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Emmalynne Morgan thought that getting married to her High School sweetheart and starting a family was all she wanted in life. Everything was perfect until circumstances change and devastating blows occur.

Fast forward five years, Emmalynne thinks she is broken, not only emotionally but physically as well, so her confidence was severely lacking. Being a single mother to her son, Tucker, as well as an owner of a small town Bookstore, she does everything she can to keep men at arms-length, not thinking she is worthy anymore with her plus-sized body and scars.

Taking it upon themselves, Emmalynne's best friends, Toby and Tessa make it their mission to bring her out of her tight-knitted comfort zone. That is when she locks eyes on the male perfection that is Grady.

Grady Finnegan was the gorgeous new guy in town. Recently injured and discharged from the Army, Grady comes to his Uncle's aid in helping manage the family bar. Not being anywhere near innocent when it comes to women, Grady meets Emmalynne and he knows one thing, that he wants her.

Sparks fly and passion ignites, but will that be enough? Not ready to lay her heart on the line, Emmalynne guards it as best she can and ultimately fails. When chaos erupts and Grady's past comes back to haunt him, it leaves Emmalynne's already broken heart, shattered.

Will past circumstances prevent Emmalynne from having the future she deserves? Or can Grady help her follow her heart and show her that she is Not Alone.

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SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

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Roksana says

[hero is stalked by his ex girlfriend that dumped him whilst he was in military. After that she begun stalking him and showed up to see him and throw herself at him and kissed him! Hero repeatedly told her to get lost, but when she kissed him his reaction was:

“Don’t you EVER talk about Emmalynne like that again. She is three times the person you will ever be. I love her, and FYI, in case you’ve forgotten, you dumped me months ago through a fu

Amanda says

4 1/2 STAR THOUGHTS

I love reading and discovering new authors, especially when the story is AWESOME! Amber Nation wrote this story beautifully, and I can't wait for more from her in the future! Not Alone brings out so many emotions because although there is a HEA, it is a bumpy ride getting there. Every time I thought things might work out one way, something else happened and I wanted to scream for them! She will also have you laughing at the hilarious banter between friends and hoping you will have a son who loves you that much someday! Amazing Debut!

In Not Alone you will meet Emmalynne Morgan! Emmy thought that her life was going to be perfect. She married her High School sweetheart and started a family. She had everything she always wanted, but things began to change. Her husband became emotionally abusive and tried to control everything Emmy did. She thought she was doing the right thing by staying with him like she vowed. But just as she figured out she had to leave...a tragic accident occurred.

Now it's five years later and Emmy is still broken on the outside and the inside. She is lacking in confidence from years of emotional abuse and hates the scars that are left from the accident. Emmy is now a single mother to her son, Tucker. He is an amazing little boy and so proud and protective of his mother! I adored their relationship...especially the "Lego" incidents because I can completely relate! Taking care of Tucker and owning a bookstore doesn't leave her much time for a social life. But with a little push from her best friends, Tessa and Toby, she decides to take a chance on the new gorgeous man in town!

"Sometimes when you met someone you just knew that they were the one. I would bet all the riches in the world that she was my one."

Grady Finnegan moved to town to help his Uncle run the family bar. He was recently injured and has been discharged from the Army, and he is one SEXY SOLDIER! Grady is no where near innocent and has NEVER wanted to settle down with any woman. But the moment he locked eyes with Emmy, he knew he had to have her! The sexual chemistry between them is explosive! I loved how sweet he was with her! Grady tried to help her see how beautiful she was both inside and out! I especially love that he could cook...yummy!!! He was always respectful of her and that made me love him even more!

"If you keep letting out those agonizingly sexy groans every time you take a bite, I'm going to rush you back to your house and fuck you senseless. And I know you aren't ready for that...yet..."

