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Struggling with both PTSD and the trauma of his ex-wife's infidelity, retired Marine Wesley Holt seeks a simple civilian life. His favorite waitress at the Perfect Diner secretly stirs his heart. Yet Wes—scarred by betrayal and racked by guilt over his fallen comrades in Afghanistan—stays quiet, convinced he can never love again...or be loved.

Waitress and single mother Carlie Stewart hides fear behind her smile. Her ex-husband has escaped from prison and wants their son—and revenge. When the fugitive arrives to wreak havoc, Wes insists Carlie and her son stay with him for protection. Finally daring to let her guard down, Carlie divulges her dark past to Wes, and to her surprise, Wes appreciates her strengths and longs to trust her with his tattered heart. The safer they feel with each other, the more trust and passion grow. But can they overcome the demons in their pasts—and the heartbreak they've carried into the present—to build a lasting future together?

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Darcy says

There was something about this one that sort of sneaks up on a person. I think it's due to Wes and Carlie and how they acted with each other, sort of like kids in junior high who had a crush but were too shy to action on it. It was fun to see everyone from L&L give Wes crap.

I really loved how from the start Wes wanted to protect Carlie and he went about doing that, along with comforting her in the aftermath of the first round of violence. What really won me over with them as a couple was how Wes treated Tyler. He explained some hard facts to a scared boy, then went about doing what he could to comfort him.

It was great to see how everyone in Perfect rallied around Carlie in her time of need, a sense of belonging and friends that accepted.

The play made at the end of the book needed to happen, they couldn't keep up the constant vigilance forever. It's just too bad that things happened that made Wes and Carlie realize they loved each other and weren't able to do anything about it then.

The ending to this one was perfect, just what this couple needed.

Vikki Vaught says

My Musings

4.5 Stars

I loved this book. One of the things I enjoy most about this author is that while the characters have deep seated secrets, they don't hold them so close to their chests that the other one has no clue what is driving their fear of commitment. Some books I read frustrate me because the secrets stay secrets too long. As a reader that drives me crazy. I am so glad Ms. Longley doesn't do that. Hope the next book comes out soon. I love Perfect and want Men's story. Happy ?reading ?!

Trish R. says

This wasn't quite as sad and depressing as A Change of Heart because of Carlie's crazy, escaped convict, ex-husband. However, When you read something in a book and you think "didn't I just read that in the last book," you gotta wonder how lazy an author can be to do that. When Carlie first went into Paige's kitchen

almost the exact same conversation was said as there was when Cory, A Change of Heart, went into Page's kitchen. It was so glaring it wasn't even funny. And when Cory brought a dish, for whatever she was bringing it for, it was Pasta Salad and when Carlie brought a dish it was a Pasta Salad. Really? But best of all was when Wes was going to teach Tyler, Carlie's 6 year old son, how to pick up dog poop. Eww. Was that necessary? Or when the nurse then the PA, days apart, asked Wes if he had passed gas or pooped yet, while he was in the hospital. Seriously gross. In a romance novel it's just too hard to forget something you've read like that then think about them having sex. BUT, that's just me.

I'm glad Jared, the idiot ex, was in this book or I might have had a DNF on my hands.

Because there was a LOT of I'm not good enough for her and I'm not good enough for him going on, and I hate that!

Anyway, I'm done with the Perfect Indiana PTSD series.

There was explicit sex in this book and the F-bomb was used 5 times.

As to the narration: I absolutely love Eric G. Dove! His voices and emotions when he reads are spectacular.

Carlene Inspired says

I should probably start by saying that I always picture myself as the character of a book when we share the same name, so my image of Carlie is 100% different than everyone else. It did not take away from the book at all though, because I loved this book.

Many thanks to Netgalley for providing an ARC in exchange for my honest review.

Wesley has closed himself off from getting attached again, he's got PTSD and a real hard time trusting people. He's got his fellow friends and veterans he works with, his dog Rex, and a schedule he follows meticulously. Part of that schedule involves visiting Carlie at the diner for breakfast after his night shift, but when she's not there one day and her ex-husband is to blame, Wesley is willing to do whatever it takes. After vowing to protect Carlie and her son while her ex is wreaking havoc, Wes starts letting Carlie in little by little. Carlie thinks it's time to run again, ready to start over in a new life for the second time, but that plan didn't involve Wes and he's made her rethink the running. Carlie has to put aside her fears, Wes his trust issues, and together they must face the danger of Carlie's ex.

