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Marie Kelly is a survivor who doesn't know when to quit. Against all odds, she's living a life she never dreamed she could have. It was enough... until a stubborn boxer makes her want more.

Irish charmer Kieran Doherty has been a fighter at Driscoll's Gym for most of his life. He's been content to let his best friend take the spotlight, now it's his turn to make a name for himself in the world of heavy weight champions. Falling in love is the one thing he vowed never to do, but meeting Marie changed everything.

It's easy to imagine a happy-ever-after when the sun is shining. But when the storm comes, and all hope seems lost, they both learn that if you want something badly enough, you have to be willing to fight for it.

The Storm is a full length boxing romance with a happily ever after, no cliffhanger and no cheating. Mature content means that it is intended for readers aged 18+.

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Dilek VT says

2,5 really... but not 3...

This is the order you need to follow while reading these books:

1. The Hurricane (The Hurricane, #1)
2. The Aftermath (The Hurricane, #2)
3. The Storm

The first 2 books were 5 star reads for me (out of 4,5) but this book is a definitely 2,5 and I cannot even round it up to 3....

Let me say that I really love the group of people in this series. They share no blood but they are the closest family to each other. They are more than friends. They are all brothers and sisters to one another. In this book, I was happy to have my precious moments with Em & Con (hero & heroine of Book 1 & 2). Tommy was as cute as ever, again. I really would love to read his book whenever it is written but this book just didn't work for me...

STORM is the story of Kieran and Marie.

Kieran is definitely a swoon-worthy hero and Marie is a very likable heroine. Together they make a nice couple.

What didn't work for me in this book was how their love started. It just happens... Well, let me explain...

In Book 1 & 2, we meet Marie and Kieran. They like each other at first sight but nothing happens between them. Kieran is afraid of loving and losing as he lost his father when he was a child and therefore, he never initiates anything in the previous two books. We just know they like each other - that's all.

Now, in this book, I expected a kind of banter, or a push-pull maybe... anything that would make me crave for the moment they would give in and be together.

Nope, there is none.

No running after the girl, no chasing, or no excitement at all.

One day, he decides that they should be together and Marie is already willing apart from a major concern of hers. When she tells it to him, he is shocked at first. It is an illness she suffers from. But, later, when Kieran says he is OK with it, they start to date.

Just like that... easy peasy... No sexual tension built, no angst, no excitement at all!

From, then on, they never argue. They are so very happy. They never fight with each other, there is no cheating, no lying... Everything is fine between them.

I loved these two characters but their love never felt special to me, especially when I compared it with the

epic love story of Em & Con.

As they start dating and being happy at the very beginning of the book, you may wonder what the rest of the book is about. Well, here lies the other reason of why this book didn't work for me because it was awfully boring.

The rest of the book deals with Kieran's boxing career and his championship fight, then there is the tragedy Marie's psycho-stalker friend Alastair causes (view spoiler) and finally some pregnancy stuff... (view spoiler)

Unfortunately, the book wasn't "my type of romance" due to the path it followed and I didn't enjoy it as much as I enjoyed the first two books. It was nowhere close. In fact, if I didn't know the characters from the previous books and if I didn't already love them, I would most probably dnf it out of boredom... I barely kept my eyes open.

So, long story short, the book is a solid 2,5 stars for me but it never felt like a 3 so, 2 it is...

S a r a says

After reading Con and Em's story I became obsessed with everyone in the previous book so of course I had to come and read this book about Kieran and Marie. I ended up loving these two, they're so sweet with each other and I loved how they got very close without any drama involved!

Tommy and Kieran are so funny, I loved their banter.

I loved Danny and his temper, it was so funny at times but he loved his boys. The best part for me in this book should be Kieran and Irish(Marie) having a baby and it was a great moment don't get me wrong but what I really loved is when Liam came out gay, his blood related family weren't supportive but Liam's friends and Danny all took his side!

I'm obsessed with this series mainly because I adore EVERY SINGLE person, in most books I don't feel connected to the secondary characters but in this series the author has a way of making you love everyone!

