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*"Some boys will keep it, some will break it, and some boys, they just won't want it. You gotta be careful who you give your heart to..."* Slate Declan

First loves, we all got them. Mine is Slate Declan. He was kind, gentle, and caring. Still, he managed to break my heart. So I put miles between us, and eventually, my heart healed.

I haven't seen Slate in years, but a couple friends and I are going back to the Bayou for the summer. While I'm visiting my hometown, I'm going to look up Slate Declan. And I plan to break his heart, just as he did mine. I'll remind him of what he has lost, and then I'll prove to him that I've moved on.

It should be real easy, right?

Well, let me tell you, Slate Declan is not the same guy that I left behind. And there's another problem. How do you break someone's heart when they no longer have one?

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### 1-Click Addict Support Group says

Second chances. It's a favorite plot-point of mine when it's done well, and here, in Kelly Gendron's *Slate*, it is done very well. Very well, indeed.

Rayna is determined to break her Declan brother – after all, Slate Declan did the same thing to her all those years ago. He was her first love, the sweet, kind boy she planned on forever with.

But that all changed one memorable-for-all-the-wrong-reasons night, and the time has come for payback. But the Slate she left behind when she fled the Bayou is not the Slate she's returned to. She wanted to break him but how can she, when he's already broken?

I was not able to put this one down! Much like *Jax*, I was hooked from the start and really, really wanted to get a happily ever after for Rayna and Slate. *Slate* took me on a roller-coaster...the highs and lows matched the theme of the story and really helped me connect with these characters.

I was admittedly annoyed with Slate and his attitude and his decisions, but then again, I was supposed to be, right? I wanted him to find his heart again – but not so Rayna could break it. So she could *heal* it. The mentions of her hurting him, in much the same way he hurt her, jarred at little at times, especially once she knew what she was up against with him. It felt a little callous and not fitting with her otherwise good, solid character. More like, it was trying to fit the *story*, when the story would have been better served if she moved on. Make sense? It will, if you one-click.

Which, incidentally, you should. I really enjoyed the way Ms. Gendron forced these two together. It was gritty and very sexy – whew, boy, was it sexy! \*fans self\* – and it allowed her to build the story well. The flashbacks fit in perfectly with the overall tone of the story and laid a great foundation for this quick, fast read. I'm really enjoying this series, and can't wait for *Zeke* to get broken next! ~ Beth, 4 stars

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Resenha em inglês e português.

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4 stars

Another Declan comes and for another brother I fell. Why create this awesome guys and let us feel sad because they are not real? Why? I don't understand.:(

For those who read JAX, remember how tense was the end? So SLATE begins just before the end of the first book now with Rayna POV about what happened. And then we found some of what had happened to Slate.

When Rayna decided to return to her hometown to enjoy the holidays with her friends Emmie and Lurlene, she knew she would run into the Declan brothers and this time she wanted to break Slate's heart as he did

this to her six years ago. These two have known each other since childhood, became close friends and then lovers. He was the reason she had left town and now she just wants to make him feel what she felt. However, Slate is no longer the same person. He went through so much it is hard to know whether he still has a heart.

I got a little angry with Slate, even understanding what led him to be the way he was. However, when the fun and sensual Slate came to life... OMG! No questions ask. Go for it, baby. He's hot.

I had already liked Rayna in the first book. She is very strong, stubborn and knows what she wants. I loved her attitudes and the radical way of wanting to face the problems.

What I liked in this book the most were the flashbacks of these two. I love that the author force these two together. It was clear that they were made for each other. I just thought the reason for him to "break" Rayna's heart was silly. Not that the reason itself was not justified, but it had a very quick explanation. I think it was because it lacked details, or it could be mentioned several times before in the story. Don't know. Only seemed something was missing.

SLATE is as good as JAX. It has a drama, but it's fun and very hot. Like the first one, this is a quick read and enjoyable. I recommend to everyone who wants to be distracted by these delicious brothers.

Ah! ZEKE is not out yet. Can't wait! I want it now!!

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4 estrelas

Mais um irmão Declan chegou e por mais um irmão me apaixonei. Porque criar esses caras e deixar a gente chupando dedo? Por quê? Não me conformo.

Para quem leu JAX, lembra como foi tenso o final, né. Então, SLATE começa um pouco antes do final do primeiro livro agora contando a versão da Rayna sobre o ocorrido. E então descobrimos um pouco do que havia acontecido com Slate.