I love a good military man, I'm dating one for goodness sake, but Wesley has definitely taken the spot for my favorite book military man. Sure, he's been closed off for so long from letting any girl in, but he deals with some pretty heavy thoughts, going so far as to working nights so he can try to sleep during the day when he is apt to have less nightmares. He also is incredibly kind, awesome with Carlie's son Tyler, and seemed to come out of his shell over time. I love that he didn't want to recognize how much he cared for Carlie, even when he was willing to do anything for her. He was a very realistic character for me and I appreciated the level of detail Barbara Longley gave when it came to Wesley's thoughts. As for the object of his affections, Carlie, I really liked her as well. She had a ton of strength and out of every abuse novel I've ever read, she's been the character who handled it best. Her reactions and desire to hide were believable, and justified, and I appreciated that the timeline of her recovery to really date again was realistic. There are also some amazing minor characters in this book, both Carlie and Wesley's friends brought a lot of background to the story and provided some interesting dialogue. The romance and suspense is done very well; I didn't feel like either

story line was overwhelming the other. I enjoyed how the threat of Carlie's ex pushed Wes and Carlie together. The PTSD and survivor's guilt was handled beautifully by Longley and I was impressed with its accuracy.

I have not read anything else by Barbara Longley, but you can bet I'll be picking up some of her others. This can be read as a standalone and I highly recommend it.

You can find more of my reviews at Carlene Inspired.

Duchess Nicole says

Fourth in the Perfect, Indiana series but can be read as a standalone.

This is a story about the boy and girl next door who got dealt a raw hand in life and lived through some really tough things before finding each other. Both the hero and heroine have some scary skeletons in their closet, and it was perhaps the most standout thing about this sweet love story...there was zero judgement from any of the main characters. It was all about learning to trust yourself and love yourself after hating your own mind for such a long time. Add in an uber protective, tough guy hero and a woman and her adorable son that need saving, and you get The Twisted Road to You by Barbara Longley.

A poignant, tender romance.

Advance copy provided for review.

Rachel says

[No, not between the MC's, but years ago, when the hero was married, his wife cheated on him and left him while he was overseas. She was pregnant with the other man's baby too. He hadn't been stateside for 10 months at that point :((hide spoiler)]

Jen_C says

December 2015 Prime borrow.

Really good book. Some great characters. Full review to come. My heart melted when Wes talked to Tyler. I will definitely read more by this author and recommend this book!

“PTSD stands for post-traumatic stress disorder. Severe trauma can change a person’s brain chemistry, and those of us who have PTSD need to learn how to cope.”

“Oh.” The kid’s face fell. “Do you think I’m gonna have it? You know, because of what happened . . .” His mouth turned down and his blue eyes grew huge and bright.

“You know what?” Wes crouched down in front of him. “You’re going to be all right, Ty, but I don’t think we ever get too big for a hug now and then. Do you?”

Tyler shrugged his shoulders again, and a lump formed in Wes’s throat. He held out his arms, and the little boy kind of collapsed into him. He hugged him close and ran his hands up and down Tyler’s

back. "It's going to be OK, partner. Me and the other guys here at Langford & Lovejoy are going to make sure you and your mom stay safe. You have my word; I won't let anything happen to either of you."

Tyler sniffed, and Wes's T-shirt felt damp where the kid burrowed his face against his shoulder. "If you want, Rex can sleep with you on your bed." He looked to Carlie for permission. Her own eyes had grown bright with the sheen of tears, and she nodded. "Rex is a retired military dog," Wes said. "He's a soldier, just like me. Did you know that?"

Tyler sucked in a few gulps of air and shook his head. "Do you think he'd do that—sleep on the bed, I mean?"

"I'm sure he would. I never let him on my bed, so sleeping on yours would be a special treat." Wes gave the kid one more hug and let him go. He stood up and ran his hand over Tyler's head. "Feel better?"

"Yeah."

He put his arm around her shoulders and tucked her close to his side. "He's a coward and a punk. I'm a Marine. You've got nothing to worry about."

"I wanna be a Marine when I grow up." Tyler puffed out his chest and lifted his chin. "Just like you." His face scrunched again. "Wes, what is a Marine, anyway?"

Wesley's chest expanded a few inches, and so did his heart. "A soldier. I'm a retired Marine, an elite branch of the US military. I'd be mighty proud if you followed that path, Tyler, but you have a lot of years to go before you decide."

