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For Jake Landry, Erin Shaw was always off-limits—too young, too innocent, and his kid sister’s best friend. Home now after a decade of military service, Jake finds Erin all grown up...but she’s still off-limits. War has left him with scars invisible to anyone but him, and a relationship is the last thing he’s looking for.

As a teenager, Erin had a hopeless crush on her friend’s big brother. Now that she’s an adult, she thinks she’s put all that behind her. But when she sees Jake again, she discovers her old feelings are alive and well...and blossoming into something new.

Jake doesn’t believe in happily-ever-after. And since he can’t give Erin what she deserves, he tries to stay away from her. But when the attraction between them turns explosive, his resistance starts to crumble. Will Erin find a way past Jake’s armor, all the way to his heart?

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Lindsay says

I have a real soft spot for military and former military heroes, and my heart just about broke for Jake and what he went through.

I think one of the things I liked best about this book is Erin trying to move on with her life after Jake told her he wasn't interested. I'm not a huge fan of the hero or heroine jumping from one partner to another (and that didn't really happen here) but I liked seeing Erin go on dates, and I especially like Jake's reaction to seeing her go on dates. The reader gets to see that the dates don't work out for one reason or another, but Erin still tries. I really liked that Erin didn't just sit there saying she was moving on while pining away. I also think that Jake needed to see that she was moving on so that he could get to a place where he could be with Erin.

Something else I got a kick out of...Erin's friend comparing Erin's life to a romance novel. And speaking of that, I was really glad to see that Jake didn't hold a grudge (view spoiler).

All in all, this was an enjoyable and quick read.

DE ANN ALLEN says

Great read by Storm

Erin waited 27 years to find the love of her life, and it turned out to be Jake, the man she had a serious crush on for all of those years. Jake had some Serious baggage because of his years in the Army. It took quite some time for him to deal with the issues, and then h remembered Erin, he stopped and went to find true love.

Michelle Miller says

My Heart Grew Three Sizes

Beautifully written. I instantly fell in love with Erin & Jake. Her determination to be the exact opposite of her parents and his hurting soldier heart came together to change them both. When Jake spoke with his Mother in the hospital, I broke down and cried. It was so beautiful. Can't wait to see what else Ms. Strom has on the horizon!! :)

Judith Davis says

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I read this book in one night, I couldn't put it down until the end of the book. It was full of excitement and love, even though I took until the last page before the man could say it !

Meredith says

I enjoyed all three books about the Landry family, but *Waiting for You* is my favorite. It's subtle and lovely, with beautifully drawn characters and piercing emotion (and an awesome build of sexual tension:).

I fell in love with Jake and Erin. They're so real, so decent, so determined to do the right thing even as they struggle to figure out what that is. I read a review of the movie *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist* that talked about the main characters' "luminous goodness", and I thought of that line while I was reading *Waiting for You*. I don't mind a story where one of the characters is unlikeable in the beginning—a lot of redemption stories have a character like that, and I love redemption stories—but there's also something really moving about watching two decent, honorable people fight their way towards love.

The writing is beautiful and romantic without being cheesy. The ending is amazing. I had tears in my eyes when I finished. This is definitely going on my keeper shelf!

Faythe says

Awesome Read

I enjoyed this read and I think if you are into a bit of sadness with a romantic ending, this is an excellent option.

Megan says

Totally my kind of romance novel. I'm not a fan of the "twist" towards the middle, it's not my cup of tea to have an unexpected pregnancy. But nevertheless, I enjoyed Jake and Erin. The name of the kid was pretty perfect too, if I do say so myself.

Saly says

I think I liked this book the least in the series, the writing was good but the romance was lack-lustre somehow. For most of the book the h/H aren't even together and I just didn't feel the hero much, he didn't seem great at all, not that he was bad, what I am trying to say is, he never felt like a hero.

So, the story is the heroine has always had a crush on the hero and then he comes back changed after he left the army, he seems empty and tries to avoid his family. Things heat up between them one day but he backs off since he is in no mental frame to start something and she agrees with him and tries dating, but somehow they spend one night together and he races off to deal with things.