I don't want to give too much away, because some things that happened... I definitely didn't see coming! OMG how can so many bad things happen to one person? Will their passion be enough? Can Emmy let her guard down and learn to love again? What will happen when Grady's past comes back to haunt him and it leaves Emmy's heart shattered? Can Emmy ever have the future she deserves? Will Grady be able to show her she is not alone anymore?

There were times I was dying laughing, scared, crying, heart broken, smiling, and just completely and blissfully in love! I loved all the extra characters and felt that each and every one played a huge part in the book! Especially Tucker's relationship with his Mom and Grady! Amazingly written! Beautiful story! And I LOVED THE EPILOGUE! Don't pass this book up! I will definitely be watching for more from Amber Nation!!!

Marcie says

5 AMAZING STARS!
Review to come.

Didi says

2.5 STARS

This sounded so good on paper. It turned out to be very OK. Emmy is a single mom who had married her highschool sweetheart only to be disillusioned 3 years into their union. They had a son together, Tucker, and when he turned 2, things got bad for Emmy. Enduring years of mental and psychological abuse, a tragedy strikes and changes her life forever.

It's now been 5 years since her life took a different course and she's in a happy place. Her son is now 9, and she owns a bookstore where not only can you buy books but indulge in one of her sweet treats. So things are good. But Emmy is lonely. She has great friends and a stable life but something is missing. And while she is doing well, she still carries insecurities about her weight and scars.

Things get shaken up when Grady comes into town to help his uncle Mac run his bar. Mac is retiring soon and handing the reins over to Grady, a retired special forces man. When Grady sees Emmy his world stops and he doesn't give up till he gets her. He helps her see she's special and loves her curves. He cherishes her but his past catches up with him and threatens to destroy everything all over again for Emmy.

Okay, so the story was sweet, but it lacked something for me. I found it inconsistent and choppy at times. The words should flow but they didn't. Emmy is described as insecure and I did see that, but she would do things contrary to her insecurities. And for someone scared to let anyone in and deny any sort of romantic involvement, she sure jumped right in with Grady. I expected her to take longer in submitting, but it was literally right away...again, inconsistent. The truth is, she got on my nerves.

Grady was a decent guy, really thoughtful and caring. He often went out of his way to show how he cared for Emmy. He had secrets, but the reasons for him hiding them were murky. Honestly, it wasn't a big deal. I couldn't get why he made it one. And then when the shit hit the fan, his mothers advice was so ludicrous, I almost threw my iPad. What's the best remedy for hurting someone? (view spoiler) Seriously GREAT ADVICE MOM. NOT. The secondary characters were okay and we had the token gay best friend, making this almost formulaic.

There was an element of suspense in the story and a plot twist that seemed unnecessary(view spoiler), but otherwise this was a miss for me. We at least got an epilogue that was very sweet, but by then it was too late. Anyways, this has gotten some great reviews, so if you've added it I encourage you to read it, different strokes and all that jazz.

Shay says

I just finished Not Alone and just absolutely LOVED IT. Grady and Emmy are so cute together and was glad that they get their happy ending!

At the beginning of the book, Emmalynne is in an unhappy marriage. Bryce is a complete douche and is very verbally abusive and she at this point is done with it all when they are in a tragic accident and Bryce dies. Fast forward 5 years later and she owns her own bookstore "Turn the Page". She is doing good in her life and doesn't plan on changing anything. Here walks in Grady. He was in special forces and had gotten shot and left the army and now helps run his uncles bar. He wasn't looking for anything either but that is when you least expect it. You meet the one that you are supposed to be with. I really thought this would be cheesy but damn, it was awesome and it was HOT!

Grady, damn, I don't even know what to say. Sexy, smart, hell man in a uniform. Cannot go wrong with that.

Emmy, very sweet, loyal, always worries about others before herself. She is a little over weight and is very self conscious about that (Bryce's doing) so she doesn't think that Grady would want her. Boy was she EVER wrong. Grady not only wants her but also understands that with having a kid (Tucker) its hard for her to let her walls down but does give it his all to do it! The chemistry is undeniable between them. Like a match to flame, it just combusts and you just cannot help but watch and be awed by them. It was such a pleasure to read their story.