Alex ? says

4.5 stars

Did you ever read a book where you wanted to jump in the story and steal the hero? I just did.

I floved this man!

Unfortunately for me he was so deep in love with the heroine that he worshiped the ground she walked on, and he didn't look at any OW (~~and I'm hot, have a killer body & stuff... just saying ;)~~).

He didn't even touch any OW after **meeting** the heroine.
Hot! Absolutely sexy!

I love men who acknowledge their feelings and don't screw around.

Ah, and this man loved and respected his mother!
My type of the hero!!!

(~~Why am I always too late? :(-> ;))~~)

Sweet lovely **strong** heroine! Loved her (~~even despite my jealousy ;)~~).

Fighters are not my favorite heroes usually, but I really liked this book!

Many sweet moments, many wise lines and epic true love.

My first book by this author, but definitely not the last!

“Worrying doesn't take away our troubles. It just robs us of the strength we need to deal with them.”

“But one day we'll all leave this world behind. The only thing that's important is that you live a life you will remember.”

“There was no shame in losing if you gave it all you had.”

“Faith in God, faith in life, faith in the power of good. Sometimes, faith is the only thing that makes sense when nothing else does. It is more powerful than anything else, even guilt.”

“When I'm alone, it feels like the world is falling apart, but as long as I can smell you and touch you and feel that you're safe here with me, it's easier to convince myself that everything's going to be okay.”

“No matter how difficult things get, I promise I'll always be there to make you smile,”

She looked anxious as she slipped a hand inside my jacket, running it down my chest until it rested over my heart.

“It's so strong,” she whispered.

“That's because it beats for you.”

Sophie **2 Greek Girls Reading says**

4.5 STARS

I literally devoured this book this book!! I've read this in a day? Anyway, the thing is I started reading the

Hurricane series, because of this book. Because I had been told I would relate to the female protagonist because we have something in common. I need to speak about it, but I'll probably do it in spoilers. Because I have some things to say on that matter. But I'm going to leave that for the end.

Kieran was a dreamy book boyfriend. He was the best I've read for months probably. I really liked him from the previous books and I'm so glad I got to read them before this one, because you get to meet these characters even better and get invested in them and their lives. I was so excited to see all the news about Em and Con, Liam, Albie, Tommy. They're like a family and I absolutely adore these guys. Even Danny has stolen my heart and I want them all to stay alive and united for as long as many books will come about them. I honestly cannot wait for the next book in this series! I actually think that this character is one of my favorites, because I adore me a funny guy and he's a blast to read!

"Hold onto your knickers, Irish. There's a storm coming."

Now, back to our lovely heroine, Marie. I really really enjoyed her character. Her quotes were spot on! I had so much fun reading about her and her dialogues! But let's speak about the thing that at first made her hesitant and let's say unapproachable... (view spoiler)

I really really enjoyed this book and it's probably my favorite so far, maybe because I had this connection with the heroine and haven't read about a heroine with this aspect before. However, I feel like the next book in the series will be my most favorite of all, because I love that hero. But we shall see! ;)

Michelle says

This was amazing.

This book was just amazing. I m so glad that my friends told me about this author. The first books in this series was brilliant and I didn't think anyone could get better than Con but Kieran is just amazing and super sexy. God this guy just had everything he's sweet strong protective and caring plus more. I really couldn't get enough of him. I luv how close he is to his mum after his dad past away. He was really close to his dad so when he died he took it really hard. This just made his relationship with his mum stronger. He doesn't really get close to many people his friends at Driscoll are his family. He does get close to women relationships are just not in the cards. He luvs woman and has his fair share of them. But Kieran wasnt ready for Marie. Once he saw this gorgeous woman he just had to have her.

Marie is just so sweet I really like her. She has been through so much in her young life. But she has also built a great life for herself to. She has her own bridal shop and has a passion for designing her own dresses. This is where she ended up meeting the very gorgeous Kieran. Once she saw him she couldn't get him out of her head. The only think is she couldn't do anything about it. She couldn't get in a relationship with him her life was just to complicated. But she wasn't prepared for the storm that is Kieran.

