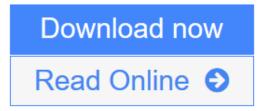


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What do you do when everything you avoid, turns out to be exactly what you need?

Easy and predictable, just the way he likes it, Blake Daniels flies through life the way he burns through women: on his terms, no regrets.

With his fighting career in full swing, he's on the threshold of title contention. But when his training is compromised by injury, the stakes grow impossibly higher. The rage that fuels his punches also chips away at his focus, and he risks losing everything he cares about.

He won't let that happen. Not again.

Layla's through with men. After a marriage that never should've happened, she hopes to reclaim the pieces of the woman she lost years ago.

Emotional abuse has left her insecure and terrified. A master at faking what she's not feeling, she masks her self-doubt in false confidence.

She'll never let another man hurt her. Not again.

Chased by shadows of the past, Blake and Layla know what they don't want, but their hearts have a different plan. As a web of lies and betrayal threatens to destroy them, they're forced to make a choice.

Is love enough to heal even the deepest wounds?

Or will they be left Fighting to Forgive?

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DKristin says

I really don't know where to start. I know one thing is for sure I need more stars. Like ten million more. I absolutely LOVED Fighting For Flight. It is still hands down just one of my favorite books! I did not know what to expect from Jamie the second time around but I hoped and wished that it would be of the same quality, and I am happy to report that I was not disappointed. I don't know how she does it but these stories tackle some very difficult and gut wrenching material--issues of abuse and abandonment and betrayal that come off extremely realistic. I love that her heroine's may be broken or damaged but that doesn't stop them from being intelligent and independent as well. I also absolutely love the integration of music into her stories. It is so big that it can be counted as a character all on its own! Then you add in the romance fluffiness that we all need and love along with a huge portion of passion and flaming hot sex and that's a J.B. Salsbury book in a nutshell. I just cannot say enough about how much I loved this book and love Jamie for life for writing these stories. Layla and Blake most definitely did it for me and I hope that they do it for you too. If you haven't read Fighting for Flight yet I highly recommend it as well.

Some quotes and visuals if you're not yet convinced...

"Touch me, Blake." "I'm touchin you, baby." "No, Blake." "Down here."

"I just wanted to see if you'd watch TV with me."

"I need your fingers Snake."

"I know she moans so deep when she falls apart in my arms that I can feel it in my dick..."

"Come here."

"I want them. They're mine."

Sopha Vimolseng says

For some reason I wanted it to be Blake and Eve. I wonder if Eve will get her HEA

Roksana says

WARNING...This book is not safe...Just could't carry on up to 45%

This book has triggers I am extremely uncomfortable with:

1. Indecisive manwhore Hero: is not falling hard for the heroine, instead he fights the attraction and any commitment except sex.

2. Sex scenes with OW: Hero making out with the OW in front of the heroine whiles having developed filling for the heroine...Heroine is distraught catching them in his car in the act

3. Hero tries to kiss the heroine after his tongue was deep in OW throat an hour ago..YUCK!

4. Hero does not even feel guilty about it

Hero says something very offensive that crossed a line between "a Hero with flaws" and "Hero lacking redeeming qualities....

"My eyes roll to the ceiling without her noticing. What is it with women and babies? It's like an airborne infection that spreads instantly and makes chicks get all weepy"

He forgot to add, that "that airborne infection was the very reason HIS MOTHER WAS HAVING HIM INSIDE HER BODY AND THAT'S WHY HE BREATHS THE AIR ON EARTH HE SO CARELESSLY WALKS ON!

Is that an idea of "a noble Hero" we want to read, fantasize and idolize about?

Jacqueline's Reads says

5 SEXY BLAKE STARS

I'm doing a re-read via Audio Version. I think audio books are the perfect solution when you don't have time

to read. I carry my phone EVERYWHERE and if I'm doing chores, running errands or even working, I just put my earbuds on and listen to my books.

I'm a mega fan of this series and it's not only because I'm a fan of the covers and I think the author is completely fantastic. I LOVE the emotions I feel when I read/listen to these books. Not only it's a "fighting" kind of read, but it's much more. It's about serious relationships, complicated problems and finding love within all of that!