Rayna quando decidiu voltar para sua cidade natal para aproveitar as férias com as amigas Emmie e Lurlene, sabia que iria esbarrar com os irmãos Declan e dessa vez queria partir o coração de Slate, já que ele fez isso com ela 6 anos atrás. Os dois se conhecem desde criança, se tornaram grandes amigos e depois namorados. Ele foi o motivo dela ter deixado a cidade e agora ela só quer fazê-lo sentir o que ela sentiu. Entretanto, Slate já não é mais a mesma pessoa. Ele passou por tantas coisas é difícil questionar se ele ainda tem um coração.

Fiquei com raiva do Slate bastante tempo. Mesmo até entendendo o que o levou a ficar do jeito que ficou. Entretanto, quando o divertido, e sensual Slate aparecia... PQP! Nem tem o que questionar. É correr para o abraço. Ou outra coisa.

Eu já havia gostado da Rayna no primeiro livro. Ela é muito forte, teimosa e sabe o que quer. Adorei as atitudes dela e a maneira radical de querer encarar os problemas.

O que mais gostei nesse livro foram os flashbacks dos dois. Adorei que a autora colocou esses dois juntos. Era claro que eles foram feitos um para o outro. Só achei o motivo do Slate "quebrar o coração" da Rayna muito bobo. Não que o motivo em si não fosse justificável, mas foi muito rápida a explicação. Acho que faltaram mais detalhes sobre isso, ou que fosse mencionado várias vezes antes. Não sei. Só me pareceu que algo tava faltando.

SLATE é tão bom quando JAX. Tem um drama, mas é divertido e muito hot. Como o primeiro, um livro

para ler numa sentada e curtir. Recomendo para quem quer se distrair com uns irmãos gostosos.

Ah! O livro do ZEKE ainda não saiu. Como assim? Quero pra ontem!!

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## Vasiliki says

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4.5 stars!

This book was so much better than Jax (first book of the series). The writing was better, the story was better, the characters were better, we even received some background information that explain the situation of the brothers. The author has a couple of flashbacks that in the beginning I thought were really not necessary and then I've liked them and they made sense. Also that was the biggest difference with Jax....this book made sense on so many different levels. The communication among the characters, the sex scenes, the end, everything actually made sense! My only complain is that like Jax, I had a feeling that the book could have given us more insight on the characters and/or more events could take place.

Rayna is a stubborn and strong woman and I liked her for that.

Slate was a kind of dark character and difficult to love. However they felt perfect for each other.

The end of the book was nice but the last chapters felt a bit fast. My favorite part in the end is the fact that we get a glimpse of the next book...that it will concern the last brother and his issues. I so much look forward reading it!

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## Lillian ? Cloud 9 Books ? says

**\*\*\*\*\* 4.5 Stars \*\*\*\*\***

*Can be read as a standalone*

***"You are Superman, but sometimes even Superman needs to be saved."***

Rayna had a plan. She was going to break the heart of her first love. Unfortunately, Slate didn't have a heart to break anymore. He wasn't even the same man as before. It's been 6 years, and he's changed so much. She needed to come up with a new way for revenge. Rayna will bring back the real Slate to break him.

During the time Rayna left the Bayou to work in Manhattan, Slate's life became hell. He relied on 2 things... Cage fights and drugs. So when Rayna told him she was going to lock them in an apartment for 3 days, he decided that he'll break her too.

***"So stop using those scars as an excuse, fight this damn addiction, and get your sh\*t together."***

The POV switches between Rayna and Slate. I loved the parts when it went to the past to relive the events from their childhood. It's a hot and touching story about two damaged people. I wasn't expecting much from this story, but I ended up really enjoying this.

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### **Jessyereads says**

This series is soooooo good!!! I can't wait for book 3!

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### **XxTainaxX says**

The first book left me in a neutral place but I am glad I took the chance and gave it another try. Slate's story had depth and development that really made a difference to me in the book's appeal. The chemistry between the main characters and the level of their love allows for this story to really blossom. I enjoyed it very much and can't wait to read more! PS: Those love scenes were hottt!

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### **Michelle says**

5 You Are Still My Monkey Stars!

This is book two in Kelly Gendron's series Breaking The Declan Brothers. Slate and Rayna's story.

Six years ago Rayna left the Bayou after Slate broke her heart. Now she's back to break his. The problem is that Slate is already broken and Rayna takes it upon herself to fix him. She can worry about breaking him later.

