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We'd been married seven years, and for the most part, I thought we were happy. Little did I know my other half wasn't. He'd been screwing around on me for the past six months. Now, on the verge of divorce, I've found myself in a conundrum.

He's half my age, with a body that won't quit. I keep telling myself it's payback, but who am I kidding? Instead of getting even, I've now made things irreparable. I have a choice to make, and it's going to be a lot harder than I imagined.

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From Reader Review Bereft for online ebook

Jessa says

[she ends up with Chad, the hotter younger guy(view spoiler) (hide spoiler)]

Cyndi Becker says

I knew this series would be angsty . I read Binge but then I purposely left Bereft off my reading list. Then saw the note for Belong indicating it included characters from Bereft, so I locked my heart away and decided to tackle it. It was everything I thought it might be and so much more. The author took a situation where I was sure I would feel one way - which I did, then persuaded me I felt ANOTHER way, then persuaded me back again.

My reluctance to read Bereft was because of the infidelity aspect. Binge has some, but there was something different in the description of Bereft that made me wary. Maybe because it's the first thing we get into in the storyline, but my angst over that was more mellow then I thought. Grayson cheats on Rachel, gets caught, and he is extremely remorseful. So, I felt for him a bit - I had some sympathy - just not much. But I didn't expect to have any at all and to have that sympathy GROW over the length of the book left me perplexed.

Then, Rachel's "revenge" affair. Maybe it's a double standard but I gave her a pass and it looked like it was going to be short-lived. But that doesn't go the way we expect and it left me rattled. Rachel finds herself in a true battle. She's hurt and healing at the same time - Grayson gets her anger, and Chad is really helping to rebuild Rachel. He's her transformation and so chad gets her adoration.

Then something happens in the story, there's this moment where we can feel her desperation. She knows what she wants - how she should move forward in her life but it doesn't did not match up with the way she's being pushed. I felt Rachel's heartbreak in this and I felt it to the core. It was this key moment that me feeling more sadness for her than when she initially learns about her husband's betrayal (which was beyond painful)

I did struggle with Grayson's betrayal because it wasn't a betrayal of the heart. He didn't fall in love outside of his marriage but it's a betrayal that shows he clearly lost respect for his wife. And Rachel, I struggled with her running from Grayson straight into another man's arms which left her no time to grieve. Grayson says she's co-dependent and that was exactly how it felt. But underlying that was something else completely - Chad was so much more than I she would have ever predicted he would be. I'm usually one for a married couple reconciling, but I felt Rachel's conflicted emotions and shared in. From there on out the events that drive her towards healing is so different then you expect. And I was happy with it, with the ending, but still so conflicted. I kept thinking "what if..." So now I can read Belong :-)

Jennifer Foor does an excellent job manipulating my feelings. Bereft is a 5 star read w/ recommendation!

Rejane says

What a nice couple. Marriage vows are just words.

Ewwww

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Lustful Literature says

****DEBBIE'S 4 KINDLE SLAMMING STARS REVIEW****

I could not wait to get my hands on this book. Author Jennifer Foor is know to write some seriously angsty books. Her books tend to draw out all sorts of emotions in me and this one without a doubt had me extremely angry.

About a ¼ of the way into this book I could not stand Grayson. There was not one redeeming quality about him. He feels bad for what he did? Let me get out the finger violin you asshole!!!! I wanted to junk punch him!!! Those thoughts went through my head several times while reading this book. He was so selfish and did not stop to think that what he did could destroy his family. He kept crying and all I kept thinking was; All these crocodile tears pleez!!! Am I supposed to feel sorry for you? Nope not happening. At one point his scumbag number increased majorly. He was an adult and needed to own up to the fact that he was the one that slept with someone else to make himself feel better.

“She came onto me. She said things to me, and threw herself at me. I’d never mae a move on my own. I never even considered it.”

“I was involved with two woman, one emotionally, and one physically.”

Don’t get me wrong because Grayson was not the only one that pissed me off reading this book. I felt bad for Rachel at first I really did. Here is the thing though; as the story progressed she really turned into a selfish bitch herself. She was angry at what her husband did and I totally get that. What I don’t get is what she did for revenge. I felt it was pretty childish and she should of handled things differently. A few times I wanted to smack her upside the head and tell her to grow up already.

“Betrayal is ugly. It shows its face like vicious prey looking to kill its next victims. We did that on our own. We make the choices that set our lives into a whirlwind of regret. We choose to let the people we love down.”

A few things in this book I thought were far fetched but overall I enjoyed the story. The chemistry between the characters felt real and the story flowed really well. I liked how it was fast paced and the author did not waste time with useless page fillers. I look forward to reading more Jennifer Foor books.