Fighting to Forgive is a standalone and is a part of the Fighting to Forgive series. The narrators are the same as book 1, Erin and Ryan. I am a mega fan of the narrators, so I was REALLY happy that they narrated this book too.

BLAKE BLAKE oh My

I wasn't a fan of Blake in book 1, Fighting for Flight. Yes I found him TOO much of a ladies man (CRAZY), but I was really surprised on how much I loved him in Fighting to Forgive. I love it when my mind can be changed. I love evolving characters and I love characters that make me fall for them.

The title did scare me. I thought to myself, did he do something really bad and he has to redeem himself? No, that is not the case. It's a story about a ladies man, coming to terms that his current situation isn't working out for him and the very thing he said he wouldn't do, well, he did. You will see.

My thoughts...

Blake doesn't have the perfect childhood and his father is a piece of work, because of that, Blake is so scared that he will become his father. All Blake cares about now is basically Blake. He uses women for fun times and loves to fight. He has a few conditions when he dates women, first he doesn't date them, he just has relations with them and second his women can't have kids, Blake doesn't want any excess baggage.

Layla is running away from her past life. She's never had a job and she is broke. She once has had a nice life, but she gave it all up for something better. She wants to be safe and happy. She landed a job at Blake's gym and she doesn't need any male distractions, especially since Layla has a sixteen year old daughter at home to take care of.

I love single mothers and I love alpha males. It's really the perfect combination

How great of a story line is that? You get the damsel in distress, with Layla running away from her past. Then there's macho Blake who does not date women with kids, but now all he can think about his Layla. From start to finish this read was just pleasant, there were no crazy fillers or annoying parts. I enjoyed the read a lot.

In the beginning we get to know Blake and he's a total jerk, he hooks up with a girl and doesn't give a you know what about her. He's also perfectly fine with it. Then there's Layla who is a bit of a mystery. Why is she running away? Is someone after her? Why does she go from rich to poor? Is her daughter okay with the situation?

Like I said, I LOVEEEEEE Layla. Not only did I love her name, but I loved how STRONG she was. She's the type of Heroine you strive to be and you just want to be friends with her. When Blake and Layla meet, of course there's going to be some nice banter. Blake is very interested in Layla and Layla just wants to do her

own thing. I love that Layla has a daughter and puts her first, I also love that her daughter is a bit older so it adds some nice tension.

So Blake and Layla are figuring out the relationship, but you have Blake's Daddy issues and then Layla has her baggage. It's just a ball of goodness. So much happens and I couldn't get enough of it. Overall, Fighting to Forgive had great elements, it was a decent long read, there was nice drama and the characters were well-rounded and developed.

I'm a fan!

Audio Questions

Would you recommend this audiobook to a friend? If so, why?

Of course! I actually gifted a few copies to my friends because I believe in this series so much. It has all the elements I like in an audio book. The audio length is a good amount and it allows the characters to be developed and you can get consumed by the story (something I crave for in a read). I love the plot and all the issues the characters faces.

What was one of the most memorable moments of Fighting to Forgive?

I love the beginning. I think it's mostly because it deals with Layla and her struggles. It kind of set the tone of the characters and the read. I liked how she wanted something better for herself and her daughter. I liked that she was strong and took a risk for happiness. It's something we all readers can relate to.

Which scene was your favorite?

Most of the book is memorable, but I like the little shifts within the book. You have the beginning with Blake and Layla where you get to know them as individuals. You get insight to the past and issues. Then you have the middle where Blake and Layla try to work out the issues. Then the crazy shift towards the end where the pace just picks up a notch (it's always fun).

Did you have an extreme reaction to this book? Did it make you laugh or cry?

My heart has a weak spot for single moms. I just smile ear to ear when I read these kinds of books. I was completely consumed by Blake and Layla's story. It's a beautiful story and I enjoyed every bit of it.

AN AUDIO Copy was provided

She's so CUTE! I loved her outfit.. I know I'm random. I loved that she's so into audio books. More photos - > HERE

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Farah *Professor Dean's Beauty* says

I absolutely loved this book just like I knew I would!