Rayna and Slate become friends when they are kids. Once a week the teacher lets a student that has done a good job all week take care of a stuffed animal. When it's Rayna's turn to care for the monkey a bully tears the head off. Slate steps in and fixes the monkey for her. Their friendship grows from there. Rayna is fearless and as Rayna gets herself in sticky situations Slate is always saving her. This is how they become Monkey and Superman to each other. I loved that we got to visit their past. I also loved that we got both Slate and Rayna's POV throughout the book.

After Rayna graduates from college she gets a job offer in another state that she doesn't plan on taking. She loves Slate and will not leave him.

Slate knows he will never leave the Bayou or his brothers so he breaks Rayna's heart to set her free.

In the six years Rayna was away there was a fire at the Declan's grandmas store. Slate gets badly burned and goes through extensive surgeries and rehab. The pain is so bad that he eventually closes himself off from it. He was touched so much during this time he can not stand for anyone to touch him. He hates his scars. He

hides behind a hoodie in public. During all of this Slate gets hooked on pain pills which eventually lead to what ever drug he can get his hands on. He also starts to fight at the bar him and his brothers own. Slate has been high for three years. His brothers have tried everything and nothing is helping until Rayna decides to step in.

Rayna will help Slate get clean. Slate wakes up and thinks he's hallucinating when he sees Rayna. Then Slate gets pissed that she has locked him and her in the basement. He's scared what will happen once he starts going through withdrawals. He doesn't want to accidentally hurt her. They make a deal! After the three days are up and they go back to their own lives will Slate stay clean or go back to the drugs?

After a few days they run into each other at the bar. Slate is not happy seeing Rayna there talking with a guy.

I've decided that I'm gonna come after you, full force. And soon enough there'll be no misunderstanding as to who you belong to." ~Slate

Rayna is not with that program. She will not let him break her heart again.

you come at me full force but get ready to hit a wall. I'll never be with you again! Never!" ~Rayna

Even though these two were apart for six years they both never forgot each other. They were after all best friends before they were lovers.

He grabs my hand and pulls me down from the stool. "Cause no matter how high I get, how fucked-up I am, or how far down I am on the ground..." He pulls me against him. "I always feel you," he lifts my hand and sets it on his chest, "right here." "Slate," I gasp. "I warned you," he bends down, "full force, babe." ~Slate  
I loved this book! I was up all night reading it. It was smoking hot! It was sad! It made me laugh! All the feels!

I can't wait for the third and youngest brother Zeke's book!  
ITS COMING SOON!

"Some guys call, some date, and some guys, they might even get married. But, sweetheart, I ain't any of those guys..." ~ Zeke Declan

Awesome job Kelly Gendron! Can't wait for more!

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## **Jessica Settle says**

I received this in a giveaway for an honest review.

OMG!! This book is fabulous! I thought Jax's story was amazing but Slate's blew it out of the park!

Slate is dealing with all kinds of demons from his past. Then in walks Rayna his past childhood friend and the love of his life. She is the girl whose heart he broke. He doesn't want her seeing him the way that he is now. can he keep her at arms length still?

Rayna is having none of it. She can't believe the man that he has become. The past means nothing to her she just wants Slate to beat his demons. She wants to help him. Can she do it without losing her heart again?

This is a 5 star read! Absolutely amazing! The chemistry is off the charts. The story writing is brilliant. The author did an amazing job. I can't wait for Zeke's story!

## Linda says

Rayna is back in Bayou with her bff's after being away for years with the intentions to break the heart of the Declan brother who broke hers; Slate Declan. What she does not know at first is that she will have to bring him back from the brink.

What Rayna never knew was , he broke her heart on purpose because he saw better for her, he wanted her to have that better life the one he believed he could not give her; so when the opportunity presented itself he used it Did it break her heart yes, but it damn near killed him. Rayna, does not know that so she carries that hurt and anger and is determined to get even in the process of doing that she will have to learn the horrible truth . Slate is not the man she left, he is addicted to drugs, not by choice at first he was severely injured in a fire and became addicted to the pain killers and had no reason to really stop, the women he loved was gone and he had no one was going to fill her void.

He used the Mma fighting at the bar to help fill it, but Ajax would only let him fight if he was clean which being and addict was hard.

Once Rayna, sees what has happened to Slate she is determined to clean him up , make him fall for her then break him, what she does not realize is she will become his consuming catalyst to stay clean and to have that Slate will put the full press on. The question is , will Rayna cave?