"I dreamed about him," Tyler said, breaking the silence. "About the man who used to be my daddy." He played with the hem of his pajama shirt. "Mommy said he lost the right to be my daddy, because he wasn't fit for the job."

The little guy's chin quivered, and he took in a gulp of air. Wesley hugged him close and kept his mouth shut. "Toby and Micah have a good daddy. All the kids in my class have good daddies, too." He lifted tear-filled eyes to Wes, effectively cracking his heart wide-open. "How come my daddy didn't love me and Mommy enough to be a good daddy like the other kids have?"

"It has nothing to do with you, partner. I know that much for sure. Any dad I know would be proud to have a son like you."

"Would you be proud to have a son like me, Wes?" Tyler's big blue eyes looked up at him with such longing and hope that Wes could hardly speak past the lump that had formed in his throat.

"Hell, yes . . . and don't tell your mother I said hell in front of you." He hugged Ty again. "You know what, partner? I'm proud as can be just to know you."

And Wes and Carlie are made for each other.

"Why?" Her eyes stung again. "Why would you do so much for me, when we hardly know each other?"

"You've always been good to me." He shrugged. "I appreciate the way you reserve that table in the corner of the diner for me every morning." One side of his mouth tugged up in a wry grin. "I need to have my back against the wall. I have to face the door when I'm at the diner. You figured that out without a word from me. I"—he cleared his throat—"I enjoy seeing your smiling face every morning, Carlie. Makes my day," he said, his face coloring. "I sleep better after my visits to the diner."

Wow. Just . . . wow. Who'd have thought such a big, tough guy like Wesley Holt could be so sensitive? Who broke this wonderful man's trust? What would she give to be loved by someone like Wesley Holt? She'd never be so lucky or worthy.

"I've always had a problem with bullies," he said. "Can't stand 'em, and it makes no difference

whether they're the playground type, the international terrorist kind or the wife and kid beaters." His hands settled on her slender waist, and he placed his forehead against hers. "I don't discriminate when it comes to an intense dislike for the group as a whole." Lord, she smelled good. "Jared messed with you and Tyler, and that messed with me. I can't allow that, Carlie."

"You were having a bad dream, and I—"

"How'd you get . . . under me?" His expression changed from confusion to heated, and he pressed his hips against her.

"I . . . you—"

"Aw, who cares?" He nuzzled her neck and tangled his fingers in her hair. "You always smell so damn good . . . feel so good . . . Carlie . . . want you so much," he whispered into her ear...

Laughing, she threw her arms around him and drew him close for a kiss. Wes took his time with her, as she did with him. Taking turns tasting and touching, they discovered what the other liked and needed. Sighing, lingering, they made love until they lay panting in each other's arms. Carlie couldn't remember a time when she'd felt this completely at ease and replete. Her gentle giant's touch was so tender she turned to mush in his arms. Wes was not a man who took without giving in equal measure. He wasn't one to see that his own needs were met, turning away once he reached the finish line. No. Wesley seemed to crave her touch as much as she craved his. He snuggled up to her, wrapped her in his arms and tucked her head under his chin before falling asleep.

Being around Carlie and Ty made Wes want to be a better man. Had his ex ever made him feel that way? Nope. Mostly Tina had made him feel inadequate. He'd never been able to please her, no matter what he did or how hard he tried.

Things are going to work out fine. You'll see." Carlie trembled in his arms. If anything happened to her . . . Wes tightened his hold. "I won't let Jared hurt you, sweetheart, I swear, and—"

"And I can take that to the bank?" She huffed out a tremulous breath. Tilting her head back, she met his gaze. "I believe you, Wes. I just . . . I'll be glad when this is behind us. I'm nervous but not afraid." "That's my girl."

His vision began to narrow, and he felt himself slipping out of consciousness. "No," he groaned. "Not now . . ." Not when he had so much to live for. Everything about his life came into sharp focus then. He loved Carlie and Ty, dammit, and he wanted a lifetime with them. He wanted to grow old with Carlie and watch Ty turn into the fine young man he knew he would become. I'm a fool. He'd been too stubborn and afraid to grab the gift he'd been given, refusing to surrender completely, heart and soul. What he and Carlie had was worth far more than his fear and his stupid pride, and yet he'd refused to set aside his baggage for her. His breaths came in shallow, pain-filled gasps. Don't let it be too late. Please, don't let me bleed out before I tell Carlie I love her! She needs to know.

puppitypup says

Contemporary Romance *Boring*

This has all the makings of a good story, but somehow it just fell flat. Especially for a Romantic Suspense novel which, in my mind, should have a much higher energy level.

