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Keira Riley was the girl Kona Hale loved first, the woman he wants to love last. They've battled addiction, forgiven betrayal and healed from heartache, coming through it all bruised but hopeful that their future will be limitless.

Kona Hale was a blinding flame that Keira Riley gladly burned inside—his touch, his kiss, his overwhelming love, all made her dizzy, desperate and desired, made her believe in a love worth bleeding for, a love that ignites the heart with an unquenchable flame. But when you fall in love with an NFL darling who can't seem to let go of the spotlight, sometimes even that flame can be gutted by the buffeting winds of opportunity, can be lost behind the brilliant flash of fame.

As Keira and Kona get caught up in plans for an extravagant march down the aisle, the hard won sanctuary they've found in each other's arms begins to erode. Will they be able to see through all the beckoning glitz and glamour to what they have worked so hard to build together, or will their love be lost in the spotlight?

MY BELOVED is a novella set prior to the THIN LOVE epilogue.

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????????? 4.5 STARS ??????????

A couple month back, I discovered Eden Butler, reading her angst filled story, **Thin Love** . It wasn't a gentle ride, but a brilliant and vivid love story, that literally consumed me. It left me thinking about Kona and Kiera, wondering what would happen to them **after**... I've spent days with them on my mind, fantasizing on their future, and those thoughts were supposed to be left at that. Could only ever be just that. Fantasies.

Thin Love is a stand-alone novel, after all.

But this was without taking in consideration thousands of other readers, whom just like me, were left wanting more. **More Kiera and Kona**. More Ransom too.

I usually tend to dislike add-ons novellas and sudden sequels, due to the fact that they rarely meet my expectations and turn to be of a less quality...

This is definitely not the case with **My Beloved**. **Eden Butler** did a fabulous job here, fulfilling my wishes and then some!

“You still want me? Just me? You still my girl, Wildcat?”

First, she listened to her readers, and worked on to give them what they were all avidly asking : **an extended Happily Ever After**.

You'll undoubtedly swoon here, she delivers glimpses of Kiera's and Kona's lives, showing us how they're adjusting to each other after being apart for almost 20 years...

But you'll get snippets of Ransom too. Seeing him interact with his mom and dad... It's just precious. This young man had my heart in Thin Love, well, let's say I'm positively sure of my feelings for his character now.

As I was saying before, more often than once, additional novellas are a hit or miss for me.

So did My Beloved pass the test? Hell yes!

Eden Butler didn't just sprinkled sugary sweet words here for the sake of instant happiness, this is not what Kona and Kiera relationship is about. The feel you had in Thin Love? The constant grip at your heart feeling? The silent screams asking for both Keira and Kona to get their their shit together? The raw emotions? The explosive lovemaking scenes? You'll get all of the above in this novella.

He climbed over her, dragging those hard, delicious muscles up her torso, rubbing himself against her sensitive nipples before he grabbed her face, making her look at him. "And this..." a twist of his hips and Kona slammed back into her, thrusts deep, penetrating, "this is yours. This is only yours." Another deep thrust and Kona groaned, echoed the satisfied noise Keira made when he hit her G-spot. "I...I gave you this a long time ago, baby." And then Kona worked faster, lifted on his hands, massive biceps and triceps shaking as moved his hips, filled her, eyes closed and that severe expression, the one that looked like hunger and pain and pleasure that was almost overwhelming, returned to his face. "All yours, baby. I've always been yours."

But you'll also get beauty.

Beauty from Kona, who despite his best attempt at being perfect for Keira, for Ransom, is still maladroit in his way of showing it. This man has the best intentions in the world toward his family but doesn't know how to show it.

Beauty from Kiera's and Ransom's relationship. I definitely want to "see" more of this. I loved the dynamic between mother and son. And Ransom and his father? Swoon inducing.

Let me say **Eden Butler** surprised me from the start, I didn't expect this opening for *My Beloved*.

I was hooked from page one, determined to discover what in hell could have lead to this.

And I wasn't disappointed.

Besides, I would have been surprised if things went all smoothly for them. They ought to make some mistakes (some more), after being apart for so long, they have to learn how to be with each other. Their love and attraction whilst undeniable, they still have their own natural explosive temper to deal with.