This was a quick read and even better than the first book, looking forward to the next!

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## NiCoLeTa E. says

\*\*\*4,5 "My little Monkey" stars from me\*\*\*

Wow!!! That book was really good. Better than Jax and i got hooked from the first moment...

From the previous book, Slate had drown my attention upon him and i was wondering what the hell was happening with this guy.

I really wanted to learn all his secrets and to discover why he was so moody and from what he was running off.

And i got my answers and i'm really happy for that!!!

*(Don't get me wrong!!! For the answers i'm happy, not for his broken past!)*

And i can assure you that this broken man had become my favorite one of those wonderfull brothers that those three bad girls had decided to break them!!!

But the only question is will they manage to break them after all, or the brothers will break them instead???

Ugh???

***“Some boys will keep it, some will break it, and some boys, they just won’t want it. You gotta be careful who you give your heart to.”***

As we saw in the previous book, three girlfriends visited Bayou and they have made purpose of this summer to break the Declan brothers...

The first one goes down...

Now, he is a happy man with his love of his life by his side... That breaking was unsuccessful after all!!!

Bahaha!!!

Now it's Rayna's turn to break Slate!!! And she has a good reason to do that!!!

***"You can have my heart, Slate Declan. It's broken, anyway. You broke it."***

Slate Declan once broke her heart, now it's her turn to break him...

But the things are not as she was expecting...

Slate is already a broken man...

So she have to fix him first and then to break him again....

*(Yeah, God luck with that, sweetie!!!)*

***"You might not remember, but I do. I remember who you are. You're the guy who tried to see the good in everyone. You were kind and caring. You were a man worth loving. So stop using those scars as an excuse, fight this damn addiction, and get your shit together."***

Slate was the most troubled man of the three of them!!!

He was broken, he was bound to his addiction and he didn't care for anything else!!!

Many years before he was caring for Rayna but he let her go and now, that she is back, he don't know what to do with her...

And when she is entering his life with force and they got locked in the den for three days together, everything are going to change...

*Will they manage to stay away from each other???*

*Will they be able to overcome all the shits that are standing between them???*

Rayna is carrying too much guilt inside of her and too much pain and Slate is caring too many scars inside and outside...

**Who is gonna break who???**

***"I have to get away from her. My damaged walls are up, but those beat-to-shit barriers are weak, and she may very well succeed in bringing them down. She might just break me. Then what? She walks out of my life again. Fuck that. If she's going to put me through this hell, then I'm getting something in return. I'll tear her walls down, too."***

I loved that story very much.

I loved the chemistry between Rayna and Slate.

I loved that Rayna was caring so much for Slate that she was determined to help him get through that ugly addiction of his... even though that she was trying to persuade herself that she was doing it for a certain purpose.

And i loved the way Slate was around Rayna and i liked how he was fighting for her at the end...

I'm also happy that we got some glimpses of their past together because in that way we could understand that they were bound so deeply with love...

And it was from that kind of love that never dies...

*So will they manage to ignore their feelings and do whatever the hell have in minds to do????  
Or will they give to themselves a second chance to be together???*

*“You’re a heartless asshole.”*

*“Yeah, I’m an asshole. Zeke informs me of that all the time, but heartless...” He shakes his head. “I can assure you I have a heart, Rayna.”*

*“How’s that?”*

*He grabs my hand and pulls me down from the stool.*

*“Cause no matter how high I get, how fucked-up I am, or how far down I am on the ground...” He pulls me against him. “I always feel you,” he lifts my hand and sets it on his chest, “right here.”*

And now, I'm wondering for Zeke.

What the hell he has in his baggages and will Lurlene manage to break him???

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## **Marina (Living In Our Own Story) says**

4.5 stars

When I first read Jax (the first book in Breaking the Declan Brothers Series), I loved all of them but I knew that Slate's story will be one of the most heartbreaking stories I've ever read. And I was completely right. The book is intriguing and once I started reading, I was completely pulled into it and didn't put it down until the very last word. The story is a clever combination of heartbreak, laughter and pantie melting hot scenes. The characters are quite interesting and entertaining. I am pretty sure you will fall in love with both Slate and Rayna :)