I think it boils down to the writing, the basics are there, but there's no spark. My emotions were never engaged. Disappointing because I have read other books by Ms. Langley that were captivating.

I must admit that I am not a fan of his and her perspectives in a romance novel, that alone takes away a good portion of the tension. And the book could really have used some underlying humor or at least some witty dialogue.

As it is, reading this novel is like eating a bowl of plain popcorn, I just about had to force myself to finish it. I'd much rather have butter and salt.

There are just a couple of bad words and two intimate scenes, several pages each.

ARC received from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

4 You Can Take That To The Bank Stars

*** Mild Spoilers***

"But you can trust me, Carlie. I swear that I will do everything in my power to keep you and tyler safe. You can take that to the bank."- Wes to Carlie

"He's a coward and a punk. I'm a Marine. You've got nothing to worry about."- Wes to Carlie

OMG I have such a hard on for books with military men in them. And I hit the jack pot in this book, there are so many yummy ex military men running around this book I think I may have drooled a little. The Twisted Road to You is the 4th book in the Perfect Indiana Series and I had no problem following the story line even though I have not read any of the other books in this series, so this book can be read as a stand alone. That being said this book was so good I plan of going back and reading the first three books soon!

"You always smell so damn good.... feel so good....Carlie.....want you so much,"- Wes to Carlie

What this book is about

Wes and Carlie both like each other. Everyday Wes comes into the diner where Carlie works just so he can see her. Wes suffers from PTSD and he has been burnt bad by his cheating ex wife, so Wes doesn't plan to make a move on Carlie. He is content to just watch her from afar. When he goes to the diner for his daily dose of Carlie and finds she is not only not there, but that she didn't call in and isn't answering her phone, which is not like her at all, he is worried. When Carlie's boss tells Wes that Carlie has a abusive ex husband, Wes goes out to her home to make sure she is okay. When Wes gets there he finds Carlie's ex- husband holding her and her 6 year old son Tyler at knife point and hears him telling Carlie that he is going to kill her and take their son. Wes kicks in her back door and goes after Carlie's ex but he gets away. Knowing Carlie and Tyler are not going to be safe until her crazy ex is caught and returned to prison where he escaped, Wes

has Carlie and her son move in with him. Living so close together, almost like a family feels good, and soon Wes finds that Carlie and her son have worked their way deeper into his heart. Can he lay his past demons to rest to have the family he always wanted, and can he protect Carlie and her son from her dangerous ex hell bent on killing Carlie and kidnapping Tyler?

"No, they won't. You have no idea what it's like. Even when my ex is caught and back behind bars, it'll only be a temporary reprieve." Frustration and anger surged. "I'll always be waiting for the next time he shows up- looking over my shoulder and jumping at shadows. Sometimes it feels like fear is the only thing constant in my life,"-Carlie to Wes

"You're not alone anymore, Carlie," he said, his voice gruff. "Whenever you need me, I'll be there for you. That's a promise and a constant."-Wes to Carlie

This book was exciting, suspenseful, and very sweet. I loved Wes. My God he was yummy. Wes was protective, sweet, and playful. The only thing about him I didn't like was that he let his fear of being hurt again hold him back. I loved Carlie. She was a fighter and a survivor. She has had a hard life and made some bad choices, but she turned that around and tries her best to give her son a happy and normal life. Carlie is smart and lets the others help keep her son and her safe, which I was so glad for. I hate when a TSTL heroine ruins a book by running and putting herself in danger. Carlie not only was smart enough to accept help she helped herself by taking self defense classes. There was a nice build to Wes and Carlie's relationship. They had some major chemistry and when they got together it was smokin' hot! Everything about Carlie's son Tyler was adorable.

"You and Ty.....you two mean a lot to me. You know that, right? Things could never be just casual between you and me."- Wes to Carlie

"Is that.....are you watching the Hallmark Channel?" "Don't you have to work early tomorrow morning?" He squeezed her gently. "Shouldn't you be sleeping?" "It is the Hallmark Channel." She grinned. "You're a romantic." "If you out me, I'll deny it," he said in a stern voice. "I won't tell a soul." -Carlie and Wes

I loved the way Wes was with Tyler. It totally melted my heart every time they rough housed or hugged. There is some really cute family moments in this book. There are some great secondary characters in this book too. The way the whole community comes together to help one of their own was sweet. I liked Ceejay, Cory, and Ryan so much that I will now have to go back and read the first three books so I can enjoy their stories too. A great read. I have never read anything by Barbara Longley before, but I will be check out more of her books.

