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**“You can’t sort of do this, Fish. Draw a line and get on one side or the other...”**

Love is never so sweet as when it receives a second chance. In the sequel to her award-winning novel *The Man I Love*, Suanne Laqueur continues the story of Erik Fiskare’s romance with Daisy Bianco. Though separated for twelve years, the extraordinary bond forged in their youth has endured. But when your soulmate has caused you indescribable pain, how easy is it to forgive? How much trust is needed to place your heart back into the hands that once broke it? How much faith does it take to ask the question, "Do you still want me?" and believe in the reply: "I still want us."

Erik and Daisy commit to creating a new life together. They are separated by geography, loyal to career commitments and burdened with lingering pain from a decade spent apart. Yet despite the challenges, Erik knows Daisy is the best thing to happen to him twice.

Slowly Erik earns back Daisy’s love as well as the trust of his incomparable friend, Will Kaeger. Both relationships grow deeper and more complex, as do Erik’s ties to the past. Unexpected contact with distant cousins offers new insight to the cruel childhood desertion that shaped so much of Erik’s adult life. With Daisy at his side, he travels back to his hometown to meet his people, explore his family’s history and learn about the men who wore his heirloom necklace before him.

The cathedral once burned down is rebuilt. But a love affair is never a finished thing. Life is never without its tragedies. Daisy and Erik soon face a threat more harrowing than gunfire, more sorrowful than the lost years. With Will at his back and family close by, Erik must fight for the things he once walked away from and prove his love is here to stay.

“Because of Laqueur's ability to smash you inside the heads of her characters, you feel and experience everything right along with Erik and Daisy. *Here to Stay* is honest and authentic. Never fake, forced, contrived, or overwrought. It’s a perfect conclusion: a love story fully told, nothing left unsaid or undone.”  
—Emma Scott, author of *RUSH*

“Suanne Laqueur's writing is deeper than real, more than just truth. Her words are a ribbon winding themselves around you, over and under until you're tied up tight in the story. Not sure where it leaves off and you begin. Words in the hands of such a skilled writer are a powerful thing, and Laqueur proves time and time again she's worthy of our trust.”

—Terri Lee, author of *The Bootlegger’s Wife*

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## From Reader Review Here to Stay for online ebook

### KAS says

"To the union of fishes and daisies" ..... How utterly fitting!

I began on this exhilarating journey nearly a week ago with these beautiful and flawed individuals and immediately started the process of slicing and dicing up my heart into small pieces and handing them over to each and everyone of them. If you do not know who "them" is, please stop! Go back to the beginning of this amazing "experience!" Start with "The Man I Love", proceed to "Give Me Your Answer" and then come back to this spectacular, incredibly sweet, fulfilling reunion.

Once again the emotional roller coaster ride of laughing out loud one moment and tears trickling down my cheeks the next were on full display. I craved for everyone's HEA. This profoundly written book brought everything full circle. A stunning culmination woven perfectly through Erik's gold chain! Just incredible!

I think I can finally get a good night's sleep again ;)

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### Bibi says

**I have a confession.** So, please allow me to go on a tangent.

**Here it is.** I'm in love with the idea of Will and Erik because while you all were reading the epic love between Erik and Daisy, **I saw only Erik and Will. AM I ALONE OUT HERE?!!**

*"You keep staring at me like that and we'll have to take it inside," Will said. Erik's face was warm around his smile. "What happened in Germany?" Will blew his breath out, looking up at the skies. "Long version or short version?"*  
*"Short."*

*"Short version. I lost my shit and went into therapy. And in therapy, I finally admitted I'd been in love with you in college. James was simply a means to...divert it elsewhere."*

*"What's the long version," he finally said. Will was staring off again at nothing, but a corner of his mouth went up. "I missed you," he said. "And this time I diverted it with a guy who looked like you."*

**OMG. I swooned. I cried. I fucking bawled. That, right there, got me in the feels like nothing else in this brilliant awe-inspiring book. I fell in love again with Will. Gaaahhhh....**

But as with everything Suanne Laqueur- or as I call her, Her Royal Sneakiness -, she went and

made me fall in love with Erik and Daisy all over. Those 2 hold my heart and forever they shall have it.

For those of you still reading this review, let me tell you about this book. First off, the writing and prose were impeccable. shout out to SL. Thanks so much for gifting us with such lyrical prose. I gorged on the metaphors; the allegories, the imagery. All brilliant and superb. You, Laqueur, are a word seductress.

