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Everyone has a plan.

Dr. Guy Hunter secures his dream fellowship with a beautiful free spirit by his side. Two unexpected blue lines don't even shake his resolve—he is on his way to having it all. Until he isn't.

Abruption: a sudden breaking off

Jules Chiappetti loves her boisterous over-involved Italian family but is determined to pave her own way. An MBA and boardroom job is her ticket out. Until it isn't.

Abruption: an unexpected event

Four years later, Guy is consumed by the challenges of being a single father, still struggling with the aftermath that derailed his life and left his son with special needs. He doesn't realize his world went dark the same day his wife's did, until Jules, his son's new nurse, shows him the light.

Abruption Details

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From Reader Review Abruption for online ebook

Rachel says

[No (hide spoiler)]

Jacqueline's Reads says

3.5 Stars

This was my first Riley Mackenzie read. I was in the mood for a baby daddy book and this one has a doctor with two kids, so yup, I picked it up.

I didn't dislike the book, I just think there are many elements of the book I don't prefer when I read. I found the book very descriptive, somewhat dragging and a bit slow. However, I understand the raving reviews. The storyline was top notch and if you are a fan of the author's writing style, then I can see why people like it so much.

Guy Hunter is a doctor and he's had a hard life. He has two kids and he's a widow. His number one priority in life is his children, especially his disabled son. The Hero is very strong, kind of mean and really rude. It was hard to like him at first, but you get an understanding where he came from and so eventually you feel for him. His ex-wife wasn't the nicest person.

Jules is a nurse and loves her job. She runs into Guy's son and tries to do her job as a nurse, but Guy's over protectiveness towards his son overrules Jules care and thus leaving a not so great first impression. I liked the way Jules and Guy meet. You can see how rude he is and he makes no apologies for his behavior. Jules is a very caring person and she genuinely cares for Guy's children. I loved that. I also loved that Guy's children love Jules back, since I hate bratty kids.

The dynamics between Jules and Guy is cute at first, but a lot of drama happens, I mean A LOT of drama happens and they can never seem to catch a break. Like a said, the book is VERY descriptive. I skimmed overall about 30% of this book because I just wanted to read the dialogue. Guy's son continues to get sick and it puts the Jules and Guy's relationship on hold. Even though Jules cares for the family, she's hesitant to jump in fully.

I was really frustrated with Jules and this created a lot of angst. She was really suborn and cautious towards Guy and the relationship and we didn't know why. We just knew something happened to her in the past and she wouldn't tell us why. I really hate that in the book. She did this for a good portion of the book and I just didn't understand what Guy saw in her.

Also I didn't understand the beginning or the cover to be honest. There's a whole chapter to Guy's ex-wife, but it kind of ends abruptly and I felt like there should have been more on the ex-wife or it should have been summarized to a shorter length. The cover has a photo of a pregnant woman, that didn't make sense either.

Overall, Abruption is a cute book for the author's fans.

nicklein says

“I love you the mostest of everyone, so can I updopt you too?”

This book drained me physically and emotionally. It was tragically beautiful.

Story wise, this book wasn't as angsty as I thought it would be. And I liked it. I liked that it's still as original as only Riley Mackenzie can do. I guess the saying 'two heads are better than one' is true after all. The only concern I have was, in the entire book, I have absolutely no idea how old Guy is, it's frustrating. But he's gotta be in his early 30s right? But if anyone knows please tell me. I might go crazy not knowing.

I was completely sad when we didn't have crossovers except for Sam Petit which wasn't really counted because he's only a minor character from Beautifully Awake. I'm cruel I know. But I was dying to see Dr. Chase Colton again. Sad sigh.

I couldn't believe this is the same Guy that I knew and adored from Beautifully Awake. He's serious and broody here. A total three sixty from his former laidback and cheery self.

“No more minutes, no more leaving”

Jules, on the other hand, was a strong and undoubtedly brave main character. She's very likeable. None of those heart-eyed, deer-in-headlights, Stepford type of women. She's independent and not afraid to speak her mind when needs must. I couldn't ask for a better heroine for our hero. *howls*

The minute I read the synopsis and learned that this is gonna be about Guy. I knew I had to read it before Beautifully Done. It was a risky decision but it was worth it. My precious little beans, Finn and Max (and Raffy and Tommy), were totally worth it! Read this! You're welcome! ;)

Coco.V says

Holly hell!! Riley Mackenzie completely blew me away with this book. These two authors are incredibly gifted. Beautifully Awake was my first book by them and I absolutely adored it. This book is still at the top of my favorite books and I read it more than three times already. Since then, I read all of their books and each time they managed to touch the deepest recesses of my heart delivering a tale that steals my breath away. And Abruption was no exception.