Slate is quite the dominant alpha male but you will definitely not see that from the beginning of the story. After a tragic accident few years after he lost his first love, he loses also his direction in life. He changes from the kind and compassionate man Rayna knew to a constantly angry and rude man with a heart made of stone. Or at least that's what he presents to the world. All that changes in matter of days when Slate and Rayna are forced to spend time together. Even though Rayna's only goal is to break his heart, she still cares about him and does everything in her power to heal the scars and demons Slate hides from the world. And behind his mask, she finds the only man she could ever love, not the kind and compassionate boy, but a strong and dominant man, with a heart of gold and ready to fight for the only woman he ever loved. I have to say that Slate and Rayna definitely burn up the sheets together and that brought some pretty hot scenes that simply left me breathless :) The only thing that I was sorry about is that the story finished too fast :D I would of loved to get some more of Slate ;)

One thing that was kind of a minus for me was the unrealistic amount of time that Slate needed to recover. From what I know about the things he had to overcome, it is not something that happens for 2-3 days but much longer period of time. Apart from that I so loved the book :)

So, in few words, this is a great short read. The story is intriguing and entertaining with some humorous scenes and some pretty hot ones, so if you don't have a good poker face, I don't recommend reading it in

public :D Slate and Rayna are a great couple and the chemistry between them is off the charts, you can feel it through every word :) So far the first two book in the series are definitely some of my favorites so I can't wait for the third book in the series. Zeke and Lurlene will be definitely an interesting couple :D

This review was originally posted at Living In Our Own Story Book Blog. I received an ARC of the book in exchange of an honest review.

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### **Jennifer says**

ARC received for review

3.5 stars

Great middle book in this series. Slate is just as yummy as his brother Jax, but I can't give him more stars because it takes longer than 3 days to overcome a multiple year addiction. Yes, I know it's fiction, but it's got to have some believability to it. Loved the way Ms. Gendron wove in little peaks at their past. Rayna may have said she wasn't in love with Slate, but I don't think she ever stopped loving him. Can't wait for Zeke and how Lurlene is going to bring him down.

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### **Jos says**

5 Stars GREAT!!!!

OMG, I am hooked on these Declan Brothers!!!!!!!!!! Slate, oh Slate....and Rayna too, gosh did I love them:) What a great second chance love story. I am now excited for Zeke's story and can't wait for it's release!

Congrats Kelly Gendron, what a beautiful, emotional second chance love story!!!!

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### **Paige says**

4 "I love the Declan Brothers" Stars

I fell in love with Jax in book one and my love and adoration for the Declan brothers has continued with Slate. The teaser at the end of Jax's book had me impatiently waiting for Slate's story. Getting this book made me jump up and down, giddy to see where he would take Rayna as she tried to break the middle Declan brother.

Rayna has been back in town for a month with her best friends. They made a pact that each will break a Declan brother. This is a very personal task for Rayna since Slate Delcan broke her heart six years ago when she walked in on him in bed with another woman. Devastated she left town. Now back for the summer, she is determined to hurt him like he hurt her. What she doesn't know is that Slate is already hurting. Addicted to drugs and fighting, he's a shell of the person he used to be. Rayna is still determined that to break him but she has to fix him first. She forces him into a three day detox. While the two are locked in a room for three days, all the feelings from their years together come racing back but each is scared and hurting. In the end Rayna doesn't know if she'll be able to break Slate before he breaks her again.

Slate was a dirty talking, take charge alpha. He is pretty everything I love in a broken bad boy book boyfriend. He had years of pain he was trying to overcome and having Rayna back in his life forced him to face his past if he wanted to move forward. Rayna needed to face Slate but wasn't prepared for the new version he presented the world. Determined to help bring out the Slate she once knew, she had to be strong and feisty but had just enough submission in her to create sex scenes that had me fanning myself. I loved watching these two learn about each other again and face the past that refused to let them go.

Why 4 stars and not 5? Much of their reunion felt a little rushed. Without every addressing the past, they started up again faster than I wanted. It felt like for most of the book things were brushed aside. Then after Slate detoxed, resolution happened really fast and it just wasn't very realistic at times. The reasoning behind some of the choices each made in the past was a little predictable too. Even so the love story between these two really shined. The connection they shared made my reservations for how fast everything developed not seem nearly as important in the scheme of things. Then Ms. Gendron had to go and tease me with the next book and I'm now dying for book 3.

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**Maida»-(^v^)-» says**

[The hero is a drug addict, and yet it takes him ONLY 3 days with the heroine to get over his urges to take drugs. Noti

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