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Being married to a rock star isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Kate and Billy McDonald have defied the odds. For twenty-two years they've loved each other fiercely, but it hasn't always been easy. On the road most of the time and fighting for a foothold in the music industry, Billy struggles to make a name for himself. Frustrated and angry, he relies on dangerous methods of coping, until one night, after facing the guilt of his biggest regret, he makes a mistake that could bring his entire world crashing down around him.

Amazed at how far they've come from their rough beginnings, Kate cherishes her life. Sure, there are things she'd change, like having Billy home more and having a better relationship with her daughter. But when a startling betrayal follows on the heels of an unbearable loss, Kate's world spirals out of control, leaving her staggering and wondering if it's even possible to pick up the pieces.

What happens when love implodes? Can it rise from the ashes, or will we all fall down?

We All Fall Down is the second book in the Of Love and Madness trilogy. It is not a standalone, and to fully appreciate the characters, it is recommended that you read *At This Moment* first. The third and final book in the series, *All I Ever Wanted*, will be released in the spring of 2017.

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B. O'Brien says

Five stars for We All Fall Down

The second book in Karen Cimmms's trilogy is a much heavier and darker read than *At this Moment* but it is a honest representation of love at its ugliest and most destructive moments. The writing is polished and sophisticated and truly paints a picture of this difficult time in the lives of Kate and Billy. I am eagerly awaiting the final book in this series.

Sharon ∞☞ is an emotional book junkie ☞∞ says

4 ★'s

After all the drama from the last book, I was a little disappointed that we are now **TWENTY** years in the future! WTH?? I went through the whole first book waiting for all the yummy angst only to get denied...or did I?

Yes, I just needed a little patience because let me tell you - this book is freakin' depressing but I wouldn't miss it for the world. There's a reason the author makes us wait...and then she knocks us out with a two-by-four...*seriously*.

My heart broke for Katie...she's getting whammed at every corner. Her life with Billy is unsettling at best but I don't think I can ever forgive him for what he does to her. However, I was thrilled that she gave him a visual!

The worse was what happened at a town meeting. You always wonder what you would do and I think the author did an amazing job recreating all the trauma someone would go through.

And Katie's relationship with her kids was heart breaking as well. Anyone who's had kids can relate a little. Still, she tries to carry on. It's only when she finds out a secret that everything comes crumbling down.

It was hard to read...like I said, depressing but the author is so spot on with what Katie is going through. It makes you feel *everything*! I just can't imagine.

Luckily, the book leaves you with a little hope and again, you're going to want to have the next book ready!

Caryn says

AMAZING EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER!

Loved it. Using real life situations to weave this story, the author takes us through a myriad of emotional rollercoasters. From murder, rape, alcoholism, drug abuse, and mental illness, we get hit by them all.

I bounced back and forth between love and hate with Billy but by the end of the book realized that I still loved him! Can't say the same for their daughter, Rhiannon. Too bitchy! Reminds me of me!

On to the last book (pout) so hope you give this series a read...it is totally worth it.

Sassy Southern says

This is the second book in the Of Love and Madness trilogy and book one, At This Moment, needs to be read first.

This book picks up 20 years after At This Moment and Billy Donaldson (aka Billy McDonald), is still performing on stage and is in the band Stonestreet until a fight leaves him fired after using drugs.

Kate Donaldson has become a journalist and has begun working on an article about Mr. Stevens, a man battling with the city and his neighbours about his property. Kate is still trying to hold her life together and finds herself constantly let down by her family in remembering simple things, like her birthday.

As secrets are formed and some are revealed, Kate's life begins to spiral out of control and when two unconnected tragic events occur will Kate finally break? Will Billy have his own life under control enough that he will be able to help Kate or will his own actions push her to the breaking point?

Wow. I thought the last book was emotional but this one just takes it to another level. As a parent I can just imagine how Kate really wanted to keep her family together yet she couldn't do it on her own.

I love Kate and this book she finally gets strength to begin to do what is right for herself yet that causes her to feel so alone and when everything happens she finally hits bottom. Yet I still see hope for her and I believe that she will eventually be ok.

I was pretty sad at the way Rhiannon. Kate's daughter, treated her and never saw any of Billy's faults. Yet Rhiannon's husband, Doug, saw everything and was so good to Kate and very supportive. I'm unsure how this relationship is going to turn out as Doug won't put up with Rhiannon's attitude for much longer.

I was so frustrated at Billy through this story until the very end where he actually understood his actions and started working at coming clean and improving himself. He definitely has an uphill battle ahead of him but if he can stay clean there is a chance for him.