My Girlfriend's Couch Blog says

I had the privilege to read this book prior to it's release. I am one that needs to read an entire series from

book 1. I did read Binge prior to Bereft and was not impressed. I was not really looking forward to reading Bereft at that point. I will say that Jennifer blew me away with this book. I really enjoyed it. I have been married for almost 18 year (together for 20 years). What I do like about this series is the realness of the books. Each book takes a couple that has been married for awhile and throws in real life scenarios and what they do to a marriage. In Bereft, Grayson & Rachel navigate an affair and work to rebuild their marriage. This book has a twist *** SPOILER ALERT *** with Rachel falling for a younger man. I will be the first to admit that I was kind of routing for Rachel & Chad. In the end, Grayson & Rachel do work out their HEA. I am looking forward to the next book in this series, Belong.

~Reviewed by Heidi Pharo

Cheesecake says

Note to self. Thought about reading this author before but pretty darn sure her stories wouldn't be fun for me. Too much angst and faulty reasoning. It would drive me up the wall.

Danni says

I maybe alone on my review but I didn't really love this one. I read the synopsis and even a sample of the book before I bought it. It really wasn't the cheating husband that got me it was the relationship that Rachel finds herself in with Chad. It happens so fast after she catches Grayson. Never really felt anything for Rachel hell not even Grayson. And it ended so fast and so easy. One minute she doesn't know what she wants he makes up her mind for her. Then Chad isn't going to be around much longer she cries some more and then boom 6 months have gone bye. And now we have a epilogue. I felt cheated I wanted to read and feel them putting their marriage back together not be told. This one wasn't for me but for someone else.

Lee says

2.5 Stars #TeamChad While the writing was good, I was left sad at the end of this book. In my eyes this was not an HEA.

Reviews from the Heart (Kimberly Anne) says

This story was an eye opener, that is one thing I want to make sure everyone who reads this knows and understands. It does contain cheating and lies. Have no doubt that hearts will be broken but also rebuilt. This a very well written story. How can someone recover from infidelity? How do you repair yourself from the loss? Is it possible to forgive? Or even forget? What would you do if your world fell apart in just one afternoon? Everyone heals differently. No one can judge what one must to do to survive the pain. No one lives your life, walks your journey or knows what happens behind closed doors. So remember to never judge a book by it cover.

“A heart can't be broken unless it loves.”

Bereft: deprived of or lacking something, especially a nonmaterial asset.

Rachel has the shock of her life twice in one day. She catches her husband in his affair. When all she needed was to come home to him, to find comfort in his arms after learning the company she has worked for is closing. Her life is in a downward spiral. She has to figure out where she goes from here. And the last person she thought she would find comfort from is Chad, the one who told her the business was closing. Can he bring her out of this darkness? Make her see that she is a strong woman who can make it.

Grayson has been caught. He never thought he would cheat on his wife but when this young woman throw herself at him and makes him feel wanted he does the unthinkable. But when you think you won't be caught, you are. Grayson sees what he has done to his wife and his family. He loves Rachel and wants the chance to fix what he has broken. The thing is, is it to late? Has he pushed her into the arms of another? Can love really be enough? Can she forgive him? He knows he can't live without her, now he needs to show her that.

This was a heartbreaker of a story. But many can probably feel where the other is coming from. I believe everyone can take their marriage for granted. We become comfortable and lazy at times. Everyone needs to feel wanted and desired. When we aren't and someone else shows us just that little bit of attention things can go terribly wrong. I hope if you read this book you will realize that nothing is guaranteed. Enjoy!

♥ Tila Grey Maddox ♥ says

I think this series has a lot of cheating in it, and obviously this author loves writing about it too. This is the second book in this series that the husband has cheated on their wife. But this book was the worst book I have ever read. The husband was cheating on his wife with his daughters best friend, and obviously the wife slept with a younger guy as well.

It was overall just a fucked up story. The husband didn't even feel guilty about cheating on his wife cause he's fucking pathetic excuse was that the wife was not passionate towards him & wasn't giving him enough sex. In the end the wife forgave him & they still stayed married.

God if I was the wife & I found out my husband was kissing my daughters best friend & to find out that he didn't just slept with her once but for 6 months, you bet your ass I'm divorcing his cheating ass. Obviously the wife didn't have enough back bone to do that. This is the last book I'm going to read from this series, cause I know the next book in this series is going to be another cheating bastard in it. SO NO THANK YOU!!!

♥?Melanie says

3.5 You Cheat, I Cheat Stars

Wow...Grayson and Rachel's story was a hard pill to swallow. I have to say that I hated both character's so much through out the book and yet my heart went out to them. Grayson was a selfish, arrogant and cruel to so extent. To me Rachel was oblivious, self absorbed, and naïve to believe what she was doing was ok. Chad on the other hand was amazing and yet I feel he took advantage of Rachel but yet she was so easily willing. I felt that Chad was the most stand up adult in this book and I did enjoy him. Even though I do not condone

cheating, I just had to read this book to see how it all played out.

Rachel K says

Firstly, this book isn't something that is going to be appeal to everyone (cheating books never do). For those with cheating, sex-with-other-people issues, I would recommend **NOT** reading this.

Quick recap (Spoilers ahead. Beware!): the husband, Grayson, ends up having an affair (with the best friend of his daughter) for six months before he is caught by his wife, Rachel. Rachel then proceeds to have her own affair with the young, hot guy from the office, Chad. Her 'fling' with Chad is supposed to be a casual thing, but feelings develops and she finds herself torn between the two of them. She then needs to make a decision in order to move on with her life.