When I met Guy for the first time in Beautifully Awake I fell hard for him. And now after reading this book I'm definitely in love with him. Guy is a general surgeon and a single father taking care of his four years old daughter and his three years old son with special needs of medical attention. He's fully dedicated to his two adorable children he loves more than anything. Guy is a wonderful father and human being struggling with the aftermath that derailed his life four years ago. Until Jules walks into his life to show him the light.

Jules is his son's new nurse. She is just as amazing. She's a protective, loving and resilient woman. The tragedy that she survived has changed her and the career choice she made was her reason to go on. When life offers her what she has always longed for, the void inside her stops reminding her of all she has lost.

They were both two kind hearted characters I have ever come across. This book kept me engrossed in its every word, there were so many moments that ripped my heart right out of my chest. I ached for Guy and his son Finn. Every facet of Guy and Jules's story left me breathless, overwhelmed and overflowing with emotions. It was one of the hardest books to move away from in the end. This is a story about new beginnings and about the endurance of the human spirit and its ability to heal itself when surrounded by true love.

According to the authors' bio, I do confirm that they definitely share a brain :) Together they really have the uncanny ability to create little gems. I wholeheartedly recommend this exquisitely written story to everyone. **Truly beautiful!**

Bindi Boo says

4 stars

Heartbreaking. Family. Love

Three best words to describe this book in a nutshell. Guy, a surgeon and widower with 2 kids meets Jules, a pediatric nurse who is hiding a sad secret. Together they fall into an easy, loving relationship however unknown to both of them, they have to fight the ultimate betrayal. Pretty serious read, this one..with a great twist at the end. It had the perfect amount of steam and sweet and i just loved the interaction Jules had with Guy's kids. Definitely recommended.

NMmomof4 says

4 Stars

Overall Opinion: This was a sweet, sexy, and entertaining read. I loved the interactions with the kids, and it made me so grateful that my kiddos are healthy. I cannot imagine the struggles these types of parents go through, and I was so happy they got such a sweet HEA. Even though it has the potential for being depressing, I never felt it was. I also never felt that the h was second best. She became such a major part of the H's life, and I felt like he really did care for her as his one and only.

Brief Summary of the Storyline: This is Jules and Guy's story. They meet when Jules is assigned as Guy's son's new nurse. They don't hit it off right away, but after clearing up some bad first impressions they start dating. Both of them have past demons that haunt them, and they need each other to get through their troubles. There are some sweet moments with Guy's kids, some sexy times, some crazy family moments, and some shocking drama...but they get a HEA end.

POV: This alternated between Jules and Guy's POV.

Overall Pace of Story: Good. I never skimmed, and I thought it flowed well.

Instalove: No. I felt like it was sufficient time for stronger feelings to develop.

H rating: 4 stars. Guy. He was a jerk at first, but then he became sweet and caring. I loved his relationship with his kids.

h rating: 4 stars. Jules. I really liked how strong she was, and how she loved the H and both of his kids.

Sadness level: Low/moderate. I never needed tissues, but this covers some heavy themes.

Push/Pull: Minimal. (view spoiler)

Heat level: Moderate. They have some good chemistry and scenes.

Descriptive sex: Yes

Safe sex: Yes. Birth control and std status is discussed. No mention of previous practices that I remember.

OW/OM drama: Yes, but mild (view spoiler)

Sex scene with OW or OM: No

Cheating: No

Separation: No

Possible Triggers: Yes (view spoiler)

Closure: This had great closure with a jump ahead epilogue with a HEA ending.

How I got it: It was part of my kindle unlimited subscription.

Safety: Safe
(view spoiler)

~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says

Some books deserve something so beyond simple stars. If only I could light a million stars then I'd say we were getting close to the perfect level of awesome that describes a story by Riley MacKenzie. .

Absolutely amazing

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Paige says

4.5 "New Beginning" Stars

Riley Mackenzie has done it again. These two ladies have brought forth a story full of heart and emotion with the mother of all twists. Guy and Jules are two characters who aren't looking or expecting anything else but the life that they are currently leading until they are brought together during a time in their lives when they needed each other. They just didn't know it at first.