"I've never wanted anyone the way I want you. There. I've said it." Carlie to Wes

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circumspect4 says

Full review can be read at www.booklovercircumspect4.com on 9/16/15

MY REVIEW

This is story involving retired Marine, Wesley Holt, and Carlie Stewart, a waitress and a single mother to her six-year-old son, at Wes' favorite restaurant. The book takes place in Perfect, Indiana. Wes is suffering from PTSD and a broken heart from his ex-wife. Carlie is haunted by her past, including her own inner demons, and her ex-husband, "Asshole", who has escaped from prison.

Carlie does not show up for work one morning and her boss is considered. Wes immediately goes to find out what is going on and finds Carlie and her son in trouble. Thankfully, Wes is there and is able to save Carlie and her son, for now. This is when the story really begins.....as Carlie's ex husband has escaped from prison and will not relent until he get has their son.

Carlie hasn't had the easiest life in her past and she sells herself short as she doesn't see how far she has come in her life to see what an amazing mother she is. Wes is an honorable good man, but he to has his inner struggles with his past military experiences and betrayal by his ex-wife. This is an amazing story about how two broken people can come together and help each other heal and learn to love themselves. Also, throughout this story, there is also a lot of community involvement as well that helps Carlie and Wes. It was nice to see the community rally around to help Carlie and Wes and that is the way it should be but often is not anymore.

I give this book 4 out of 4 "waf-ees"

This book is available now for pre-order on Amazon and will released on October 20, 2015.

RJ says

2.5 stars

I'm sorry but this was way too long and frankly, boring for me. I made it through 80% and just started skimming the rest.

Mandy says

I LOVED this book! Wesley Holt is a former marine who suffers from PTSD. He was married to his high school sweetheart who cheated on him and left him while he was at war. He doesn't want to take a risk on love again so he keeps to himself. Wes goes to the local diner every morning to see his secret crush and favorite waitress, Carlie. Carlie is a single mom who moved to town 2 years ago. Carlie has secrets, she was in an abusive marriage and did things in her past that she's not proud of. When her past catches up with her and her ex-husband comes to town trying to steal their son, Wes will do everything he can to protect Carlie.

There is so much I loved about this book. Wes was the perfect hero - he's such a good guy. He's been hurt and is afraid to fall in love again. He's never done casual relationships, he's protective and he's really good

with Carlie's son Tyler. I absolutely loved the connection between Wes and Tyler from the first moment they meet and that was the exact moment I fell in love with Wes. Carlie was a fantastic heroine - she's been through so much in her life but she never feels sorry for herself. She just wants to keep her son safe. I loved Carlie and Wes together and the chemistry between them. This was such a sweet romance but still had a little suspense and action. This is the first book I have read by this author but I can't wait to read more!

ARC provided in exchange for an honest review

Jamie C says

So sweet but I would've loved an epilogue!

Debbie Oxier says

Perfect, Indiana, was Carlie's home now. She'd testified against her abusive drug-dealing husband and put him behind bars, changed her name and taken off to make a new life for her and her son, Tyler. She works at the local diner and has a cute little house on the outskirts of town. Wes works at the local furniture store where all the employees are war vets who have been wounded in either mind, body, or both. He has an apartment over the store and works nights because he sleeps better during the day, relatively nightmare free. Most mornings he eats breakfast at the diner where he gets to see Carlie, a woman he's more than a little attracted to even though he knows he'll never ask her out. He'd been burned once by his ex-wife who dumped him while he was overseas, having gotten pregnant by another man. It was right after that his platoon was ambushed and his life had changed forever. Just like it does the morning he goes to the diner to discover Carlie never showed up for work.

Wes ends up going to her house to find her and her son being held against their will by her ex-husband. Wes saves them but the ex gets away. When Wes finds out how dangerous the guy is, he insists Carlie stay with him so he can protect her. A manhunt is underway for her ex but Carlie knows how cunning he is so she agrees to the protection. Of course, Wes's friends step up to help as does local law enforcement and during their time together, Wes and Carlie develop serious feelings for one another.

Both are survivors with scars and while both fear getting hurt again, circumstances and their attraction draw them together. A really special love story between two special people. Loved it.