Such an amazing book full of difficult situations and emotions! Can't wait for the final book!!

Katie says

Heart crushing second book

Mild spoilers in this review.

This is not a stand alone and must be read as part of the trilogy.

It's been 20 years since the end of the first book, the kids are grown and Billy and Katie are still in love. However twenty years of life's ups and downs have started to create some rips in their relationship. Billy has never dealt with the past, he's never let any of his anger go, he's still keeping secrets, and he's still in very active addiction, and using drugs and alcohol to deal with life, and Katie is still enabling him.

Right after another mistake made by Billy, Katie suffers a terrible loss, and Billy dealing with his own addictions, and insecurities does something so horrible that their relationship may never fully recover. Katie suffers terribly, but she's still managing, and going on with her day to day life. While at a town meeting a horrific tragedy rocks the entire town and Katie unfortunately is right in the middle. Katie soon becomes a shell of her former self, standing on the edge of life's cliff.

This book wasn't easy to read at times. In fact several times I wanted to smack Billy, or to shake some sense into Katie, I wanted ask their daughter Rhiannon what she was thinking, and I really wanted to hug their son Devin. Mostly though I just wanted these people to ask for the help they so desperately needed, and I wanted them to quit assuming and COMMUNICATE with each other.

This second installment was wonderful, and gut wrenching and frankly as soon as I submit this review I'm going to 1 click book three. Read this trilogy!

Judy.Ca says

Oh boy! Moving on to the finale! Wish me luck ?

Doris says

I liked this one better than the first....will give full review when I finish the series.

Jennifer Juers says

Blown away!! I had every emotion known to man reading **We All Fall Down!** I knew it was going to bring me down, the title tells you that! Honestly, I finished the first book, *At This Moment* yesterday and immediately started the next one. I didn't even take a shower yesterday because I was so engrossed in this

story. THIS book is now on my top 10 of 2017 list!!!! Why? Because it made me FEEL!!

I have been trying to spread the love on my Facebook and Instagram pages for this book! I think it's a hidden gem that needs to be found by more than just me!! I promise you'll love it! There are a few triggers some may have but it is definitely worth the read. I had so many mixed feelings/emotions that I actually messaged the author.

Billy really hurt me in this book. He has since been redeemed, sort of. I knew that something horrible was going to happen because everyone has a breaking point I just didn't see it coming to that extent. Some follow in the footsteps that they have been shown. He did and it hurt.

Kate, my Kate. She really goes through a huge emotional toll. Her heart breaks for many reasons in **We All Fall Down** but I cannot go into details because I refuse to give spoilers and I want you to go through her pain right along with her. Just know that help is around the corner for her.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

Reviewed for KFA

Books Laid Bare says

4.5 Stars

Read the first book ladies, you need the deets!!

Being the middle book in trilogy, for me I knew that this was always going to be the one to deliver the lethal blow and boy did it!

Beautifully written it follows the trials and tribulations of Billy McDonald and the woman that has stood by him for over two decades, his wife Kate. Supporting Billy, as he has fought tooth and nail to reach his target, to make his mark in the music industry is what has kept Kate sane up until now, she loves her man but will his passion burn them both out?

Kate was a sterling character, a woman that was made of tough stuff, she had been with Billy through thick and thin but through it all; what they had, had always been worth fighting for...until now?

When her world turned a corner that she never saw coming I could almost feel her soul disintegrate and all I could think is that I wanted to put an arm round her shoulder and tell her to hold on. What do you do when what you have is broken, when your happiness is shattered and it is your shoulder to cry on that is tearing your heart apart?

Billy didn't always make the right choices or even the smart ones but that didn't mean he didn't love Kate, he just got a little bent out of shape sometimes but unfortunately some errors don't give you a way back, that you have to work out for yourself.

Some mistakes mark you for life and change not only what you think and feel but also that of the ones you love, equal bedfellows love and pain leave little behind when they enter the fray ...emotion is a very cruel mistress in all its guises.

While I hoped that what they had was worth fighting for, I was pleased that the author didn't give too much away too quickly, I'm not saying she laboured over their pain but she made the situation believable by making it seem as if their situation was running at pace that was honest.

One mistake, one catastrophic error of judgement and their lives were forever changed but what is done is done, it was moving forward that was important now, and I found the journey that I took with them was one that I didn't want to stop. I wanted them to find a way to a happy place, to pick up their pieces and start to

work hard at fitting what they had back together, I got the gravity of their situation but that didn't mean that I was willing to accept that they couldn't start again, my heart broke on almost every page for the pair of them. The author totally brought their pain to life, she hid nothing and I think that made me feel as if I was a fly on the wall throughout the whole book, the situation was tantalisingly descriptive while at times it was also surreptitiously vague. I thought the author completely nailed their reactions, she painted the most colourful picture with her words and her emotional emphasis. The devastation was tangible.