After reading just 10% I knew I was going to love Blake's story.

After reading Fighting for flight we were all looking forward to Blake's story...

What happens when a guy who does everything in his power not to feel anything can't avoid it anymore?

Blake Daniels likes his life simple, to drama no baggage. Uncomplicated....

His been through too much in his past to get himself caught up in someone else's drama because he has so much of his own skeletons in his closet.

Now with the biggest fight coming up, Blake needs to stay focused, train hard to reach his goal...

Until he meets her....

Layla

She's something different then other woman, despite being gorgeous Layla's eyes show deep pain...

She's been through enough in her life to get involved with someone like Blake. In fact she is done with all men. Needing to find that piece of herself she lost years ago Layla is starting her life over with her daughter Axell.

"I'm out of control when it comes to her. She's crack cocaine to my temper and libido."

The thing about attraction is, no matter how much you think you don't want something you still find yourself pulled towards it, that's what happens to Layla and Blake.

Both of them with deep hurt know they don't need each other but their hearts feel otherwise.

It seems that love will creep into their hearts even if they were never looking for it. Maybe love can overcome all, fight their Demons and slay their dragons? This story is sweet and very gripping with a jaw dropping scandal and it shows how love can bring a big built man like Blake and turn him into a puddle of goo for the woman he loves.

"If you want peace, prepare for war."

So I'm not going to give away more. Because there are some big exciting scenes in this book and will keep you gripped till the very last page!!

Kellie Maddox-Ward says

I started to be excited about this book as soon I read

"Remind me when I decide o settle down to find a girl wihtout baggage. Preferably one with no family." He hold up his hand and starts ticking off fingers with each stipulation. "No kids, ex-husbands, pyscho dads, fucking skeletons in the closet. None of that shit."

"It's gonna take a special girl to put up with your ass, Blake. You got no room to be picky."

"I'm serious, man. I'd rather stay single my entire life, banging anyone who can keep up, than take on some chick with issues. You can tattoo that on my ass if you don't believe me."

Blake is gunna be so stuffed!! BRING.IT.ON

Amy | Foxy Blogs says

"Guys like Blake Daniels are bad news."

Blake "The Snake", is a UFL fighter who has an attitude of indifference along with a reputation of being a manwhore. But he wasn't always that way. As a child he was a sweet loving boy. His father changed his world and his views of the world with his no nonsense approach to parenting him and his brother. He went *'from being a protective kid to a resentful adult.'*

"I'm a little crazy, broken, and a mess."

Layla has a lot of insecurities. I mean a lot! She drove me nuts. Blake couldn't look sideways without her jumping to conclusions that he must be sleeping with "that" girl. I actually started to feel bad for him. I get why she had so many hang ups. She came from a loveless marriage, more than that, it was a gunshot marriage. She had been 16 when she got pregnant. Her parents wanted her 'honor' protected by having the guy 'do the right thing.' Needless to say, that was a not a good decision on her parents part.

"I dig that you're older. Chick my age act like toddlers hopped up on helium."

Yep. Layla was cradle robbing with Blake. But in actuality her behavior was very immature which made Blake seem older than her. I know her forced marriage left her emotionally stunted but some of her actions (view spoiler) were something I'd expect from a much younger character not a woman in her thirties.

"Between my dad and her ex, we're both brainwashed and bruised."

The baggage they brought along in their relationship made them fight to be together. Luckily, Blake had worked through most of his baggage that what he brought to the table with stability and trust helped Layla and her daughter move forward.

I'm at the end of my review wrapping things up. I read book 1 two years ago and, while that feels like a life time ago, I do remember liking it. Unfortunately, for this book, the majority of it had things that just didn't jive with me. I'm wondering if it's because the heroine was in her thirties behaving like she was in her early twenties. Her insecurities made me not connect with her like I was hoping. Either way, I know lots of friends who loved this book. If you like a protective alpha male give this one a try.

"Anything worth having in this life, you fight to get. And you don't stop fighting until you get it."