Hunter is a doctor. At one time he had a gorgeous wife after a new baby made an unexpected arrival. Four years later and his life is nothing like he expected it to be. He has a little girl and a young son that needs constant medical attention. His life took a detour and he is now living his life so that he can support his kids. Jules life took a detour as well which led her to a career change where she meets Guy in the pediatric unit with his sick son.

Jules and Guy's relationship slowly built as they were both very cautious to trust each other and their circumstances. But when they finally went all in, it was beautiful. Filled with steam and heat as well as devotion and adoration, Jules and Guy had me rooting for them. Both had been broken by their pasts but together they were stronger. Watching Guy interact with his children had me swooning and when Jules was added to the picture, my heart soared.

Since their pasts were only revealed bit by bit, I was constantly on the edge of my seat waiting to see how all the pieces fit together. When all was revealed I was blown away only to be gobsmacked at the ultimate plot twist. Intricately woven, this story was full of heart and passion as well as friendship and everlasting, finding your way true love.

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Liv ? says

★5 STARS!★

?Major plot twist at the end of this book! SO GOOD!

✿kawehi.reviews says

? I received an ARC via Love Between the Sheets in exchange for an honest review. Thank you!! ?

Two individuals, both not a stranger to heartbreak and loss, come together in this unforgettable story that left me a little teary.

I've always loved reads that circle around the importance of love and family and this book has it in every single breath of it.

Jules is a woman carrying an unbearable suffrage that only those who have experienced it can imagine. And Guy (hah, what a name!), is man carrying the world on his shoulders.

When both meet through Finn, one of Guy's children *and also* Jules' new patient—Guy and Jules find themselves whisked away on a tumultuous attraction...

Along with, finally confronting heart-wrenching grief, loss, budding friendship, and the thrall of falling in love.

It was not an easy partnership, that's for sure. Each have hang ups and heavy real-life issues on their plates. With Guy being a doctor, a father to one healthy and one ailing child, and a tragedy on his back. And Jules being scarred beyond compare, it was quite a trek, watching them open themselves to the other and learning how to heal from their pasts.

Guy and Jules are absolute perfection and most certainly "soul-mates" in every sense of the word. Authors Riley Mackenzie did an astounding job bringing these characters to life and bringing home the vulnerability of valid predicaments and how in the end there is always a light at the end of the tunnel no matter how bleak things may get.

Gawd, this book was a gem!!

Shanny says

*****5 Who loves ya stars*****

This book was Absolutely Amazing!!I loved every single page of this book.
First I have to say, I'm a sucker for single dads in a story. I have no idea why but I just can't resist them.

Abruption was such a powerful and heartbreaking story. I personally haven't experienced what the characters in the book had been through but the way the authors wrote it made me feel every emotion!!! The storyline is very well written and easy to connect with.

"There are no happy endings. Ending are the saddest part, so just give me happy middle and a very happy start."

Guy Hunter is a single father with 2 children, one of which has special needs. His kids, Maxine and Finn, are absolutely adorable and impossible not to get attached to. (If you don't fall in love with these 2 kids, then something is seriously wrong with you!)

"Fair is not getting what you think you deserve, it's getting what you can handle."

Jules " juju" is a pediatric nurse who becomes involved in the care of Guy's son. When you will found out her secret, it will break your heart. Jules was such an amazing heroine, not once did my eyes roll while I was reading her POV!

I liked how their relationship was developed, it was well paced and very realistic.

The story of Guy and Jules story will break your heart, make you laugh, and will make you go Oh la la!.

And the epilogue just perfectly ties everything together .

"I forgot what it felt like. To breathe. I forgot, and it feels so good. Thank you."

So yep I highly recommend this book!

Judith says

This one made me laugh and cry in equal amounts..such beautiful characters and two of the most adorable children I've read about(they actually reminded me of my own children when they were young)

Dr Guy Hunter is content with his life.A beautiful young wife and new baby.He's about to fullfill his dream and go into an area of Medicine he's been working towards all his life.But suddenly his dreams are shattered and his life takes a dramatic turn...

Fast forward 4 years and he finds himself a bit lost,struggling to bring up 2 young children on his own. Jules is a paediatric nurse,a job she loves,when she meets Guy when his young son is admitted to the hospital she's working in.

