harder ones for me to write. When a story touches me, but in many different ways, I find it difficult to pin-point and share my thoughts...especially, without giving too much away.

So, here goes:

I loved this book, absolutely loved it. It was a very smooth, easy read; filled with both heartwarming and heartbreaking moments. The way the author uses her characters is wonderful. I never expected things to go the way they did and I am so happy I was surprised by many different elements. I love how the dialog was clear even though there wasn't a clear voice, and how communication never ceased, no matter who was doing the talking. I loved the inner struggles of each character and how real it made them in my eyes. This is definitely a story that will haunt me...it holds a rhythm all its own.

****4 Speaking Without Words Stars****

Sarika Patkotwar says

*NOTE: We (The Readdicts) received a copy of *I Breathe You* from author Lori L. Clark in exchange for an honest review. We thank Lori for the book!

It's no surprise that I love mind boggling, disturbing and messed up books. The more messed up, the better, is the principle I go by while picking a book to read. It's also no surprise that I adore abrupt and cliff hanger endings. But let me tell you that author Lori L. Clark has a way of making me think twice about liking such things which makes me like it even more. Confusing and complicated much? Well, that's how it goes. I read the author Lori L. Clark's book, *Different Roads* long time back and I still go back to it at times thinking about the sheer shocking ending of it. But yes, like I said, the more shocking the better, so I loved it. You can read my review of the book here. So when I got an email from the author about her next book, I jumped at the opportunity to read an e-ARC.

I must admit that when I started with *I Breathe You* I wanted to close it and put off reading it. It really saddens me that I thought of giving up on it. I was barely two chapters in and had no idea what to think because I hardly understood where the story was headed and what sense it made. The determined person that I am, I couldn't give up and oh boy, I am glad I didn't.

Rhane Evans and her boyfriend Dalton are musicians in a band called Fate's Crazy and an accident one night leaves Rhane (I LOVE her name) without the two things she loves most. Dalton is dead and so is her voice. She cannot speak above a whisper.

I loved Rhane as a protagonist. While one would expect her to cry over the past and think of the what ifs and buts of the situation, Rhane, unlike many female protagonists out there, doesn't spend the rest of her life mourning. She takes each day as it comes and she heals and helps herself. I loved seeing a female protagonist with anger issues and a slightly crazy but totally amazing personality. Rhane goes out for therapy and anger management classes, dyes her hair a new colour each time, chit chats with her care taker Gwen, goes out to hang out with her uncle T at the bar, makes a friend at the classes, helps out puppy dogs in her front yard, writes music and even finds love again in Ian Callahan.

Unlike *Different Roads*, *I Breathe You*, while shocking and disturbing, came with it's share of funny and light moments and lots of cheers and a positive outlook thanks to the presence of an amazing family and friends who, as characters, shone out throughout the length of the novel, alongside Rhane.

I really wish there had been a little bit more about Rhane's band and her relationship with Dalton. That whole thing got over really soon and was ended before it even began.

Author *Lori L. Clark*'s writing is simple, easy to comprehend and very very dazzling. I really loved *I Breathe You*. It was an amazing and sparkling read that sucked me in it's core and is going to stick with me for a long time to come.

Angie Elle says

*****This book was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.*****

This is a story about a young woman who loses all of her dreams in a single night. After a car crash takes her voice and her boyfriend, Rhane is left to pick up the pieces of her life. Her only source of emotional support is her uncle, as her parents cut her out of their lives when she dropped out of college to be the lead singer in a rock band.

With no other options, Rhane goes to the house her grandmother left her and finding it dilapidated, she has a lot of renovations ahead of her. Enter Ian, the contractor hired to do the job, and the highlight of the book for me.

The pacing of this book was spot on for me, if just a bit slow in some places. I really liked that Ian and Rhane's relationship progressed slowly. I think the situations they were both in warranted that.

The only thing I think this could have been different was the amount of time Rhane spent thinking about Dalton, her boyfriend who died in the car accident. The only time she really thought about him was when she was comparing him to Ian, and I just think he would've been on her mind more often.

Rhane's character was a bit of emotional wreck, and she stayed that way throughout as she learned to cope. I'm glad the author kept with the consistency and didn't make Rhane have an epiphany and change into a new person. Rhane recognized that she was in an emotional upheaval and proceeded to get help, but she had a long road ahead of her.