SERIES:

Candace says

I finally got around to listening to this audiobook that I've had on my TBR list for quite some time. I loved the first book in the series, but it had been a long time since I read it, so I forgot some of the backstory. Luckily, it all came back pretty easily. Although, this book could easily be read as a stand-alone book. The background information was nice to know, but not necessary to understand or enjoy this book.

On the run from her life of abuse, Layla takes a job in Las Vegas as an assistant for Mr. Gibbs, an MMA boss. Immediately, she makes the acquaintance of Blake, a cocky, womanizing, up and coming fighter. Literally caught head-down, ass-up, Layla is mortified. Of course, her first impression on Blake was a positive one.

The first half of the book chronicles their feisty, love/hate relationship with each other. Little by little, their attraction grows and both of them have to overcome their pasts in order to move forward together. Each of them want what they fear they will never have.

After overcoming incredible obstacles. The two open up about their pasts. The intimacy between these two was touching. With their past terrors, it was incredible to watch their relationship evolve. I wanted these two to find happiness so badly.

At last, they did get their HEA. It didn't come easy and there were some pretty shocking twists toward the end. It kept my attention right to the very end. Definitely a story worth reading!

Alexis *Reality Bites* says

Jamie Posted a teaser!!!!4/6/13

YUM! More Blake please!!!!

Fighting to Forgive Chapter 1, paragraph 1

Blake

"I'd like to make a toast." I'm drunk as hell, feeling zero pain. The club is crowded and humming with energy. Just like every other club in town tonight.

It's New Year's Eve in Las-motherfucking-Vegas.

I climb up my barstool and stagger-stand on the bar. So ready to put this fucked up year behind me, I check the countdown clock.

Fifty-two minutes.

Raising my glass, the crowd below cheers me on, chanting.

Yeah, bitches. You all love my ass.

"Here's to a new year. May it be filled with knockout punches in the octagon." I lock eyes with two chicks at my feet. They've been hanging on me all night, rubbing me ready and begging for it. I wink. "And knockout babes in your bed." I squint into the crowd looking for the band and find them huddled next to the stage.

"And cheers to my boy, Rex." Holding my drink high, I motion to the band, Ataxia. "Make rock and roll history, brother." With one last thrust of my glass into the air, I toss back two fingers of whiskey and savor the burn.

The club follows suit, finishing in a symphony of hollered agreement. I hop off the bar and into the tentacled arms of my admirers.

"Great toast, baby." The platinum haired beauty to my right is stroking my body with hers.

I bend down and slide my tongue into her eager mouth, grabbing a fistful of

Christy says

5 Fighting Stars!

"Anything worth having in this life, you fight to get it. And you don't stop fighting until you get it."

After reading this author's first book, *Fighting for Flight*, I knew I would love *Fighting to Forgive*. I love this authors style, and Blake was my favorite character in book one. I wasn't wrong! For me, this is one of those times when the sequel is better than the first! It was an amazing read!

Have you met Blake 'The Snake' Daniels?

Blake is a popular UFL fighter. He is a funny and cocky man-whore and he owns it. His behaviors have something to do with his troubled past. His home life growing up was less than ideal. But he deals. He's happy being a fighter, happy with his friends and ultimately just happy sleeping around. No need for a big connection, intimacy or relationship. It's just not in the cards for him. While getting ready to train, he meets this girl. When he first see's her, all he can think of is she looks like a little mouse. He's attracted to her, but she doesn't seem to be taking the bait. Then he finds out she is working there.

Meet Layla- or Mouse.

Layla is starting over. With her teenage daughter (who she had when she was a teenager) she is leaving her old comfortable life behind to start new in Vegas. Being safe and happy is more important than staying in her old life of leisure. She got lucky finding this job with the UFL. Her first day there, she meets the fighters. One in particular stands out to her. Blake. There is something about that guy. Layla knows she needs to steer clear of him. The last thing she needs right now is to get involved with anyone. Her daughter and her new life is what needs her focus.

