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Hale Jarreau left my life the same way he entered it--all at once.

We once burned like a fire, raging and consuming and I spent my life loving him. I didn't have a choice.

And then, he was gone... Leaving my heart aching and my soul empty.

Time doesn't heal a damn thing and pain comes in many forms. But time only makes that pain ache deeper.

It makes forgetting impossible.

Every love has its story.

This one is ours.

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### **R. Holmes says**

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### **Cyndi says**

I loved that Hale and Ember were each other's first and only when it came to love, relationships, and sex. Their relationship was sweet and their love was strong. The steamy times were very steamy and well written. My problems came with the different lengths of time that were given for their separation. They were apart for 3,4, or 5 years. I'm not sure which because all 3 time frames were mentioned. I also wish we saw them together in high school. They were in love from the time they were children but we don't get to see any of that. No prom, dates, etc. We do read their first time having sex. Also I don't understand how Hale was going to sneak back into town and not warn Ember that he was alive. She had spent the last 3,4,or 5 years thinking he was dead. And he was held prisoner for a year which means he willingly stayed away from Ember 2,3,or 4 years. I know that he had a very traumatic experience in the service, but with how strong their love was I didn't fully understand why he would let her think he was dead. It was just a little muddled. But I loved that they were both celibate during their time apart.

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### **Talltree says**

[H being thought dead in combat for a few years -when he was actually a POW ; and the H pushing h away when he's back bcos of his PTSD, but that only lasts a few days!! (hide spoiler)]

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### **TheCrazyWorldOfABookLover says**

DNF at 40%

The writing style was not for me - TO ME (this is MY PERSONAL OPNION) there was no fluidity, the sentences were choppy, it had a good amount of grammatical errors, the transitioning was way off and the pacing was rushed. I realize this was an ARC and it will go through further editing, but I am reviewing what I read at this point in time.

After a certain event, the plot was a tad predictable, and AGAIN TO ME it doesn't seem like a lot of thought was put into plot, character development, themes, etc.

Sorry to say I did not enjoy this.

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## Dee Montoya says

\*\*\* 3.5 *Sweet Stars*\*\*\*\*\*

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♥???♥???♥???♥?

Hale and Ember met when they were just kids. He didn't have the best family situation at home and very quickly he became attached to Ember and her grandparents.

A beautiful friendship turned into love and these two were perfect for each other. You can feel the great chemistry and devotion they shared from the moment you start reading the story. When they get older and the relationship becomes more intimate, the sexy times did justice to the title of the book; scorching hot.

Since Hale didn't grow up having the best relationship with his father, he was always pushing himself to be a better man than his dad and he wanted nothing more than to be the best man he could be for Ember. With this in mind he joined the Marines.

Ember is sad about Hale leaving but she promises to wait for him. The love correspondence between Hale and Ember was so beautiful, it gave me goosebumps when I was reading them. Even though these lovers had the best intentions and their hearts were full of hopes and dreams, life had other plans...

I really enjoyed this story, the plot about young love and the small town setting really captivated me. The steam factor was high, very sexy love scenes that were also romantic and that was another plus.

My only negative would be the lack of angst on the second half of the book but that is my personal taste, I like my books angsty, what can I say?

I've had the pleasure of getting to know this author and I know she's put a lot of heart, sweat and tears into this book and her hard work really paid off. I think for being a debut novel it's really great and makes me excited about reading more from her in the future.

My *Scorched* music playlist:

- \*I did it With You by Lady Antebellum
  - \*She is Love by Parachute
  - \*Amnesia by 5 Seconds of Summer
  - \*Sail by AWOLNATION
  - \*I Wanna Grow Old With You by Olivia Millerschin
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## Soonya says

Really liked this book, it was cheesy though but I liked it anyway. I really love the fact that h and H were each other's one and only, it was so sweet that they stayed true to one another during separation. Hero has his TSLT moments after he comes back, but quickly snaps out of them. I mean I could understand some of his issues, he had horrible childhood and then his time in the army...wasn't really that good. But he really loved his h deeply and she loved him back.

Curious about Tyler!

All in all, good debut novel.

Safety(view spoiler)

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## Chantal ♥? says

Basically I still love the book but the hero pissed me off here and I don't know why! It's just he could see how tortured she was and he did nothing. She made all the grovelling and begging for his love. Why does his actions all of sudden piss me off so much. 4 stars I would even say 3.5 I know it's crazy!

Maybe I should not reread books I thought were awesome.

I just ruined it.

-----original review-----

I just felt the love between these two!

I loved this story and I will not spoil this book for those who have not read it but man it was an epic ride.

I am so glad I read it. I laughed, I cried, and I enjoyed every minute of it.

This was a very moving love story and I love that both the hero and heroine only had each other as lovers.