(view spoiler)

I wish we would have been able to see some of the book through Ian's point of view, because I think his life was in as much disarray as hers was. Maybe even a bit more, and I think this is part of what prompted Rhane to get her butt in gear and try to make some changes in her life.

At the end of this book, I don't feel like it was as much of a happily ever after as it was a 'hopefully' ever after, and I think it was perfect for Rhane and Ian's story.

If you enjoy stories where two broken people are trying to find their way together, I highly recommend this book!

Aestas Book Blog says

OMG this looks good!!! Added!

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Jamie ?? submits to books ?? says

????4 Beautiful Melody Stars ????

The beautiful story of finding the music to your heart again.

Rhane Evans, the rocker chick, lead singer of an up and coming band is handed a devastating hand of cards when a car accident takes the two loves of her life. Her voice and Dalton. As she comes to terms with outcome of her actions that fatal night, she accepts the truth with beautiful restraint. If only that restraint carried over to her instant reactions to the present life she is dealing with.

As she travels a path of finding the Rhane she wants to be, enter the gorgeous and just as broken, Ian Callahan.

Ian's life has been anything but glamorous. Being a single daddy to his 7 year old deaf daughter and his own secrets, he is also trying to find the right path to his happiness.

As both Rhane and Ian realize very early on, their paths are crossed with each other's. With the help of the loved ones in their lives. They learn to trust and accept. Letting the music of their hearts grow.

Beautiful love story of two colorful pasts to create a harmony.

Jean Maurie says

OMG I loved this book, I Breathe You. I could identify because at 16 I had my lips sewn together for some repair surgery and I couldn't talk either. Not being able to talk is traumatic and I felt Rhane's pain and frustration.

I had to keep reading to see if Rhane was going to get her voice back. I wanted her to be able to sing again.

Rhane is so brave and as I was reading I wanted to hug her and say “I know how you’re feeling, you’ll be ok.”

Then Ian enters the picture and he’s been hurt too. Would they get together despite the obstacles? I had to keep reading to see.

What a story, it captured all parts of me, including the sensuous parts.

Lori L Clark’s writing style captures my emotions on many levels. I love reading her books and I Breathe You is her best yet. I recommend I Breathe You to anyone who likes romances, especially deep emotional ones.

J says

Rhane, is on top of the world. Her rock band Fate's Crazy has just been given the chance of a lifetime to tour with the hottest act around.

But life as she knows it changes in a split second. Everything she held so tight has been ripped away. Her Boyfriend, Dalton killed in an accident that she has no memory of.

An accident that leaves her without a voice unable to speak above a whisper.

6 months later we see Rhane being discharged from hospital into the care of her Uncle T.

With no relationship with her parents, Rhane really only has T in her life.

She decides to go live on her late Grandmothers Property.

An old run down house that needs a lot of work.

Rhane is going through the motions of day to day existence.

Dalton was the the air she breathed the love of her life. Her voice was her life. Music was her passion.

~Losing my voice in the accident was akin to losing my identity, and although I try to put on a brave front, inside, I am anything but.~

She is numb and bitter and holds so much anger that it builds and in the end consumes her.

~“A tiny voice inside my head reminds me to just breathe. Inhale, one, two, three. Hold, one, two, three. Exhale, one, two, three. Repeat.” ~

Then Ian Callahan walks into Rhane's life and makes her start to feel again.

Ian is hired to help fix up Rhane's property.

There is an instant attraction between them both, but Ian's dealing with his own shitty drama's life has dealt him.

While they fight their obvious attraction, Rhane begins to heal.

While it is a slow process, we go through the motions with her.

Pain

Regret

Loss

Redemption

She has to work through all her anger and pain. Her way of dealing with her loss is not working, but as she acknowledges her demons she starts to let it go.

While Rhane is slowly healing herself. Ian is a constant.

I really liked Ian, he was patient and didn't want to push her to far or fast.

~"It's ok Sunshine, I've got you," he murmurs. "Go on and cry like nobody's watching. I'll be your rock." ~

When they do finally get to a place where they entertain the idea of more between them Ian's past comes back to test them.

Can they move past the drama together and survive a happy ever after together?

This was more than your typical New Adult romance where girl has major issues, boy has issues , they fight attraction, then have hot sex....

To me it was more about Rhane's journey. Her ordeal is so heavy and then you find yourself willing her

through the healing process.

It was about finding herself again, Bring herself back from something that had the ability to ruin her.