I would highly recommend this book it's just so good. It gave me a big lump in my throat quite a few times. Their story is so good but they have been through a lot and have to deal with a lot too. But together they can do anything even when times get hard. I can't say enough great things about this book. The author is becoming one of my favourites. Can't wait for more of her books. I

Ann Lou says

"Through the pain and noise, the heartache and chaos, she was my peace." Kieran

I read that the H was a manwhore in the previous books BUT the way he loves the h in this book wiped the slate clean for me. It was beautiful how he fought for his game changer (Marie). I love it when manwhores fall because they fall hard. And the friendship and family dynamics in this book is amazing.

Thank you Leonor and Alex for bringing this book to my attention. :)

Sophie says

Oh my gosh. My heart is SO FULL. And yes! Those are tears flowing from my eyes. Do I care? No. I don't, because, this book, *The Storm* was just beautiful. So heartwarming and breathtaking. Full of heat and emotion. It was just fantastic and fully deserving of 5 stars.

"True love ain't the passenger train that pulls up at the station so that you can board when it's time. It's the freight train that ploughs into you when you least expect it."

And that's what *The Storm* did. It ploughed into me and stole my heart. I said after reading *The Aftermath* that I was desperately awaiting Kieran's story and what a story it is. I've been on a one way train to Swoonsville and I never wanted to get off. Kieran was even more than I expected him to be. So fierce and raw. So passionate and loving. Everything about him just meshes together and results in one hell of a delicious, swoony, dirty alpha. Also, he's HOT. Like WOAHH MAMA kinda hot. *fans self*

His connection with Marie sent shivers through me. They are simply stunning. Loved them together. Their sweet and sexy worked for them oh, so well. They were just written to perfection.

What I loved most though? Being back with the boys. Undoubtedly RJ has wrote quite literally one of the best bromances ever. Con & Kieran and their whole friendship, knocked my socks off. The loyalty and devotion they each possessed flew out of them in spades and just solidified my love for the Hurricane and the Storm. The time in the ring nearer to the end... FEELS OVERLOAD!!!

And Tommy! Oh my gosh! I NEED his story. DESPERATELY.

I genuinely loved being back in this world RJ Prescott has written so vividly. My heart and soul are wrapped up in it all. I never want to leave!

Denna 🍷 says

This book was hands down AMAZING! Kieran stole my heart from the very beginning, he was sweet, sexy and alpha and the love he had for Marie was beautiful! Marie was amazing, at first I thought she would push him away the whole book but that didn't happen. She was very up front with him and didn't try to hide anything. This book is 100% safe, no ow drama at all and the only om drama is a guy who likes her and turns into a stalker but he doesn't cause any relationship drama. We also get to see Con and Em which I loved because who doesn't love them! Great read!

Now I I know Tommy's book will be next and I love him so much. Even though he is a major manho I'm hoping after his accident he will stop and find love. So please please RJ Prescott let Tommy's book be safe with now ow drama!!!

Claire Robinson says

3 - **"Defy the odds."** Stars.

The Storm is the first book that I have read by R. J. Prescott, although it heavily features characters from her previous two books *The Hurricane* and *The Aftermath*.

Although I would agree that this is a book that can easily be read as a standalone, there were certain characters and aspects of the book that happened without much explanation or real development to them, which I think may be attributed to it being dealt with in more depth in the previous books, Liam and Albie's inclusion in the story for one, to me it came completely out of left-field without much preamble, and I just found myself wondering while reading if this was because the build-up to their revelation was played out previously to Kieran and Marie's book. Also the jump from friendship to something else between our main characters was quite 'insta', and again I got the feeling it was possibly because their beginnings had played out already.

"One day something or someone, will make the sun come out, and you'll smile again."

You have to love a book that has you in tears from its prologue, and I got a few odd looks while on the train I can tell you, so following on from that I had high expectations for fighter/trainer; Kieran *'The Storm'* Doherty and seamstress/wedding dress designer; Marie *'Irish'* Kelly's book.