On to the story. Here To Stay picks up right where The Man I Love left off, with Erik having finally reconnected with Daisy after 12 long years. **NOW, that is how you do a second-chance reunion folks. That is how it's meant to be done!** Allow me to take you back to that EPIC reunion (in TMIL):<<

*“Trembling all over, he looked at her.  
Trembling just as much, she smiled. “Welcome to Canada.”  
He swallowed. “My new favorite place on earth.”  
Carefully they moved into each other’s arms. Erik held her, paralyzed with  
feeling. He wanted to crush her to his chest, seize her tight and never let go. He  
mustn’t. Not yet. He held.”*

Well, damn. I wanted to smash them together, put them in my purse and hide them in an attic. Forever. These two were born to be in love with each other.

**And then it just gets better. They reconnect and heaven and earth are moved to ensure these two stay connected. Erik moves to Canada to be with Daisy and we get to see him become the Erik we love. Their connection was palpable, almost electrifying, definitely breathtaking. I loved how he loved Daisy. Unconditionally and with no reservations. Gosh, we all should be loved liked that. Best book boyfriend! And get this, they get M.A.R.R.I.E.D! Yesssssss!**

Interspersed within their renewed love story was the backstory of Erik's family tree and you know, for the love of me, it worked. Don't ask me why knowing who was who on the Fiskare family tree was important. It just worked. Laqueur takes us back in time and we learn so much more about Erik's history. Why his father left. His cousins, aunts etc. All brilliantly interwoven.

I suppose Laqueur wanted to lay that bird to rest before bringing on a new generation of Fiskares, because, smack in the middle of all these Erik and Daisy finally get pregnant. And this is where Laqueur broke me and I feared I would forever remain broken. But oh no, she blew gently on my tears, brushed me up and gave me not one, but two reasons to smile again.

Erik and Daisy's love story is epic and even as the book concludes, there is still so much left on the horizon for these two. I giggled and quietly powered down my e-reader, taking the time to savor the joy inside of me. Really, I wanted to hug SL and pat her on the back with the words: "you're all right kid, you are all right".

p.s. Now, I need to find me an epic M/M love story, to replace the one SL **denied** me with Erik and Will. But, I forgive you Suanne!

p.p.s Shout out to my friend, Robin Hill, for recommending this series. Thanks, babe.

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## ~IreneOust~ says

If you are familiar with Suanne Laqueur's work, you'll probably recognize the reaction you are left with after *'The End' ...*

*"A real thousand-yard stare."* (and I am not even sorry for stealing this quote from the author herself!)

I finished this book earlier today and I really don't have much to say other than 'READ THIS AUTHOR!' Read EVERYTHING she's ever written! IMMEDIATELY! Her books are art in a book form. They are perfect because the characters in them are not. Just like life, her stories show you that without rain, there are no flowers.

I can't say it enough but the originality Suanne Laqueur brings into this book world is absolutely incredible! And the way she tells the story is just brilliant! If you are someone who craves reading experience vs just going through the motions of flipping pages, READ. THIS. AUTHOR! Her writing is nothing short of life-changing.

Apologies for saying nothing about this book specifically but recapping the plot is not really my style and, when it comes to this series especially, the less you know before you read it, the better off you are! Trust me.

I was fortunate enough to BR this incredible tales with a dear friend and a fellow Suanne-lover ♥ **Jx PinkLady Reviews** ♥. If you want to read a review worthy of this book, I would check her review space for one of those because she is much better at it than I am.

Cheers!

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## Malene says

After reading Here To Stay I can finally say that I and the characters have come full circle. This third and final book in The Fish Tale trilogy was nothing more than a masterpiece. The writing was intelligent and there was a purpose for everything that happened in Here To Stay. I have to admit that I was pretty damn angry with the author. It was only after I finished Here To Stay that I can loudly say, that what she accomplished not only with this book but with the entire Fish Tales series was genius.

Here To Stay was for me about the characters and how they grew, had changed throughout the twenty years I followed them. It was all about Erik, Daisy, Will and Lucky. I loved and cherished every moment of being in their company. Not only has this series been about the relationship between Erik and Daisy but also the friendship between Erik and Will.