She gets pregnant, doesn't tell him, but plans to, six months later he is back, wants to take responsibility but

she wants love. I don't mind reading tried and tested stories because honestly it is the treatment that matters but my standards were raised high by her other books & this was mediocre.

Naya says

Actually i dont know if i really liked the book or not. its a love story about a veteran and a girl who has loved him since she was 13. she is a virgin, although aged 29 now. they have sex once (her first time) and she gets pregnant even since they used protection. at the end they keep the baby girl and he proposes. either i havent lived true love yet, or it is a way too romantic fairytale.

Angela Cramer says

I loved this book! Sweet, funny, sometimes tearful look at love.

Erin Shaw is an independent, strong young woman who has endured a lack of love but has not become cynical. Jake Landry, on the other hand, grew up in a house full of love but a decade of war in deplorable conditions, losing friends he loved, Jake is now not only cynical but suffers from PTSD.

One of the things that I loved was that Abigail Strom made you feel as if you really were Erin. She took me right into Erin's thoughts so that you could imagine every sigh or eye roll as the case may be. There is a period of maturation of both characters and you experience this growth right along with Erin and Jake.

After giving into the chemistry between the two of them, Erin discovers she is pregnant. I really loved her thought process that this could only happen to her. She has sex one time and ends up pregnant. Fear keeps her from telling Jake, but once he finds out, it is hands on one hundred percent. I think what I really loved about the story the most, is that it takes a serious issue, and a great mom's advice, for Jake to see that he truly does love Erin, maybe always has just as she has always loved him.

Can't wait to see what is next from Abigail Strom.

Joy (joyous reads) says

This book follows the story of Jake, an ex-military man who'd been through so much, seen so much that he's convinced there's nothing left of him to give; no love, no kindness, no heart. Erin had known him since they were kids, and for as long as she could remember, she'd harboured feelings from him that had nothing to do with brotherly love. When they finally meet up again, the chemistry between them was truly undeniable. Erin knew at once that there was an intense pain lurking behind Jake's eyes which only strenghtened the pull she felt toward him. But she had to let him go, help himself before she could even entertain the thought of a future with him.

This was a sad, romantic tale of a broken man suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Jake struggled to come back to the world of the living after going through harrowing experiences of being in military service. Because this wasn't a lengthy book, I felt that Jake's illness wasn't really explored. And I felt that this created a barrier between Jake himself and the reader reading this book. I found it lack the needed empathy to fully experience what Jake was going through. I couldn't feel his desperate need to help himself so he could be

free of his nightmares. I also felt that this moved fast - too fast and I'm not talking about the relationship between him and Erin. I thought that the nightmares weren't that traumatizing. I mean, don't get me wrong, watching your friends die in front of your eyes were disturbing to say the least, but I felt that there was some sort of emotional disconnect with Jake as he told the tales of his experience. I wish Ms. Strom delved much deeper into his psyche.

Perhaps the author's intent was to focus the story on the romance, in which case, I thought she did splendidly well. Erin and Jake's immediate connection worked, all thanks to a past they shared. I admired Erin's unselfishness. She knew what she had to do to help Jake, even risking a life spent without him. She was innocence and experience all rolled into one and yes, she gave in to Jake quite easily but when you've been in love with a man for as long as you could remember, I guess I would do the same too.

Over all, Waiting For You was a good, realistic, romantic read that would give you a brief glimpse of what it would be like for a man living with his demons and a woman whose choices when it comes to the man she loves didn't really leave much room for her own desires.

Astraycat says

Just reread this story and couldn't help but got emotional again. Felt deeply for the heroine, hoped there was an epilogue.

Ann-marie says

This is my second title reading from the Landry series. In this story the brother Jake get his story...he is back from Afghanistan and is barely coping in what he saw over there. He has resided not to have a relationship but be alone. At his sister's wedding he comes in touch with Erin who was a childhood friend to his sister and who he always liked though she was somewhat younger than him. Erin has always had a crush on Jake and always wonder about him. Storyline dealt with him overcoming PTSD and being able to have a relationship.

Megsy says

Great book.

The book was really good. Loved it all. Thank you for your gift of writing and for sharing it with us. Look forward to reading more of your work.

Remy says

Great

This is a new author/style of story for me, but I thought it was really sweet. I enjoyed following Erin and Jake's story.