SEX! Very sexy and smokin!!!! You will LOVE every bit of it.

I also loved the secondary characters. Tucker, Tess, Brock, Toby, Charlie and her dad. You just cannot help but love them too. There was a lot of characters but it flowed really well, you knew who was which. They all had different personalities and it tied well with the story.

I also loved that it was in Emmy and Grady's POV. Like I always say, it helps me when it is like this because you get to see how each other felt and why things were done the way they were done. Awesome job!

There is also a creepy part to it. Won't go into detail with it but once you read it you will understand. I think some authors tend to throw stuff in a story to make it worth our while when all they do is make it worse and it confuses us. Not the case here. It was handled very well and it had to be put in for it to be completed right.

I just really enjoyed this story, you have to get this one. You will not be disappointed.

Story 5

Sex 5

Overall 5+++++

Reviewed by Beggin from Mommys a Book Whore (MaBW)

Andrea Smith says

Well, HELLO Amber Nation! What a beautiful and endearing debut novel. I loved the fact that the H and h were imperfect people with some physical and emotional baggage going on, yet they found one another! The road was not easy for either of them - can I say one thing? I hate "C"!!!! Tucker was very endearing and I loved how he looked out for Emmalynne for just being a 9 year-old, he was her little man.

Emmalynne had gone through some tragic stuff in the prologue, and as the book starts, she is dealing with her life in a positive and constructive way. But, through years of being psychologically abused, she still finds a lot of self-doubt going on. In walks Grady and what he sees in Emmalynne is perfection! He doesn't want to change a single thing about her.

Of course there are roadblocks to their happiness; misunderstandings, criminal behavior - I won't spoil it but the story grabbed me from the first page and I found myself feeling as if I were there - with the characters - observing it firsthand.

Good job, Amber!

Ajs Book Reviews says

Emmalynne doesn't think that she is pretty. She is well liked by everyone in the community. She helps anyone and everyone without so much as a second glance. I love her character. She is hardworking and puts her son first. I hate that she is self-conscious and the reason for her being like that. I love that her name is very different from what you would normally see.

Grady. My, my, my Grady. Seriously he is total swoon worthy!! He is dedicated and hard working. He is slightly on the possessive side but not in a bad way. His demanding mouth is a good thing. Would love to see him in his uniform. Hehehe. He has a kind, caring and gentle side. Tell me where I can find him please!

As a debut novel, I was thrilled to read this! From the very first page I was drawn in! A total win for me!! I loved the story, the characters and everything from beginning to end!! One part of the book took me by surprise and I asked myself, "Oh my god, did that just happen?" and yes of course it did! Loved how close knit all the characters involved in the story were. Tess and Toby, Emmalynne's best friends, seriously cracked me up! I loved them!! The guys of the band were funny too! Charlie on the other hand gave me a mysterious feeling but in a good way. I think the author did a fantastic job on this novel!! Looking forward to her future work!!

Feisty Girls says

~Joni's Review~

I was hooked from the prologue and loved every single word!! I love it when I have a book that puts a smile on your face, makes you say aww, makes you tear up, as well as makes you wanna smack some people along the way. That is what it's all about.

Emmalynne married her highschool sweetheart, Bryce, who turned into an emotionally abusive person and pretty much absent parent to Tucker. After tragedy struck Emmy is left widowed. (No love loss and I just had the prologue to read about him)

Five years later Emmy had built her life again and for her and her nine year old son. She is the proud owner of a bookstore where she is known around town as the best baker. She has a great support system and a few tricks up her sleeve.

Grady moves to town after he was injured in the military to help his uncle run his bar and there is where he sees Emmy for the first time and he falls ass over feet almost instantly.