Erik and Will certainly had a bromance going on with their funny jokes but it was more than that. It was unconditional love. They relied on one another and they stepped up whenever one of them was needed. No question asked. I often got emotional when Erik and Will were around each other and had their talks. They'd been through so much together and when they were apart but still their friendship and love were stronger than ever. They truly brought out the best in one another.

I loved how Erik and Daisy approached their relationship this time around after they'd been apart for twelve years. They showed growth, openness and they communicated. A very traumatizing experience with a certain loss proved how much they truly had grown. I feared they'd both revert back to old patterns but their trust in each other along with their powerful and undying love prevailed. It was an emotional roller coaster ride. I was bawling my eyes out only because I care so damn much about these amazing people.

The writing was excellent. Phenomenal is more like it. Every word mattered and took on an entire new meaning. I'm so in love with this series and can't praise Suanne Laqueur enough. This has been unlike any other reading experience I've ever had. In some way my life feels richer because of The Fish Tales. I've followed these characters for twenty years and feel like I gained a new set of friends. This is exactly why I read. Not just this book but the entire Fish Tales series is a masterpiece. I bow down to you, Suanne Laqueur. You got a fan for life.

6 BadAssDirtyThisIsMyForeverStars

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## **TheCrazyWorldOfABookLover says**

**Confession:** I don't ever put off reading books in a series. If all the books have been released, I read them all back to back.

But I put off reading this book. Why? Because I didn't want to cry. And I KNEW when I read it I would cry. All Suanne does is make me fucking cry.

AND BOY DID I FUCKING CRY.

I realize I'm cursing like a sailor here. But I don't like to cry and I rarely cry so when I do cry it's because I've reached a breaking point and the dam has burst and my emotions are over flooding and I feel chaotic and I don't like to feel chaotic and this is what Suanne's fucking writing does to me.

But I swear all this cursing and crying is a good thing. A really good thing. Because Suanne is a fucking Jedi Master when it comes to words and she is poetic and her prose is magic and lyrical and GOD I LOVE AND HATE HER ALL AT ONCE FOR MAKING ME SO EMOTIONAL.

Hands down one of the greatest series of all time. I can't praise Suanne and her fucking brilliant writing enough.

Fucking read this series. The end. <http://amzn.to/2idhb0N>

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## ♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

This series is epic beyond all my expectations. I feel like I have just watched the most glorious miniseries. So vivid. A story that always shows and always made me feel so much.

All three books, in my personal opinion, are essential to experience the full, rich and deeply layered tapestry of the story. A story that spans decades, developed beyond all my expectations and will stay with me forever. It's one of THOSE stories. I loved it and ALL the characters so much. The protagonists and supporting cast, each and every person important to the dynamic of the piece with Eric, Daisy, Will and Lucky at the heart.

## **FULL REVIEW AND PRETTY PICS TO FOLLOW SOON ISH**

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### **Candace says**

The third book in 'The Fish Tales' series, 'Here to Stay' chronicles Erik and Daisy's new beginning. After everything that they've been through and all the pain that they've inflicted on themselves and each other, they are finally trying to work things out. However, a past like theirs is not easily forgotten. It will take a lot of understanding and forgiveness to move past the hurt that they've hung onto for so long.

As happy as I was to see one of my new favorite couples find their way back to one another, they still had a lot of healing ahead of them. There was no way that they could ever pick up where they left off. Too much had happened. I've never seen a couple that caused each other so much pain, even as they loved each other so much.

Aside from repairing his relationship with Daisy, Erik also has to make amends with Will. For me, the disintegration of their friendship was just as heartbreaking. I was so glad to see them reunited and to have Erik acknowledge his mistreatment of Will.

While Erik and Daisy are navigating the new terms of their long-distance relationship, there are some expected insecurities on both of their parts. Understandably, Daisy fears abandonment. Erik has his own worries about his fertility and what that will mean for their future.

Along the way, Erik finally faces his past. He has allowed the actions of his father to model his future for too long. When a long lost relative reaches out to Erik, he and Daisy go on a journey of self-discovery. He uncovers family secrets that shed light on his father's sudden disappearance. While he doesn't get all of the answers that he was looking for, he gains a better understanding of the demons that haunted his father.

Of course, nothing comes easy for Daisy and Erik. Just when you think that they're going to ride off into the sunset and live their happily ever after, tragedy strikes. I swear, they just can't catch a break.