At first,she doesn't warm to the grumpy doctor but events draw them together and they become close and fall quite hard and fast for each other.

Guy is bitter about his past and Jules is struggling with a life changing event that happened years ago.

This book is simply adorable...that's not to say it's a fluffy romance because it isn't.There's heart ache and drama but ultimately it's a story of deep love,family and letting go of the past. There are some difficult subjects tackled here and it is extremely well written. Have to mention Max and Finn,two of the most adorable children I've read about!! I highly recommend this little gem!!!

Fran says

I think this started out really well but unfortunately, I lost interest halfway. :(

Mandy says

Wow! This was amazing! I felt so many emotions while reading this - there were parts that had me ugly crying and there were a few parts where I laughed out loud. I loved the kids in this story! Finn and Maxie were fantastic and I just adored them. I loved Jules, she was so strong - probably one of my very favorite heroines ever. Guy was also amazing. Even though he's suffered a loss and he's got the weight of the world on his shoulders, I never once felt Jules was his second choice. There was a lot of romance, a few really hot sexy scenes, and a bit of drama and mystery. I loved everything about this book and I'm adding it to my top books of 2016 list.

~Anna's 'a?????g\$~ says

5 Who loves ya? STARS!

This one's going straight to my favorites shelf!

A HOT, ARROGANT DOCTOR...

GUY aka DOUBLE-DICK

"Wait, did he just dismiss me? Oh no. This man had to be shitting me."

...AND A KICK ASS NURSE.

JULES aka JuJu

"She had balls, I had to give her that. And she seemed to have a clue."

Throw into the mix ONE CRAZY ITALIAN FAMILY...

"And I had to admit her family was damn funny, a little off the wall, but definitely amusing."

...TWO ADORABLE CHILDREN....

...A CUTE LAB...

...AND I WAS HOOKED!!!

But I didn't expect it to be such a deep and emotional read.

At times hilarious.

"I'd officially lost it—padded room lost it."

At times hot and steamy.

"Smell still bothering you?" he whispered.

"Smell, what smell? That sense was completely turned off at the moment. Sight and touch were definitely screaming and fighting for first. Until he spun me around and pushed me against the counter, and a groan slipped from somewhere deep in his throat. Hearing took the lead. Leaning against me with the full weight of his body, he cupped my cheeks. Hands down, touch won."

At times devastating and heart-breaking.

*"But life was unfair.
And sometimes there were no answers.
Fair is not getting what you think you deserve, fair is getting what you can handle."*

At times even cruel.

*"There are no happy endings.
Endings are the saddest part,
So just give me a happy middle
And a very happy start."*

I'm not going to lie. This book deals with one of the hardest topics and the ugliest things that can happen to a human being.

The ultimate loss. Sadness. Healing.

"They said you must work through the stages of grief to achieve acceptance. What they never

said was that, even years later, when you thought you'd finally come to terms with the loss and patched together a semblance of a life, triggers could set you back. Send you spiraling."

And yet it's optimistic, heartwarming and truly beautiful.

"I needed to show her that I wasn't going anywhere. That she was my world. Our world. That we may have been broken apart, but together we were whole."

"Your life is like this tree, deeply rooted, with a solid foundation and countless branches linking your past throes with future dreams. Every tree faces inevitable storms and strong winds testing the strength of its roots. Branches break; new ones grow. It will flower and leaves will fall. And from your tree new life will emerge. In the end, though, with purpose and perseverance your tree will prevail, and each will be beautifully individual and uniquely different. A full circle of such."

FACTS & STATS:

Five. That's how many hours it took me to devour this book.

Nine. That's how many times I had to calm my erratic heartbeat.

Twenty-five. That's how many times I laughed out loud.

Twenty-one. That's how many times I had to stop reading to take a deep breath.

Twelve. That's how many times I had to wipe my eyes. Sometimes they were happy tears and sometimes they were not.

Forty-one. That's how many times I caught myself smiling.

Zero. That's how many times I regretted reading this book.

A million. That's how many times I recommend you to read it.

Overall rating: 5 stars

Writing style: 5 stars

Story: 5 stars

Flow of the story: 5 stars

Character development: 5 stars

Heroine: 5 stars

Hero: 5 stars

Secondary characters: 5 stars

Tone of the book: 5 stars

Emotion evoking: 5 stars

Originality: 5 stars

Enjoyment: 5 stars

Effect on me: 5 stars