Emmy wasn't into the dating scene, she felt that once was enough, but when friends intervene and take the choice away from her she finds herself on her first date in many years.

Don't get me wrong it wasn't all sunshine and rainbows. There was a jealous guy who would stop at nothing to prove to Emmy that she was his. As well as a jealous woman who wanted Grady back and couldn't stand

that he had found someone new.

Can they survive all that life throws at them or are they destined to love this life alone?

I really enjoyed this book. I loved Emmy & Grady as well as the side characters. Tucker touched my heart big time and I smiled through tears a few times with this young man. I cannot wait to see what Amber Nation brings us next. She definitely has a new fan in me!!

I give Not Alone 5 Heartwarming Stars!!!

Shannie's ??Lookin' 4 My Next BBF?? says

3.5 You're Beautiful Stars!!

This was a freebie on Amazon. The blurb sounded interesting so I picked it up. The story easily and it was a fun, sexy read with some great steam. I loved Grady and Emmy was a strong single mom. I didn't like all the OTT cheesiness!!

Amanda says

I can't even express how much I loved this book!

Emmalynne is quirky and sweet, but emotionally damaged thanks to her ex husband.

Grady is ex military and somewhat of a ladies man. I mean, seriously...who doesn't love a man in uniform?!

The banter between Emmy and her friends, Tessa and Toby, made me chuckle because it reminds me of my own friends! ;)

With everything in Emmalynne's past, of course she would struggle with a new relationship. Grady has some things from his past that also come back to bite him.

The end of the book had me in tears. So worth reading! I have heard some of what Amber is coming up with next...and I am not so patiently anticipating her next book!

Kitty says

I read it like 2 weeks ago and I can't remember it. maybe I should remove 1 star...

I liked the beginning But I remember being annoyed by Emmi after a while

Hooked On Books says

I loved this book, there were ups and downs and for the most part it actually felt as if it was taken from a real life situation. Grady and Emmalynne's inner monologues were adorable, its how people really think and freak out about stuff, I loved it. The attraction between Emmy and Grady is instant, its sweet and almost innocent in a way, I love that this book is written from more than one point of view, you don't just have Emmalynne or Grady's view you have both and even some of their friends, but for the most part it is Emmy and Grady telling their story. Grady is sweet, kind, caring and loving and like every man he makes his mistakes and doesn't communicate his feelings very well. Emmy has been through a lot in her life and has managed to be strong for her son Tucker, to her its always felt like just the two of them with friends and family on the outside, so to her meeting Grady and having him like her back is new and out of the ordinary and it takes her some time and a pep talk or two to accept that this man thinks she's beautiful and worthy. Overall its a sweet story that when you read it you could see it happening to you which is what I love about it, i'm all for the fantasy of these billionaires and CEO's but Grady is better as he's just a regular guy that wants to give this woman everything he can, I think its amazingly sweet and very well written. The only thing I have to say about the editing is that a few times Brock (one of the friends) is referred to as Dereck, that confused me to no end, but that is the only thing that bothered me about this book. I give it 5 stars I loved it!

Keesha says

I had the pleasure of reading Not Alone. I must say its an amazing story. Emmalynne dating her high school sweetheart, who turns out to be a absolute nightmare. Then we meet Grady, who's fresh out the military. Talk about hot! Plus you'll get to meet Tessa and Toby. I swear they kept me laughing. I was seriously happy she had such amazing friends to be there for her. This book will have you feeling all sort of emotions. It was such a pleasure reading this book! I look forward to reading more books from this very talented author!

JoJo - JJJ (Jo Anna) Janesko says

I am in shock that this is Amber Nation's debut. What an awesome job she did in writing this masterpiece. I loved it!!! I would say for sure this is a must read. My only complaint is that I wish it were longer. It just seemed to be too short. I can't wait for her next book which I understand is going to be longer. Amber Nation is one to put on your radar.