Blake and Layla start spending more time together. They become sort of friends, but all that lingering chemistry is there. Their relationship is tumultuous at the start. But the more time Blake spends with Layla, the more he sees how different this woman is. She is a fighter just like him. He respects that.

Staying is the easy way out. I've seen it with my own eyes. Layla chose the fight, the struggle, and the sacrifice.

Layla finds herself craving the time she spends with Blake. She feels safe with him. For the first time in a long time, she feels safe.

Blake isn't sure what's happening to him. He is starting to feel things for Layla he's never let himself feel before. She is exactly the type of girl he should stay away from, with her history, her baggage. For some reason, none of that matters.

She's got an ugly past, a teenage kid who's working through some crap, and a serious case of emotional yo-yos. The whole situation screams trouble. Annoyance. Waste of time. But all I hear is, Don't let her go.

?It takes a long time for both of them to let go of their pasts and let someone in, but once they do, it's beautiful. Blake and Layla together were explosive. Seriously hot! But it was so much more than that. They were able to be vulnerable with each other, they both had demons from their past, but together they could help each other heal.

Blake is THE BEST! There is nothing I love more than a cocky, arrogant man slut with issues. That is Blake. I loved watching his character evolve and develop. Although he is all those things listed above, he is also kind, sweet, funny and protective. Layla's strength was nice to see. I love a strong heroin. She has been through so much, but she comes out on top. The relationship Blake developed with Layla's daughter was sweet. There was one quote in particular I read and started crying on the spot! It was just too sweet and too much emotion for me (view spoiler).

A sexy romance, beautiful writing, solid plot and a great hero and heroine. What more could you ask for? This is a must read book from a must read series! I'm really excited for the next book which will feature Rex! I'm so happy the series isn't stopping here!

Catarina says

4 Amazing Fighting Stars!!

After a marriage from hell, Layla picks her daughter and they start fresh in Las Vegas. All she wants now is a good and safe home... that not includes a bad-boy, sexy-as-sin playboy and UFC fighter, like Blake. Blake doesn't want a woman with baggage: he wants them easy and fast to leave. "Unfortunately" for both, lie gets them in each other way, and as feelings start to grow and their walls starts to crumble, you must get yourself ready for a steamy and amazing love story.

I loved this so much more than the first. I liked the first one, I did. There was some things that didn't quite worked for me which made it a "meh" book. Happily that didn't happened with this.

First, both characters were much more likable and their chemistry way more credible and palpable. I loved how Blake kept calling her "Mouse".

Second, the story itself was better written and it was more beautiful. I felt way more connected with it. And we all loved Blake in the first one... so this book only make us love him more! ;)

If you loved the first, go read this.

If you haven't loved the first, go read this anyway. You definitely should give this a try!

Rag says

5 'The Snake' Stars

"Some women call me fine, I prefer handsome.Sexy works too, or you can call me Blake."

This book(so far) is my favorite book in this series. From the moment I met 'Blake the Snake' at *Fighting For Flight*, you could say it was love at first sight. I had no doubt in my mind that I wouldn't love him/his book.

Layla Moorehead moved to Las Vegas from Settle for a new start. She just wants whats right for her and her 16 year old teenage daughter. She had her daughter when she was sixteen and since then she's been married to Stew(Stewart), I know what a name. Stewart. Ew. Any who, Stew was and always would be an asshole. It was time for her and her daughter to be happy and free.

"I'm determined to make this new life of ours beautiful. I can't accept anything less. Not again."

So she has a job with UFL. And on her first day she meets this cocky, yet handsome prick, Blake.

Blake is a successful UFL fighter. He may seem all tough, bubbly, and a jokester but he's really just a guy with a tainted past. That's why he does the one-night-stands and the meaningless sex, because he doesn't do attachments, or the responsibilities, and under any and every circumstances, he doesn't do moms.

No attachments. No risk. No pain.

Layla and Blake become somewhat friends. But the attraction is there. Full force. Blake is breaking all his rules. He doesn't understand what's going on with him, but he knows that Layla is something special.