Old habits die hard and the couple must overcome the desire to slip back into old coping strategies. This time around, they are more mature and better able to help each other heal. I was very glad to see that they were able to work through this upset together and come out stronger as a couple because of it.

'Here to Stay' was a wonderful finale to Erik and Daisy's story. I have loved every minute of this series and the vibrant characters that Ms. Laqueur has brought to life. I highly recommend this series. I listened to the Audible version and the narration was fabulous as well.

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## **Danielle ♥? Pretty Mess Reading ♥? says**

**\*\*\*\*\*4.75 STARS\*\*\*\*\***

Let me tell ya...this was the perfect conclusion for Daisy and Erik.

This isn't going to be a "normal" review, it's going to be me sharing some of my favorite moments from the book. I hope you enjoy... Oh, and you can find even more on my blog <https://prettymessreading.wordpress.c...>

*She was a hundred times more beautiful. A thousand times more thrilling. – Erik?*

After so many years apart Erik still found Daisy to be the most beautiful woman in the world. Every scar, every wound and every curve was beautiful. Don't we all want to be seen that way?

*I didn't know how to get past it. I didn't want to get past it. I was too tired. I had no fight in me left anymore. David took the last of it. He took you and he took my will to keep going. I felt used and useless. I told Will I couldn't pretend it never happened. I couldn't get back with you and act like we weren't changed. No matter what I did or said or forgave or forgot, from that day on you and I were different. And I hated it. I didn't want us to be different. If it couldn't be us, it was no use to me. So I left.” – Erik*

Men are different than women, they need to possess and need to know their possessions are not being tainted. Erik was Daisy's first and he was to be her only. There was no way they could go back to normal and Erik didn't know at the time how to be anything else. You can't not see what you saw and to a man, that is everything.

*“My ex-wife is black.”*

*“Shut up.”*

*“Hand to God.”*

*“You really went to the opposite pole.”*

*“It was funny when it happened though. I went so long thinking my heart was shut down for good, but I came across her in the theater on day. This little voice inside started tugging at my sleeve. Hey. Girl. Look. See? Girl. Pretty girl. Fetch.”*

*“I hear you, I couldn’t believe when I felt attracted to another woman after Lucky. Anyway, back to her being black... What was that like?”*

Well, I think I can answer that one better than Erik... It’s fucking amazing! I fuck like a porn star. You know what they say – A lady in the street but a freak in the bed.” I can rock almost any hairstyle, any day. My skin is soft as hell and tastes like chocolate. I’m a firm believer in eating pineapples everyday. I’m an amazing mother, awesome nurse and pretty as hell. So, yes, it fucking amazing being with a black chick. LOL!!!!

I’m so not kidding either

I also feel a little bit more in love with Erik knowing that I’m his type too!

*Erik shrugged. “You still want to?”*

*You mean am I still attracted to men? Sure. But I’m married now. I don’t fuck around with either gender.”*

*“I just wondered if the itch was there. I wasn’t implying you scratched it.”*

*“Well then, yes,” Will said. “I do still think about it. I’m still attracted to it and, on occasion, I outright want it. Wanting isn’t having.”*

Everybody has that one thing they couldn’t get past in a relationship and for me that is my man being with another man. I don’t give a shit whether someone is gay or not, it makes me no difference. My reason is based solely on selflessness and fear.

I would be scared to lose my man to another man. I can compete with another woman all day any day but I could never win against a man. Then, on top of that, I would feel guilty. I would feel like I’m taking an important part of my man away, like I was forcing him to choose. I wouldn’t be able to live with myself.

Will must have really loved Lucky to put that part of himself away in order to love only her, as a woman. Lucky was an understanding woman because she knew Will loved Erik but it never changed her love for Will.

In the end Erik and Daisy get everything they want, each other, family, friends, kids and career. I loved everything about this series and I’m telling you, you will too. As long as cheating isn’t a deal breaker for you.

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## **Terri Lee says**

What happens after the happily ever after? How many times have we been left wondering what happened to a couple we've fallen in love with.? What a thrill to realize there were more chapters waiting for me, after I closed the book on 'The Man I Love.'

I received an ARC of 'Here to Stay', and practically set my Kindle on fire zipping through the pages. I devoured it. In two sittings. No matter how much I told myself to take my time. Even knowing there's a brain freeze waiting for me on the other side.