"Hold onto your knickers, Irish. There's a storm coming."

And on the whole it was an enjoyable enough read, no arguments from me that the author can write well, and put a cohesive and easy to read story-line together, my three star rating is more to do with the fact that from the first few paragraphs I could pretty much guess exactly how their story would play out, and apart from one small twist towards the end everything played out as expected. But Kieran was sweetly attentive, and

Marie likeably amenable to his considerable charms, so it wasn't a struggle to read the book.

"I think I've finally met my match."

I really enjoyed the interaction and inclusion of the wealth of secondary characters in this one as well, the banter between the guys was spot on and I liked the familial feel and camaraderie to it all, a few giggles were had in the telling of this story, as well as a few more tears shed in getting to its end.

"My hero..."

"...Always."

I would certainly be happy to read more from this author in the future, I just think with the wealth of fighter type romances out there now, you need to offer up something different to the normal tropes to make the story stand out, and although there were a few twists and turns in its telling, nothing really new or unusual stood out about *The Storm* to take it from enjoyable to unforgettable.

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Nicla says

I loved it. This is definitely becoming one of my all time favorite series. Kieran and Marie are amazing. I really got emotionally invested in them and just wanted to see them get their HEA. Kieran was the perfect alpha going after what he wanted and never giving up. He will definitely make you swoon. I instantly liked Marie. She is strong heroine yet still really sweet. Also I loved catching up with the rest of the gang from Driscoll's gym. Highly recommend this book and the whole series. Now I can't wait for Tommy's story.

HEA (view spoiler)

Cheating/OW/OM (view spoiler)

Any push/pull (view spoiler)

Any couple separation (view spoiler)

Angst Level: Moderate

Heat Level: High

Paige says

DNF 40%

The Storm (which most have read and loved) just wasn't for me. I started and stopped a few times before I finally put it aside. I haven't read the first two books in the series but as this is a standalone I thought I would be okay. Yet as soon as I started I felt like I was missing something like the story between these two characters had started and I was kind of picking up half way through. Plus the evolution of their romance was just too easy with out much angst or push and pull for me to really connect with either character or their

relationship. I have a feeling if I go back and start at the beginning of the series, I might like it better so I might add to the "come back and try later" when I get a chance.

Bev says

Loved this newest addition to this series. I adored Kier and Marie together, and even her pushing him away didn't bother me because not only did it not drag on for ages, but she really did have a legit reason for it. And I totally got it. However, our Kieran was not going to be pushed away, and I LOVE how he wore her down, broke through her defences and got his girl. He was totally swoon-worthy, and made my heart sigh so many times. He was so very focused not only on his girl, but his training, his family and his friends.

This was a slow build/burn romance that just worked, simply because the reason was justified and not just thrown in for drama and angst.

As with previous books in the series we got plenty of time with the rest of the gang, and once again Tommy was the star of the show. That man couldn't even begin to understand what a filter was, never mind how to use it. Love that about him, love it! I really can't wait to get his book. Marie's brothers would make for some juicy reading too - more hot, possessive alpha males to drool over yes please! I think this is where the author excels, the family she has built within this series for these boys that had so much stacked against them is truly fabulous to read. I got so involved with them all, and love that she continues to build on their stories as well as the main characters. From Father Pat to Danny to all the boys - just brilliant.

I'm also hoping we get to know more about Liam's story (hint hint Ms Prescott).

Although I really did love this one, I noticed a fair few silly editing issues that really shouldn't have been there, but the book was just that good I'm leaving my rating at 5 stars.

Maria... says

3,5 Stars

This was a nice reading!

With a H.A.W.T cover!

I wanted Kieran's book since I read "The Hurricane" and I loved him so much! So he needed his own book. Marie was introduced to us at the first book as well but just a little bit towards the end.

This book was good and we got to learn about Kieran and Marie's story and their issues but also we got the chance to see once again the whole gang and the bond they still had. This book is about friends and family and how to protect and be there when someone important needs you.