I loved these two together. But mostly all my love went to Blake. I love his character. He's someone that I see myself ending up with. And I understand him. I understand his fear, because I feel it too. The thought of kids and a husband is scary. But if he can concur his fear, maybe someday I can too. This series is becoming on of my top favorites. Can't wait to read the rest.

Anna says

Blake♥?

Blake Daniels is a good guy. A really good guy. He's an exceptional man wrapped up in a delicious bad-boy package.

Ummmmm swoon!!!!!!!

Enter Layla

She made Blake throw out his no-kids, no-baggage rule It was epic.

" I want them. They're mine"

Crazy never felt so good

Layla was starting over in Las Vegas with her teenage daughter Elle. She was leaving behind a torturous marriage from hell to a creep that got her pregnant when she was 16. Layla rocked. I'm a huge fan of strong leading females. So I found myself rubbing my greedy hands together saying gimme gimme gimme. Because Blake doesn't want a lady with baggage and Layla does not want a bad-boy man whore. It was a delish journey of their walls crumbling!!! Hey if my ovaries went kaput.... They better get some walls crumbling done and deliver a great story of sweet, sweet love.

Blake delivered. He **snaked** his way into my heart. He redeemed himself for his man-whore ways and I loved how he fell ~ hook, line and sinker ~ for this broken woman with baggage!

Everyone needs someone fighting in their corner, Blake. I've never had that and neither have you. You own my heart and everything that comes with it

*sighhhh right ??? And then Jonah being a great part in this book * double sighhhhhh. I loved it.

Read this book. It is sexy, sweet, swoony, steamy and hello, it's Blake the Snake. Nuff said ♥?

Amber Rose says

4.5 I love you, Blake so fucking much STARS!!!

J.B. I simply adore you! You made me fall more in love with, Blake then I ever thought could happen. He captured me from the very first chapter. My heart broke for him, I wanted to shelter that poor boy. I believe Blake has turned into one of my favorite book boyfriends!!! Congrats, Blake!!! So, happy to have you apart of my wonderful, fucked up world.

Anyhow, I've been very excited to get into, Blake's head. He is the one that is broken with a fucked up past. I've been wanting that **sexy, troubled, bad ass, funny as hell, dirty talking me to taking my panties off**

now, man since he popped up in Fighting for Flight.

Within the 5% I was cracking my ass up by Blake. He sure knows his ways with the ladies. And he is very blunt I might say!!! There is no pussying around with this Snake, no Sir!!! And he knows that his fucked up broken past has made him this way. He keeps on going with his head held high and do what he does.

Mouse, aka, Layla is new to Las Vegas and just landed her first job. Struggling with a broken past, Layla only wants to move forward and with that she is through with men. After her marriage is over and never wanting to be with another man, who could break her past what she is already been through, her guard goes up, in place is that weak fake smile, shoulders pushed back she is welcoming being independent, taking care of herself and her daughter. I really loved Layla, I welcomed her with open arms. Yes, she is broken but she was not a bit to the point where I wanted to dislike her or feeling frustrated with her at all!!! **Thank the lord for that one.** Layla takes it more on the real sides of life, she knows what struggling is and will do her best and what she can to give her daughter and her a better life and a chance to live again. I adored you Layla, and keeping your guard up with it comes to sexy, Snake, Blake.

As you can tell I fucking loved this book!!! There were moments when I felt this was going to happen and then it did so that was kind of predictable for me. I love how this group of people that I am falling so much in love with is more than family. Each one loves each other and gets each other, they have each others backs down to each of their souls. Everything was very greatly written, I didn't feel the story dragged on at all. I wanted each of those details. I wanted every single thing that was going on in Blake, and Layla's heads. I wanted more though. I wasn't ready for it to over, that is the saddest part. I want Jamie to write more!! Damn it, Jamie I need more of Blake... Fuck it all to hell, I want more!!!!

ARC provided by author for exchanged for an honest review.

Penny says

Note about the series in general:

The love stories in this series are pretty good. I have enjoyed all of them.

However, the characters, both females and males, lack judgment and in some cases, intelligence. There is chauvinism here and the men are controlling and impulsive.

Despite this, the books are worth reading and thus, I'll keep following this series.