~Sometimes, I feel there are two personalities at war inside my brain competing for top filing. It's like trying to put together a thousand- piece puzzle where five hundred or so of the pieces have mysteriously vanished. ~

I really did connect with Rhane. I found her spunky and witty.

I loved Gwen. Loved their relationship.

And T was amazing.

I did enjoy the build up to Rhaine and Ian's relationship, but found myself wanting more.

He was sexy, and sweet. I wish there was more time for them to be 'together'

There were a few things left unanswered which totally leaves it open for a continuation.

I'm looking forward to Ian's story next. .

★ 4 Stars ★

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Patrycja says

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“Together we are. Together we will. Breathe in. Breathe out.”

Lori L Clark made a fantastic job at blowing my mind with a spectacular novel that easily hooked me. After only three chapters I knew I wouldn't be able to stop reading I Breathe You until I've finished it. Her outstanding way of telling story is such addicting! Only few minutes and I couldn't let go of Rhane and her heartbreaking life as a survivor.

“A tiny voice inside my head reminds me to just breathe. Inhale, one, two, three. Hold, one, two, three. Exhale, one, two, three. Repeat.”

Rhane Evans is a lead singer of Fate's Crazy. Her voice is often compared to Janis Joplin's. She was born to sing and perform on the stage. She has even thrown away everything for music career: she dropped out of college, her parents disinherited her and won't help her out. Now she has only her love for music, hope of succeeding and band mates. When finally her dream comes true, everything is shattered by unfortunate car accident. Now love of her life is dead, her voice is gone and she has nothing to live for.

“All I have left is time.”

Rhane tries to put her life together and survive from the nightmare, her life has become. Fighting with night terrors and loneliness, she attempts to find out why people blame her for accident, when she wasn't the one driving.

She moves to her grandma house and start to pretend to live. She doesn't want anything from life, not now when everything she cared of is gone.

Meet Ian Callahan. Sexy swooworthy constructor who's repairing Rhane's house. A man who can be more messed up than Rhane. They both know they can be toxic for each other, but the need to be close is too much for them to handle. The sizzling passion between them changes their lives forever.

Can two broken people find redemption?

"It's okay Sunshine, I've got you," he murmurs. "Go on and cry like nobody's watching. I'll be your rock."

I Breathe You is incredible standalone novel, that will kidnap your heart and turn it into pile of mush. Sexual tension will be bleeding from your ereader as well as deep dark emotions.

**"I need you, Ian." I pant, breathlessly. "Right here, right now. Please."
His body stills, and he dips his forehead against mine. "Sunshine, you have no idea how badly I want you right now. But I can't. We shouldn't. I just can't."**

Overall, I loved every sentence of Clark's novel and I literally can't wait to read every other book of hers. I highly recommend this story for every fan of beautiful, captivating romances. It's definitely something I'll be rereading in near future.

Meganm922 says

I Breathe You was amazing. I love the writing style of Lori C. Clark and how in depth she gets with her characters. While the story had a romantic plot, it was also a lot more than that. A lot of time was spent getting to know Rhane and her history. At the same time she was sorting out her feelings for Ian, she was also sorting out a ton of her own issues and I enjoyed the extra layers.

Rhane lost the love of her life, her musical passion, and her voice in one tragic accident. Thanks to her late grandmother's inheritance and caring uncle, T, she was able to set up a life for herself in a secluded area instead of the city without worrying about finances. The seclusion was helpful for her recovery. A live-in housekeeper, Gwen, was hired and Rhane went to work getting her old home ready to be lived in, while also trying to regain her identity. Rhane, Gwen, and T settled into a nice routine as Gwen cooked nice meals, T helped out by hiring contractors, and Rhane went to work figuring out what the old home needed in terms of repairs and upgrades.

Ian Callahan was hired for most of the construction and the attraction between him and Rhane was undeniable from the moment she saw him. He was gorgeous, hard working, and incredibly down to earth. However, the story didn't follow the typical love story timeline. While Rhane and Ian formed a strange friendship that was also strained due to sexual tension, they spend most of their time not pursuing anything. Rhane started going to therapy to help her nightmares and attempted to figure herself out as a person. Losing the ability to speak and sing left her utterly broken and she wasn't quick to move on from that. I loved that she wasn't quick to replace her lost love with Ian or try to avoid her own issues. Ian also had his own history that Rhane would have to deal with.