My review:

My main issue with this book is really a stupid reason. It has nothing to do with the cheating (which I will explain in a bit), but more to do with the character names. The heroine's name is Rachel. My name is Rachel. It was written in first person narrative which is my least liked way of writing. Why? Because I'm one of those few who doesn't actually want to put herself in the story. Especially when the heroine shares your name and does the complete opposite to what you would do! lol :)

Also, the "girl" he has an affair with (yes, she was legal age, but ewwww!) is named Kyla. Kyla also happens to be the name of my youngest sister, so I was laughing every time her name came up. Another reason to be pulled out of the story.

Thirdly, Chad is the name of my favourite cousin's soon-to-be ex husband who cheated on her on and off during their rocky marriage. See? Not a great start already.

However, after I mentally changed their names in my head, I started to get sucked into the story. For me, cheating isn't a hard limit for me. Heroes and/or heroines having sex with other people in a story isn't a hard limit either. What I have a problem with is *how* the characters within the story react and respond to the betrayal. More often than not, the betrayer spends maybe a page or so feeling "bad" about what he/she did, but then getting angry when the one he/she betrayed, doesn't get over it quick enough for his/her liking. I also have a huge problem with third parties putting their two cents in and pretty much guilting the one who was betrayed into forgiving and forgetting. But if someone does cheat (and let's face it; it's more likely to be the hero), then I need to feel that they would do everything and anything they can to make sure their partner knows that it would never happen again and that they sincerely regret how their selfish actions hurt and humiliated the person they vowed to love. Yes, Grayson fucked up (in a vomit-inducing way)! But yes, I really did feel that he realised just how much he fucked up the very best thing to happen in his life. What I didn't agree with was him putting the blame solely on Kyla's shoulders for starting the affair. Like, he had no choice in the matter. And his excuse? Well, it was never really discussed *why* he chose to break his marriage vows. The only thing that was briefly mentioned was that Grayson and Rachel hadn't had sex in a while and he was feeling old or something.

When Rachel walks in on Grayson and Kyla, she kicks him out of the house and ends up having her own affair with Chad. Do I agree with revenge affairs? No. But am I secretly glad that she got some awesome sex to make herself feel better? Yes I am (and I don't care what that makes me seem like! lol). But like all friends-with-benefits type situations, things called "feelings" get involved and soon it's a mess. Rachel can't decide who she wants to be with. The man who she has loved more than life for the last decade, or the young stud who makes the pain go away.

A lot of "shall I or shan't I" thinking before Rachel ends up choosing to go back to Grayson...but that's only after Chad tells her he's moving across the other side of the country (where he knows she would never go) and Grayson has a heart attack. I do believe that Grayson wouldn't dare stray again - especially not after losing the love and respect of their daughter, Stephanie. He lost too much for something that supposedly didn't mean anything. I still didn't like him by the end, but I certainly felt sorry for him at times.

As messed up as the story was, I actually enjoyed it. I shouldn't, and for all intents and purposes, Grayson and Rachel both annoyed the hell out of me. I would have much preferred that Rachel kick Grayson out, file for divorce and then move on with her life with Chad. But people aren't perfect and I don't need my characters to be either.

3.5 stars.

London says

Husband cheats on wife so she had an affair with a young guy from her office but she ends up with the husband in the end.

Disgusting. The husband fucks his daughters best friend and his bullshit was that his wife wasn't giving him attention and expected her to get over it.

All I can say is that super glad the wife ended up fucking some hot younger guy too. Good for her!

I ended up reading it because I was curious and it was easier going in without allowing myself to fee a connection to any of the characters.

The husband does grovel an insane amount and never gives up but I'd still never have forgave him. It was just too disgusting. Also, would he have ever stopped if she didn't catch him? In his POV you know he felt invincible and didn't feel guilty during his affair. He felt like he could have his emotional connection with his wife and sex with some whore who let him fuck her anyway he wanted.

Donna ~ The Romance Cover says

This was an enjoyable read and was a page turner but what this lacked for me was emotional connection to the characters. I did get invested in the story as I wanted to see the way it would go by the end and while I was not surprised at the ending I felt for Chad and would love to see him get his HEA.

Julie says

I am thoroughly enjoying this series.I don't know why I love reading about other couples heartache and mistakes.....but I do.

I found this one way more emotional than the first.I truly felt devastated for what had happened.I really liked

Grayson,even after what he had done.I didn't condone it,but I saw how it could happen.For some reason I was more upset with Rachel for giving into the same lust as him just to get back.Two wrongs don't make a right I guess.

Jennifer Foor can really pull at your heartstrings.Emotional men tear little pieces of my heart out.You could feel Grayson's regret dripping off of him and the love he had for Rachel.

This was a great story about true love winning in the end.How we all make bad decisions and often don't think with the right part of us.

I devoured this in a day and that is not my normal.

Can't wait for book 3.