"I lost you once, Keira. It cost me decades. It cost me a lifetime of memories with you, with my son. I'm not doing that shit again. I won't lose my always. I messed up and you ran. I told you, baby, I'll never stop following after you. It's pointless to keep running. I'll find you. I'll always find you."

I also loved the setting for **My Beloved**, reading about Hawaiian and Polynesian traditions, getting inside Kona's family... It was really a great addition to their love story, and it really ends on a sweet note. But it

doesn't stop me to expect, wish, BEG for more!

There's also a little sneak peek at Kona's story, (Summer 2015...) and all I can say is, Eden Butler : **JUST BRING IT!!!**

Wonder Woman, conquered, over.

(Arc copy kindly provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.)

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Anja says

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“Only you, Wildcat, only you could give me this. Only you could make my heart this damn full.”

Hell yeah, you did, Eden! You SURE did!!

My Beloved was a treasure to be unwrapped by the talented Eden Butler!

From the exotic setting, to Kona's Hawaiian roots which struck a familiar chord in me (*since FYI: I'm also a part Native Hawaiian originate myself and still live in Hawai'i till this day! "Kawehi," my goodreads name is short for "Kawehilani" my middle name which means 'Heavenly adornment' in Hawaiian*), to watching Kona and Keira still learning to adjust to being a couple after their hefty time from being apart... it was spell-binding page-turner that left me utterly addicted for two hours and ultimately breathless and awestruck of the intricate journey that Ms. Butler has created and craftsmanship that she has delivered along the way!!

As we all know, smooth sailing was never in the DNA of what "Kona" is all about. *But since when has the course of love ever been an easy feat at all, right?* They are still as raw, broken, passionate, and tattered as ever... but most of all, they are two individuals looking for a new start, and are without a doubt as-- madly, entirely, haphazardly, in love with each other as they were in the beginning... wholly and irrevocably.

Author Eden Butler really knows how write a story without throwing in hells and thrills and for the sake of it gimmicks! No, she dives even deeper into Kona and Keira's relationship and allows them really grow and appreciate the wonder of what they have that is each other, along with.... breaking down the eroded sanctuary that both characters have found in each other and what they could possibly lose if they don't hold it close enough.

"Their lives might not always be easy, God knew it certainly had been a torturous, hazardous road...Each struggle was a lesson in learning...Taught her what mistakes to correct, which to avoid and every moment that they had been apart, every time that she had felt lonely, desperate or scared, each and every time had led her back to Kona, back to her always, to the arms of her beloved."

#A magical and "beloved" novella that had me fist pumping and in tears!! Love, LOVED this!! ++the delightful glimpses we get of Ransom!! Can't wait for ***Thick Love!!*** ♥

Laura says

I really liked Thin Love the story of Keira and Kona so I was happy when the author said she was writing a Novella about them. This book is about their wedding.

At the end of Thin Love, I felt like Keira had matured but in this story, it was like she was a teenager again with what she wasn't happy about and the fact she wondered what Kona was doing with her didn't wash when they had this all consuming love so I don't know where her insecurities came from? The plot felt a bit contrived just to create more angst and I love angst but this didn't feel like angst, it felt like immaturity and because it's a short story and Thin Love was such a long story, I didn't feel the emotion this time around. I felt sorry for Kona, he's telling her how much he loves and wants her and it's still not good enough?

I was disappointed in this Novella, it wasn't what I thought it was going to be, it didn't really add anything to their story and I wish I had just left it with Thin Love. That being said, it was nice to reconnect with Keira, Kona and Ransom and I'm really looking forward to Ransom's book.

Rachel Reads Ravenously says

4.5 Oh My God KONA YOU IDIOT stars

"Only you, Wildcat. Only you could give me this. Only you could make my heart this damn full."

My Beloved is a short story that picks up a few months after the end of **Thin Love**. Kona and Keira are getting married and finally having their happily ever after. Except, the wedding is kind of a disaster and the paparazzi won't leave Keira and Ransom alone.

I loved this short story if only because Eden Butler delivered all of the feels. Lots of love, angst, desperation and anger from all over the map in this one. This short story shows that Keira and Kona have to fight for their HEA, it's not something that comes easily wrapped up at the end of the last book.