There, in the pages were all the people I knew so well. Erik, Daisy, Will, Lucky, Francine, Joe, Christine and a whole host of new people to fall in love with. New layers to add at Erik and Daisy's feet as they continue to grow into their adult lives.

So. I hear you asking. Was it? Happy? Ever After? Of course not. Or it wouldn't be real. And if there's one thing we know about Suanne Laqueur's writing— is that it's real.

But I'll use another word. Raw. Raw is deeper than real, more than just truth. When the page is stripped of all pretensions and you are left with meat on bare bones, you are looking at a master at work.

Achieving this level of rawness without tipping over into titillation, or sheer shock value is where the mastery comes into play. Suanne balances on the tight-wire like one of the Flying Wallenda's. Never tipping left or right.

When the tears come, and they will come, it's because it's the only natural response to what you've just been through. Yes, YOU'VE been through. Not a character in a book. But you. As with all wonderful story tellers, Laqueur's words are a ribbon that wind themselves around you, over and under until you're tied up tight in the story. Not sure where it leaves off and you begin.

Then Erik's fears are your fears. Daisy's tears are your tears. Their joy is your joy. And you never feel as if Laqueur has misplaced your trust in her and manipulated your emotions for her gain.

Without giving anything away, ( because I HATE spoilers) her handling of one subject is so pure and true and delicate that you will find yourself sighing through your tears. A fresh revelation on your tongue. Thank you for that.

I'm sure I can say without reservation that this is the first book that made me cry while reading the acknowledgements.

Words in the hands of a skilled writer are a powerful thing. Laqueur proves time and time again, that she's worthy of our trust. This, the third and final entry of The Fish Tales is every bit as emotional as her award winning debut novel. Perhaps a quieter tale, as our fishes have grown and matured into adulthood. But having met Erik and Daisy...I know I'll never be the same.

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## **Jan says**

I need a moment, or two.

Review won't come but it's sufficient to say that even the acknowledgments wrecked me.

**So much** soul in a story!

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### **Suanne Laqueur says**

Is the romance genre strictly about the pursuit of all things romantic, ending at the happily-ever-after? Or can a romance continue from the ending? Aren't endings really beginnings?

I am so excited to bring you the true sequel of *The Man I Love*. We've examined the past from both sides now and we're ready to move into the future. Together. More than ever I realize it was necessary to write Daisy's POV in *Give Me Your Answer True* so I could write about her and Erik as a couple.

These extraordinary lovers are more devoted than ever, and dedicated to finding a way to be together. They have to face challenges of distance, and then the bureaucratic hassle of moving to a new country and finding work. Erik has to rebuild burned bridges to Will and Lucky Kaeger, healing those hurts. Ghosts from his and Daisy's past rear their heads and have to be addressed, rather than deserted. He works to incorporate imperfection into the great cathedral of his love. Their love is strong. Stronger than a river. And it's here to stay.

This is very much a book about sons. And I chose to publish it in January on my own son's birthday. I can't wait for you to come on this journey into Erik's future *and* into his past as he explores his family tree and learns about the charms on his necklace, about his father and his family.

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### **Elizabeth says**

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~5 Take My Breathe Away Stars~

*"Don't leave me."*

*"I can't, I'll never breathe again."*

**Here to Stay** is the third book in The Fish Tales Series. In order to fully appreciate the masterpiece of **Here to Stay**, you must read the first book in the series **The Man I Love**. In **The Man I Love**, my emotions were pressed, pulled, twisted, turned, and stretched to the limits. **Here to Stay** offered an unforgettable journey of healing.

In **The Man I Love**, Daisy and Erik fell in love and when they experienced a horrific life event they were both sent into a tailspin. The after shocks of the event ripped them apart. Years passed and they both moved on. They met other people, worked, lived, dreamed and yet, both were empty without the other by their side. At the conclusion of **The Man I Love**, Erik and Daisy come back together again. **Here to Stay** is a beautiful story of what happens when two people return home.

*"A strange thing to find a lost lover in your hands again. Like finding your childhood baseball glove in an attic box of memories. You're sure it won't fit. But the heat of your palm, a flex and a bend and it knows you. It remembers you."*

*"I missed all this. She had a life all these years I know nothing about."-Erik*

In **Here to Stay**, Erik experiences an extreme amount of regret. Time has passed and Daisy has had lovers, friends, inside jokes, heartbreak, and experienced all of the mundane aspects of life without HIM! Erik faces an internal battle of loving Daisy and being swallowed by the demons of his past.