Kieran and Marie had their issues and when they gave their relationship a try it was a give it all or nothing. They had good chemistry and what they needed to complete the missing pieces from their lives.

But this book wasn't what I expected! Kieran was the carefree and hot friend so I was hoping his story with Marie would have been easy and funny with hot sex scenes! It was the opposite they were friends at first and then after a kiss BAM "I want you" and "You're mine". And Marie had some healthy problems but the book didn't focus on that very much which I liked.

This review doesn't help my friends, I know.

Overall the book was nice and fast paced but not what I wanted from this kind of hero. Tommy's book is next and I HOPE his book will be the funny, easy and hot reading without serious issues to spoil it.

Enjoy! xxx

Talia (Red Hot Ink) says

If it is even possible, I liked this one even more than the Hurricane!

Kieran Doherty stole my heart, but above anything else, I loved the interactions between the guys. It was hilarious and endearing.

Plus, it's always great to get a side-dish of your other favorite couple, Em and Con. On top of that, Liam and Albie's story tied a bow on top of this amazing book.

Now I can't wait to read Tommy's instalment.

If I find a spare moment, I'll probably write a longer review :)

Barbara? says

****4.5 Stars****

I feel like I've waited forever for this book. I was so ready for Kieran I preordered it and jumped on it as soon as it hit my iPad. I absolutely LOVED The Hurricane and The Aftermath. Cormac is the perfect hero. He is broody, dark, possessive and **INTENSE**. Kieran is different. While he has some underlying sadness due to losing his da at an early age, (the prologue absolutely broke my heart), he is funny and lighter...not as INTENSE.

We know Kieran sees Marie for the first time in The Aftermath while helping to arrange Cormac and Em's wedding a few years ago. He has not so much as looked at another woman since. But Marie has been avoiding him until recently. She has her reasons. Kieran is determined to wear her down. She's IT for him...his one.

"Tomorrow I was going to own the fight, and when I was done, I was coming for her. If it took the rest of my life, I was going to make her fall for me as hard as I'd fallen for her."

It was definitely full of swoon-worthy moments.

"With every step I took, Irish was in my head with me. Whether I saw her or not, the world was suddenly a better place. It was like I'd been handed this amazing gift, and every day, as I got to know her a little better, I'd get to unwrap another layer of it."

"Without you, I can't breathe anymore. When I think of doing this without you, there's a pain in my chest that won't go away. I can fight anyone you put in front of me. I will defeat any man who tries to stand against me, but I need you with me."

And hot, sexy moments.

"Her thighs trembled the closer she came to orgasm. I'd never experienced anything like this. Having sex, even good sex, didn't come close to the way it felt to make love. To know that she'd given me her heart, along with her body, was nothing short of humbling. Having her friendship was a gift, holding her heart was a miracle, and if I had to spend every day for the rest of my life doing it, I'd prove to her that I was worthy of that miracle."

Marie, aka Irish, was a great heroine. She was strong and determined. She put up a wee bit of fight against Kieran but realized he was it and she went full in. I loved that she didn't keep things from him and that she was honest. Several times she could have had a tsfl moment but she didn't. She trusted him.

"When I'm with him, I don't think about whether things will work out between us long term, or whether we have enough shared interests for a lasting relationship. It's nothing that calculated. Being with him is like getting caught in a riptide. It's pointless fighting against the current."

"I want his arms around me, keeping me afloat. And I want his deep, delicious, sexy-as-fuck voice whispering in my ear all the reasons why I'll only ever be the girl for him and he'll only ever be the man for me."

While this wasn't *AS GOOD* as *The Hurricane* I still enjoyed the heck out of it and Kieran was a great hero just in a different way. There were times it was nerve racking and I was keeping my fingers crossed for the HEA. I just didn't know how it was going to be pulled off. I laughed and I cried. And at times, my heart broke. But in the end, it was a great book.

I cannot wait for Tommy's story...I just hope I don't have to wait a year to get it because I really need it now. And as a lover of MM romance, I would absolutely LOVE Liam's story. Maybe Prescott will venture into that territory *hint, hint*