Kona was for sure a gigantic jackass in this short story. Like a true guy, he didn't really understand how badly he fucked up until it all blew up in his face. I could not get over what an oblivious idiot he was being in his choices, especially because he seemed terrified and insecure about Keira leaving him.

One of my favorite tiny aspects of this book was the closure Keira was able to come to in regards to her relationship with her mother. In the previous book she seemed so evil and uncaring, but this novella proved that Keira's mom really did love her in her own messed up way.

I mentioned this in my last review, but I'll say it again. I HATE how Keira calls Kona "Bebe". I always without fail imagine the little girl from South Park who developed early. So .5 points off for that. But that's just one of my weird pet peeves.

"I lost you once, Keira. It cost me decades. It cost me a lifetime of memories with you, with my son. I'm not doing that shit again."

~*~Princess Nhya~*~ says

WOW! Okay... Just Wow..

I love this brief Novella. It gave you what you longed to see before the epilogue in book 1. Though book 1 was awesome and ended on a lovely note, this Novella fills in those missing gaps that give you *full mode happy closure*. Though still intense & heartbreaking at times, it was incredible to see how the journey unfolded.

Based on book 1 and this Novella, I would definitely recommend this series.

I am off now to read book 2, *Ransom's story*. Hope I fall in love with it as well.

Happy Reading :)

Sharon ∞☞ is an emotional book junkie ☞∞ says

This novella is all about the good stuff...all the stuff we didn't get to read after Kona and Kiera got back together and *before* the epilogue. If you're a fan of Kona and Kiera, you don't want to miss this!

I was really excited when I heard we were getting a novella for these two. I really wanted some good times...and we get that for the most part.

I was, however, a bit disappointed with Kona. He should have known better...scratch that, he does know better. I think maybe he just got caught up in everything. Thankfully, he got it right the second time.

I really felt for Kiera. She was trying to do what Kona wanted...it was just too much. And when she got the double whammy, I don't blame her at all for how she reacted.

I loved how things wrapped up! Kona's reaction was *priceless*!!

Next up is **Ransom's** book called *Thick Love*. Hopefully more of him and that red head!

Favorite quotes:

♥ "Love is or it ain't. Thin love ain't love at all."

♥ "You're my home, baby. You're all that matters."

♥ "Every time with you, Wildcat, every single time I taste you, fell you, is like the first time."

Jasmine says

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"Kona was not perfect, but he was her perfect."

If you've read *Thin Love* and was swept away by the hurricane of love that is **Kona & Keira**, this novella is like an early Christmas gift by the author that revisits our favourite couple and delivers your needed fix of these two.

My Beloved gives you the **glimpses of the events leading up to Kiera & Kona's wedding** and if you know this couple well enough, *nothing comes easy for these two*. There will be obstacles, there will be hurdles but can their love withstand it all over again? While this served as a novella, Eden Butler still managed to deliver

yet another intense read fuelled with a burning passion from both our flawed characters. Even with that HEA light at the end, my heart still beat anxiously for these two. Their dysfunction coupled with some external forces surely packed a punch with this read as you once again witnessed how tumultuous their relationship is.

Overall I devoured this up in no time and this novella being an extension of Kona & Keira's love story, it gave me what I needed from these two and that being a great sense of finality with a well-deserved HEA for our lovely couple.

On another note, LOVE the teaser excerpt for Ransom's story and now we'll have to wait patiently for his story due to be out late next year. Oh the agony!

My Beloved is a follow-up novella of Thin Love and should be read after the latter.

Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

4.5 stars!!

Though I was happy with the way things ended in the main standalone novel Thin Love, I was also ecstatic to hear that the author would be gifting us a novella that briefly revisits these beloved characters and their world. To me, that is an extra layer of icing on the cake, and never once did it cross my mind that this novella would be unnecessary. Because it definitely wasn't, and my heart feels so full right now. I love that a happily ever after doesn't signify the end of Kona and Keira's story. And while their journey is laced with heartache, pain, and torment, love overshadows all and I just love how deeply and passionately they love each other, despite all the obstacles thrown their way and the differences that stand between them.

We're reminded once again the things we loved about these characters and yet, their story is not an easy one. And it never will be. It'll always be a bumpy rollercoaster ride full of highs and lows. But without seeing the lowest of their lows, we would not be able to see the highest of their highs, and the author delivered all of that in an unflinchingly honest manner that stayed true to both the characters and their story. This story, though short, is a must read for Thin Love fans. We *needed* this book to soothe our aching hearts.