I know you are dying to know how it works out but what kind of friend would I be if I spoiled the surprise, if my words meant that you didn't get to actually experience this book, not just read it but become immersed in ...I'd be a very bad friend indeed, so no spoilers juts a plea to read the book...PLEASE!

Kathy Aronoff says

You are my madness and my love.....

The beautiful words from book 1 turn into something else altogether in this heartbreaking continuation. Karen Cimms writing has to power to make you feel every emotion of the characters. The lesson is love no matter how sincere is not enough when secrets, lies and omissions are between two people. Katie & Billy are on a downward spiral that is hurting each other and their family more and more - no matter what the original intentions were. There are some moments in this story that you can feel that the love is still there and I am hoping to see that love again in book 3.

Gaby Ch says

I was so afraid of reading this book and what I was sure was going to happens wasn't at all what came. This was an extremely emotional ride. A ride I can relate to, which made it hard and impossible to put down.

Karen did an amazing job on this one, if I thought the first one was good, this one was even better! Onto the last one, I can't wait.

Paige says

Man, if I thought the last book hurt, I was mistaken. Because this book. It HURT. It was raw and real and without much happy. But I think it was necessary.

Ms. Cimms says that this is not a typical romance but it is a love story and that is absolutely true. This story is 20 years after book 1 and it seems that our love birds haven't really grown much aside from having adult children now. They are still struggling with the same things they struggled with at the start of their relationship all those years ago; they've just festered. And it was so close to what I imagine real life to be, that I could not out this book down even when I was dying for some hearts and flowers. There were definitely some moments especially with Kate that I smiled and cheered her on. But as they were few and far between, I was left with a gut wrenching story of two people being eaten alive by their own demons and YET it was so obvious that they loved each other more than themselves. It's a testament to the writing that I could feel it and still feel each raw and painful ache that was torn open. Bravo Ms. Cimms. I cannot wait to see where book 3 takes these broken but beautiful characters.

Jamie Ellis says

Keyword Communication!!!!

I am loving this series so hard, I mean seriously loving it. I am frustrated though because these two need to communicate.....I know I talk about characters as if they were real. Well in my readers mind they are for at least a short period of time while I am reading about them lol.

This is not going to be long so just know I am an avid reader and this series deserves to be read. You are going to get immersed into their story so much you talk to your book buddy as if they were real people and circumstances.... I know I have. You are going to ugly cry, I did. The circumstances and subject matter in this series I think person can relate too!! That's a brilliantly written book in my opinion. So check it out. Thanks Jamie Nibarger Ellis

Jean says

[I was completely shocked that the book began 20 years after the end of book 1. What?!?! Devon and Rhiannon as young adults and what the hell with Rhiannon being a total bitch to her mom?! (hide spoiler)]

Sbell says

I'm going to copy and paste this review onto all the books in the series, as I feel this is really just one big book. I loved this series. I laughed, I cried (I mean I really cried) I wanted to throw my kindle across the room, and I wanted to slow down, because I didn't want this to end.

Billy and his Katie. I have so many emotions, and so many words, and I know that any thing I write will not do this book justice. This romance spanned about 20 years and it had it all. Addiction, betrayal, angst, friendship, family, death, but most of all, and in front and center it had love.

Rarely do I read a book about 2 very imperfect people, that has me craving the next word. I love how Ms. Cimms got to the heart of rock and roll, and not the glammers part. The dirty, sad, gritty, lonely, heartbreaking

part. Billy was the perfect, imperfect hero. From the start I had not one doubt that Kate was it for him. She filled a hole in him. He absolutely lived for her.

We got to see Kate grow from a very young girl to one of the most kick ass heroines I have ever read. She literally gave everything up for Billy. We see her survive so much tragedy, so much heart ache and in the end we get to see her rise up and fight for herself.

My favorite book would be book 3. We see 2 soulmates find out how hard they will fight to be with each other. We get to see the best of them.

All the secondary characters were just amazing. They added such depth to the story. The feeling of family was so strong that at the end I had happy tears rolling down my face. (and I very RARELY cry while reading a book). I also had the song "I'll Be There For You" by BonJovi playing on a reel in my head! From now on this song will remind of Billy, and his Katie!!

I will absolutely read more by this author!!!