*"It was done then. It was on him then. The dam of his heart broke. Then it was done. Then it began."*

Daisy, an ethereal spark of life, is so happy to have Erik back by her side. Although she still harbors regret for the choices she made in the past, she clings to him and lavishes in every moment.

*"They wanted everything at once, their kiss fitting around words and words smashing between their lips and tongues."*

Together, Erik and Daisy find their way back into each other's arms. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes the past love, that had faded, is reborn into a new refined love that is mature and runs deep. The characters experience growth through their journey to forgiveness. In true Laquer fashion, every emotion is felt to the core. Every detail of every single moment is masterfully displayed. Additionally, the secondary characters continue to play a critical role in the plot development. Erik is reunited with his best friend Will and must seek healing after years of being apart. Although the journey is sweet, there is still room for heartbreak. As in life, every beautiful moment can only be savored when we have experienced loss and pain.

*"I didn't come back to fight you. I came back to fight for you."*

*"I just want us. I want her to myself. I want to be the center of her universe and not share her with anyone. Ever."*

Told in Erik's POV, **Here to Stay** is a beautifully crafted story. The steady pacing coupled with the complex characters kept me fully engaged the entire read. There is a good balance between exploring the "present" relationships of the characters and finding closure from the "past" events that took place in **The Man I Love**. The dialogue is rich and flows smoothly from page to page. Anyone who invests in this series will be forever changed.

*"You don't have to do it good. You just have to do it."*

*"I love nobody and nothing. The way I love you."*

Overall, I highly recommend **Here to Stay** to anyone who enjoys a love story that is based on real life. When you come across a piece of work that breaks you in half and then puts you back together again, it is a journey you will never forget. I am a huge fan of Ms. Laquer's work and I cannot wait to read more.

\*\*\*The Fish Tales Series\*\*\*

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## Emma Scott says

After reading (and being emotionally pummeled) by both *The Man I Love* and *Give Me Your Answer True*, I was honestly a bit wary about wading back into the lives of Daisy and Erik, since doing so always feels like a head-hop. We've been able to see how the couple navigated their beautiful, soul-deep love affair, and the horrible tragedy that split them apart, THEN the amazing journey toward recovery...separately. So with *Here to Stay*, I was looking forward to seeing how--finally--these two were going to build a life together post-trauma.

To be honest, at first, I missed Daisy. Having recently finished her story in her POV, with her voice, going back to Erik was almost a miss for me. I **ADORED** *TMIL* and Erik, so it wasn't a failing on the part of the author, but a personal thing for me. I didn't like Daisy at the end of *TMIL* because of what she did to Erik. By the end of her story, I was in love with her and on her side. To leave that voice (or head, really, since the writing is so intimate) was kind of a shock. But there was nothing lacking in *Here to Stay* once I got over it. Daisy was there again, in Erik's eyes, and when a few scenes were deepened (I was given the privilege of reading an early draft) then I was on board 100%.

So what happens in *Here to Stay*? It's not really possible to even allude without giving away massive spoilers, I'll just say Erik and Daisy's commitment to each other is tested on multiple levels. This story is not one extended HEA for our heroes, but a look at what comes after the "first love" of youth has been tested, burnt, and resurrected. These characters are older now, and navigating adult life together. The blissful youthfulness is gone, (and would be long over, even if it weren't tested by the school shooting tragedy of *TMIL*) Now, they must face the dramatic and dangerous demons that split them apart, and then the very real--VERY real--pitfalls and dramas of everyday life. The peril here isn't something as (sort of) rare as a shooting, but the all too common heartaches and tragedies of this real life. And again, because of Laquer's ability to smash you inside the heads of her characters, you feel and experience everything right along with Erik and Daisy. And it's not always easy, not by any stretch, but it's never fake, forced, contrived, or overwrought. It's honest and authentic, and hey, that might not be everyone's bag. Escapism is real. Here, it's not so much escape, as a strange sort of voyeurism. You want to look away (and at one point, I really felt like I SHOULD) but you can't.

I will say that I found Daisy to be a little too accommodating at times, and Erik's search for some history and connection within his broken family nearly threatened to overtake the relationship I cared about most: his and Daisy's, but both "issues" were mild; Daisy was authentic to her character, not to what I wanted her to be, and Erik's search was integral to his growth. Both felt like fully-fleshed human beings.