And I mean lovers.

They are just awesome.

Can't see a book topping that.

Everything Ember goes through is just so touching. I was glad of how it ended with the words " every love has a story and this one is ours." Beautiful just beautiful.

Completely safe and I would recommend it.

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## Deserie williams says

Contains Spoilers!!!!

Such a sweet story with a little bit of pushing away. Great debut! Loved Hale and Ember and their beautiful love they have for each other! Nice to read That they were each other's first and last:D Was it perfect no but it's a damn good start! I will be waiting for more to read by this author! Hopefully she stays safe:D Love HEA! Forgot to mention Hale was awesome I loved him and I wouldn't change a thing about him!!!

safety: when h thought H was dead 3 years later she does go on a date (forcing herself , thinking that's what

she should do) but nothing happens. well they do hold hands and he rubs his thumb back and forth in her palm . I know that's not bad but I am so picky right now that I didn't care for it very much. lol It really won't bother others and it didn't bother me were it ruined the book. it just bugged alittle. She only sees him as a friend tells him that and he is ok with it and kissing her onthe cheek. That's it ! both were celibate and only have eyes for each other and always will!! They only ever had all their first with each other! H does pull away at first but doesn't last too long. So refreshing to read:D

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## **Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says**

2.5-2.75 Stars...Review later.

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## **Erika says**

3.75 stars!

Right before reading this book, I DNFed another book with a similar starting premise (childhood best friends soul mates). In that book, the hero had sex with OW while the heroine waited to give her virginity to him. This book fixed that double standard for me!!! :D. Here, both the hero and heroine waited for each other. And then, even better: the were both celibate during the long separation (again, unlike the other book in which hero was manwhore and heroine had one lover/fiancé).

So while this wasn't perfect, it did soothe my stress from the previous DNF. In addition to that, I really loved the sweetness in this love story.

Most of the plot I enjoyed. The main negative for me was that I didn't like how the hero stayed away so long from the heroine. And then, after seeing her, he pushed her away for awhile.

Writing-wise, though I tried to overlook it, I did notice several time-related discrepancies and other inconsistencies in plot or character. But honestly, for a debut book, it was still quite good!

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## **RJ says**

4 stars for having a couple that were each others first and last. H/h who have only ever been with each other make my romantic heart happy. :)

And I absolutely adored how much the H/h loved each other.

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## **Michelle says**

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For all the fans of first loves and soul mates, *Scorched* by R. Holmes is a sweet story that reminds readers of two childhood friends turned lovers who had their love tested through adversity and time. In this book, Ms. Holmes introduces Hale and Ember, whose love for each other were ingrained into their hearts, soul, mind, and body. It was a first love whose embers flicker and burns with such heat and intensity. So when Hale returns from his military mission, his life changed in an instant. Suffering from PTSD, he sees himself as a broken man. So can Ember show Hale that her love for him is what burns deep and that she will stop at nothing to heal and be there for him?

In this sweet tale, Ms. Holmes definitely incorporates some steamy scenes for the couple but personally, I felt this book was lacking in angst and deep raw emotions to really capture the pain, loss, heartache, and love that they shared. But overall, I thought the author did a great job for her debut book. I look forward to reading more from this author.

R. Holmes

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### **Gi's Spot Reviews says**

I just loved that their love and devotion was unbeatable. The H was one of the most secure MCs I've had the pleasure of reading, his love and belief that they are true soulmates was just incredible. They were truly each other's first, last and only everything! My rating was also influenced by the fact that this the author's first book, so Congrats. I hope she keeps giving us this amazing MCs, that doesn't require the artifice of OM and OW to create a good ROMANCE. On a side note I would have like a more developed epilogue, but that is just wishful thinking! ;)

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### **Denna👉 says**

My rating stays the same! I still love it as much as the first time I read it. Although Hale pushing the h away was frustrating ( didn't remember it being that much) I still loved him! I loved the way they loved each other. Beautiful!!

Safety Note: completely safe they are each other's first/ only everything and are both celibate while apart! Loved that not many books like this do that. The hero usually pushes away the h and bangs everything that walks! But not this bad boy!!

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### **Kate says**

I was struggling between 3 and 4 stars, but i know i give 4 just when i know i will be reading the book again. Even if it was great, the plot wasnt anything special, nothing you will remember in the future.

Hale and Ember are each other firt everything and very in love before Hale decides to join the army. With

everypage my heart was breaking for Ember more and more and i was thinking, hell the girl just must broke every minute. There was definitely some tears-blinking on my side and i DONT cry by books.

I wont go into storyline because it was really suprise even for me. I was just in 15% and was thinking what the hell this story is going to be about now? :D So if you are for some emotional and sweet (completely safe) story this one goes.

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