I loved watching the characters grow and become better people. By the time Ian and Rhane came together, they were ready and it was so much more epic to me because of how much they grew and got to know each other. I really felt like they cared about each other and weren't necessarily operating on hormones, no matter how difficult that was for them. Both of them were flawed and complicated, but they both knew they had to come to terms with certain things before they let their hormones get the best of them. There was a lot of push and pull and total satisfaction when they finally let their bodies take over. It was great.

I love Lori C. Clark's writing. I love how she writes about broken people and makes her characters so human and real. Her characters are incredibly multi-dimensional and I absolutely love it. *I Breathe You* captured my heart completely. Ian and Rhane's love story was amazing and heart wrenching. I loved how Rhane expressed herself and colored her hair crazy colors. I loved how Ian knew sign language, though Rhane didn't and wasn't deaf. I loved how Rhane's emotions flowed into the keys of a piano and how she was able to share those moments with others. I loved Ian's patience with Rhane and how understanding he was when he had to be.

I never post spoilers, and this isn't necessarily a spoiler for this novel, but I know a lot of people have issues with bad, sad, or tragic endings. I'm a huge fan of Lori C. Clark and loved her novel *Different Roads*, but it had a very tragic (but fitting) ending. I loved it, but not everyone did. I'm happy to say that *I Breathe You* does not have a tragic ending, so if you were put off by her novel *Different Roads* because of the ending, don't hesitate to pick this one up. It has the in depth broken characters without the decisions that lead to tragic endings for them. I only mention it so that people don't unnecessarily avoid reading *I Breathe You* in fear of a tragic ending!

I highly recommend *I Breathe You* to fans of NA contemporary romance with gritty characters who are real, flawed, and interesting.

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Stacie says

I was given this book as an arc in exchange for an honest review. Thank You Lori L. Clark for the opportunity to read this book, it was a pleasure. I do not know that my review can do this book justice, but I will do my best.

The life of Rhane Evans is changed forever when a tragic accident not only takes the love of her life but also her voice. Rhane is the lead singer of the band Fate's Crazy and this accident leaves her vocal chords so damaged she is left being able to only speak in a whisper. With her voice gone she feels that her whole identity is taken away from her. She is left so broken and sad but also so angry that she barley knows how to function anymore. She also feels major guilt because she survived and her boyfriend Dalton did not, so she is left feeling somewhat responsible. The other band members want nothing to do with her because they blame her for the accident, so she feels lost and alone. We are introduced to her Uncle T who is really the only family that is consistantly there for her. She moves into an old run down house left to her by her grandmother. It is then that we meet Gwen who starts off as a cook and someone to be there to help Rhane get to doctor's appointments or run errands, but quickly turns into a friend. Because the house is in such need of repair we meet Ian Callahan. **ATTENTION LADIES NEW BOOK BOYFRIEND ALERT!** The attraction between these two characters is immediate but Rhane is determined to fight it every step of the way. She feels major guilt at the thought of being attracted to someone else and that scares her. She feels that she is

betraying the memory of Dalton who up until now has been the only love of her life. As their relationship develops it is sometimes hard because of the issues that Rhane has, and Ian brings his own family issues, and it leaves you wondering will these two ever work it out and be happy? But they have such sweet tender moments that will have you rooting for this couple to make it. My favorite moment "It's okay Sunshine, I've got you," he murmurs. "Go on and cry like nobody's watching. I'll be your rock." AWWW LOVE HIM! Eventually Rhane learns to deal with the memories of the accident and also through anger management she learns to live life again and to not be so afraid to love again. I also enjoyed the relationship that develops between Rhane and Ian's daughter Emmy. They have some really sweet moments that can move you to tears. After a lot of struggles along the way I was happy with the ending. It left me hoping that Rhane and Ian's story is not over because I WANT MORE.

I enjoyed this book very much and I am happy that I had the opportunity to read it. I enjoyed Lori Clark's writing style, she really made you feel what her characters were feeling and sometimes that was hard, this book was emotional and that is not always easy. But in the end I am glad that I took the chance and I would gladly read other books by Lori Clark. Here is to hoping we hear more from Rhane and Ian. Can we PLEASE? 4.25 Stars

Krissy says

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Ok, so this story starts out with a rock group called 'Fate's Crazy' performing to get their big break. The lead singer Rhane and guitarist Dalton are a fiery couple in love. They score their break and then a tragedy occurs leaving Rhane without her voice, the love of her life and she can't remember anything about the accident...
"Even though I struggle to remember some things, I have had no problem figuring out that Dalton Morgan had been the air that I breathed and the love of my life. I probably would have signed up for a one-way trip to Mars, if it meant being with him".