I'm still Will's #1 fan, and he was as fantastic as ever, while Erik's mother, of all people, shone as a standout to me when she hadn't registered too high before.

In conclusion, I feel this book is a perfect *conclusion*; the story fully told, nothing left unsaid or undone, and so I look forward to delving into a new set of characters from Laqueur's next endeavor, whatever that might be. Soon. Soon-ish, Very quickly. Yesterday, even.

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### **Hulya Kara Yuksel says**

*“You’re still the one I can tell anything. You’re still the one, when my sentences run out of words, you finish them by looking at me. But at the same time you’re surprising me. I still get to discover you. I love who you’ve become. And I love that who I’ve become still works with you.”*

This book! OMG it's one of the best freaking thing I've ever read.... I LOVED it so much. <3 This series are must read!!! I highly recommend them. ;)

And this is my 3rd attempt to write a proper review for this phenomenal book but whenever I look at the blank sheet, my face goes just like this....

Uhh because I have so many emotions whenever I think Erik & Daisy and my goodness, this book made me cry like a river... Ahh okay, I don't want to cry all over again, so I'm gonna keep this review short and sweet because I'm agree with Erik. Only he can summarize my feelings about this book... <3

*“I don't have one word for what I feel. It's a thousand things at the same time.”*

And I'm saying this with my whole heart... I do hope you give a chance this amazing books. Trust me, you won't be regret for reading them... <3

Ps. I'm gonna hold this story very close to my heart. Erik & Daisy (and even Will & Lucky) will be with me until the day I die... ♥

You can read my 1st and 2nd book reviews from this links... ;)

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*“You’re the best thing to ever happen to me twice.”*

*“I didn’t come back to fight you. I came back to fight for you.”*

*“I don’t know what I’d do without you.*

*“You’ll never have to know.”*

*“Don’t leave me.”*

*“I can’t, I’ll never breathe again.”*

*“You can bury your pain or avoid it. You can tattoo over it. But you won’t be free of it until you feel it.”*

*“You’re still the one I can tell anything. You’re still the one, when my sentences run out of words, you finish them by looking at me. But at the same time you’re surprising me. I still get to discover you. I love who you’ve become. And I love that who I’ve become still works with you.”*

*“Love can bring out the best and worst in us. We’ve all been a jackass for love. But love makes us do amazing things. And if love drives us away, love is what brings us back. Love makes us pick up the phone. Love makes us listen. Love makes us say I’m sorry. Love makes us forgive. Love makes us better. Love makes us our best. And love makes more love...”*

*“I really believe this. Souls have a purpose and their energy belongs with a certain other energy. They go where they belong. It’s not random...”*

*“I love you so much,” he said. But his voice was hoarse and the first two words got lost. You so much. It settled into his heart like a creed. He said it again. “You so much.” She turned her head up to him. “So much you,” she said.”*

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**Dee Montoya says**

**5++++ STARS\*\*\*\*\***

Beautiful and triumphant! This book was everything I wanted and more. I fell utterly in love with all these characters from the moment I started reading the first book . Their struggles, their pain, their victories filled my heart with so many wonderful emotions. This was one of those stories that you learn from, feel from and experience it as if it was your own. Unforgettable!!!!

I was so in love with the idea that Fish and Daisy were getting a second chance. Even though they had both hurt each other so much in the past, and they tried to forget the love they shared, they simply couldn't. Their love was just too intense, engraved inside their souls forever, and impossible to forget.



They now faced with the new challenges of starting over. Trying to find closure in the past to be able to move on into the future, is their main goal.

Fish not only has to repair his relationship with Daisy, but also with Will and Lucky. These four people were the best of friends until tragedy broke them apart, but they are ready to fight for the fierce love that still links them.

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Even though this was the third and last book of the series, it wasn't all hearts and flowers, it was perhaps the toughest to read out of all. Because forgiveness doesn't come cheap, and the truth is not always pretty. With that said, *Here To Stay* was also my most favorite book to read in this series. The honesty and beauty in which it was written simply blew me away.

I feel so lucky to have found these books, reading them felt like getting a giant, loving hug to my soul. Definitely this entire series will be one of my most favorites ever, and I really hope everyone in this world reads it.

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