My Beloved is a novella that must be read after Thin Love. Though it's technically an optional read, it does help bridge the gap of events right before the epilogue in Thin Love.

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Kirsten says

4-4.5 stars!

I loved getting more from Kiera and Kona! They are one of my favorite couples, and I didn't realize how much I missed them until I started reading this.

It's good to know that both of them have done some growing since they were younger. It seems they have got a lot of their anger issues under control. I thought Kiera's frustration was justifiable, but I also wish she would have just talked to Kona about it. And Kona...such an awesome hero. I love him! Everything out of his mouth made me sigh.

A really sweet read. I had a few moments of misty eyes, so I know this short novella packed a good punch right in my feels! I think it's worth it to revisit this couple if you've read Thin Love.

Highly anticipating Ransoms story in Thick Love. It should be very interesting.

Gitte TotallyBookedBlog says

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Geri Reads says

4.5 stars!

Love is or it ain't. Thin love ain't love at all.

Novellas set after the main couple's HEA is a ~~hit or miss~~ for me. Strike that. They are usually a miss for me. I'm scared of reading them because they don't always live up to my own expectations. But then Beloved happened, and holy crap, it was just freakin' perfect.

We find Keira and Kona in the cusp of spending their lives together when something happened. Decisions were made and feelings were discarded. If you've read and loved Thin Love, you'd know that these two never do things the easy way. And in true Keira and Kona fashion, they totally took their own sweet, difficult time getting to their HEA. It was their perfect.

I was relieved that Eden Butler stayed true to the characters. This book could have easily gone the sappy and sweet route but it didn't. It stayed true to the characters that Ms. Butler created in Thin Love. I, for one, am thankful for that. Plus, that little teaser at the end for Ransom's book just about killed me. I hope Eden writes very, very fast because I don't think I can wait that long for Ransom's book.

sigh

Is it December 8th already?

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4.5 Stars

"...I don't belong in your world, Kona."

"I don't have a world without you."

Thin Love was one of my top favorite books this year, so when I saw that Eden Butler was coming up with a follow-up novella for this couple, I was equal parts thrilled and nervous. Thrilled because a volatile and passionate love that Keira and Kona have is not one that leaves your head anytime soon. They stuck with me. I found myself thinking about them even months after finishing the book and missing them. And nervous because I'm not usually a reader that likes follow-up novellas. Something always happens to ruin the book for me; whether it be too much angst or manufactured drama, I have yet to read a novella after a standalone that I enjoyed almost as much as the original book. That is...until My Beloved. I should have known better than to ever doubt the awesome that is Eden Butler.

"You make me happy. You always have."

"I'll keep you happy, Wildcat." He rolled on top of her, ready for her once again, pushing her legs apart with his knee. "Let me show you how."

If Thin Love was this amazing multi-layered cake, think of My Beloved as the icing. It was the perfect way to bring this incredible love story to an end.

In a word? It was perfect. The author did an amazing job really staying true to the characters. Everything fit; every tear, every emotion, every event. It's not often I read that and it just goes to show you why Eden Butler has made her way into the top of my auto-buy list.

My Beloved finds Kona and Keira planning their wedding, months after where Thin Love ended. They are still dealing with the feelings that their ten year separation left them with. As much as both of them have grown, they are still the same Keira and Kona we fell in love with. Not so much volatile, but yet endearingly imperfect.

"Every time with you, Wildcat, every single time I taste you, fell you, is like the first time."

This was like the perfect extended epilogue that I had wished for after finishing the first book. I absolutely loved reading about their road to their HEA that they found in the epilogue of Thin Love. It was emotional, beautiful, sensual, everything I had hoped for.

Then there was more of Ransom. *dreamy sigh*

Oh Ransom. I think I fell for him in this book even more. Eden gives a little teaser in the end to Ransom's

book that's set to release in Aug 2015, and I'm pretty sure that the wait just may kill me.

If you read and loved Thin Love, you need to read this book. If you read Thin Love and yet still questioned how a love as intense and at times crazy as theirs somehow makes the perfect sense, you need to read this book.

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