With her life so completely turned upside down she only has her Uncle 'T' to rely on and he is there for her unconditionally, I thought 'T' was a really great character. However, Rhane struggles with the fact that her old self has completely disappeared and while she has always had anger issues, her inability to talk above a whisper makes her aggressive outbursts increase....

"Losing my voice in the accident was akin to losing my identity, and although I try to put on a brave front, inside, I am anything but."

I found myself crying silent tears so many times throughout the first 16 chapters of this book, because of the raw emotion, pain and heartbreak that the author pours into this character. As a reader I find that stories that have the ability to make you feel what the characters feel have a lasting impression on you and through Rhane that is exactly what Lori Clarke achieved with me.

Aside from all this Rhane has a quirkiness about her that had me laughing several times, her constant hair color changes and little things she does kind of rounded out all her anger and anxiety...

"I'm pretty sure washing it in puppy shampoo isn't something I want to make a habit of doing."

So with Rhane physically moving far away from her old life to a house that is extremely run down, we get to meet Ian Callahan. Ian's life has been no walk in the park and is way more chaotic than Rhane's. They have a undeniable attraction between them and their banter provided me with a few laughs as well....

"Come here, Sunshine." I move to stand next to him. A smirk tips up one side of his mouth, and he shakes his head. "That was easy." "What are you talking about?", "I just made you come with one finger," he says with a hearty laugh."

When Rhane has an emotional melt down, Ian is there to support her....

I fall against him. "Sometimes when I think of never seeing you again, I can't breathe." "It's alright, Sunshine. I'll be your oxygen," he whispers.

When Ian and Rhane finally give in to their attraction, Ian's past

rears its ugly head and causes total chaos and threatens their happiness. However, when it all comes down to the crunch and they have both sorted out their own personal issues we finally get to see them together....

"Because let's be clear here, you're mine, I'm yours. You can have your own toothbrush. No way in hell you're driving my truck, and I definitely won't be sharing you with anyone."

Gwen was another great secondary character just like 'T', and exactly what Rhane needs in her life, she is a tough no nonsense ex-army nurse who fits perfectly into the story and provided great companionship and advice for Rhane....

Gwen heaves a heavy sigh, "Oh, boo hoo. She called you names. So what? You need to grow a pair."

This was a great read that I really enjoyed. The story flowed with ease and the characters were engaging and developed really well. I kinda hope that there will be a sequel so we can see where they go now that they are together but felt it was wrapped up enough that it wouldn't matter if there wasn't one. I would definitely recommend that you take the time to experience this great story.

Kath says

4.5

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Rhane Evans and Dalton Morgan

I loved Dalton Morgan to the edge of time and back

Living 'THE LIFE' of a rock star, young love that shared interest in music. Their career on edge of a good breakthrough for their band **Fate's Crazy**

"Don't ever leave me babe. A guy can't live with part of his heart missing."

But just when it's a start of something new.

everything went... Black... for Rhane Evans.

The New Rhane Evans

Sometimes, I feel like there are two personalities at war inside my brain competing for top billing. It's like trying to put together a thousand-piece puzzle where five hundred or so of the pieces have mysteriously vanished.

Rhane Evans lost everything. Her love of her life Dalton Morgan, her rising career as a rock star, and most importantly her voice. After tragic accident happens. She might as well be dead she thought.

I have become an empty, soulless shell just going through motions of a day-to-day existence.

Then there goes **Ian Callahan**

Lori L. Clark really put together a good story so well that I instantly got hooked into this book. I didn't expect that such tragic will start the book. But I guess "we have to feel pain first in order to get our real happiness". I loved how she created the characters of Rhane and Ian. Rhane with her past. and I also didn't expect Ian has also a past that made him Immune to the 'craziness'

Things I loved

Music! Music for me is life! And put a music in a book I'll love it! I love the playlist in some appropriate scenes

Puppies!!! Yes, those 4 adorable puppies sure made me want to insert myself in the story and play with them :)

How Rhane change her hairstyle whatever mood she's on

How Ian is giving me the 'goosebumps' whenever he gives an epic line! :)

"Unique? Sunshine, you are one of a freaking kind."

"Go on and cry like nobody's watching. I'll be your rock."

"Sometimes when I think of never seeing you again, I can't breathe." "It's alright Sunshine. I'll be your oxygen."

sigh all-in-all :) I love it!

Book 2 please Lori. :) Please and thank you!!!
