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Suave, handsome Brodie Beaumont has a history of using and being used by women. Playing bass in his brother's band doesn't hurt.

A past he doesn't like to talk about has turned him into the type of guy he is today, but he hasn't really cared. Until the beautiful and feisty Gabrielle Demeres comes back into his life.

Gabrielle learned the hard way what type of guy Brodie was the first time she met him. His crude seduction attempt earned him a slap to his face, and Gabrielle wasn't exactly looking forward to another encounter with the cad. Unfortunately, her best friend was marrying Brodie's brother, and Gabrielle and Brodie would be forced to spend time together whether she liked it or not.

As things in the small, quiet town of Turtle Lake take a decidedly dark and dangerous turn, Gabrielle and Brodie only have each other to turn to. Will they be capable of overcoming their aversion to one another while coping with their own troubled pasts and dealing with the current dangers surrounding them? Or is their hostility just skating the fine line between love and hate?

### **Beautifully Used Details**

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## From Reader Review Beautifully Used for online ebook

### Svalora says

I listened to this book on Audible. The narration was good so it added to the enjoyment of the book. Being the second in the series, I believe it could also be read as a stand alone. No cliffhangers. Just a couple of common characters — the brothers obviously— and severs of their friends!  
A book that could hit chords with many people probably. I actually thought the “bad guy” was going to be someone else. Definitely could have been!  
A great “rescue me” book!

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### Michelle Leah Olson says

Our Review, by LITERAL ADDICTION's Pack Alpha - Chelle:  
\*Copy gifted in exchange for an honest review

Oh, I liked this one even more than Beautifully Wounded. Susan channels Gabby and Brodie beautifully, and the tension is great.

A bass playing, bar manager playboy meets singer/songwriter and aspiring author, each with tragic pasts to overcome, each with love to give... and each willing to work towards getting the HEA they're initially not sure they deserve.

While Beautifully Used still has its painfully dark moments, Susan proves that she's becoming a master at taking emotionally scarred characters and bringing them together to heal until they reach their HEA.

Most definitely recommended for contemporary romance readers looking for a fun and emotional story with some drama. Beautifully Used is book #2 of the BEAUMONT BROTHERS series but stands just fine on its own, however, once you meet Jackson and Lena, you're probably going to want to know more. Just sayin'. ;-)

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### Ddkmc95 says

#### Another hot guy & stalker drama

Gabby is attending her bff's wedding & has to stay at the house of the guy who tried to seduce her a year ago...said guy is the soon-to-be-brother-in-law of bff (Brodie). They bicker or ignore each other...until the wedding. Brodie saves Gabby from an assault and they start getting close. The rest of the story, the two share secrets...stalker goes berserk...no more spoilers...read the book and get swept away.

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### Catarina Swartz says

Well this book, Beautifully used has very thing a romance novel should have, I found it Full of mystery and drama.

Brodie Beaumont, Is handsome and sauce, he know how to make you swoon, but he never with the same women twice, Brodie's this way because of his past and he doesn't feel he can get past it.

Gabrielle come into the picture because her best friend is getting married, she has had an encounter with Brodie before only to slap him after he's kissed her. Gabrielle really doesn't want anything to do with him, but the two are thrown together.

You will fall in love with Brodie has you continue to read and understand why he is the way he is with women, his past has more to do with it . Gabrielle is also trying to put a horrible past behind her, so putting these two together you will find they can heal each other.

There is definitely a lot of chemistry between Gabrielle and Brodie, they struggle at first but both are drawn to each other.

Susan Griscom has truly written a wonderful book and I gave it 5 stars, she explored how two broken people can find their perfect one and find true love within each other, how together they can find a love to grow old with.

This book is easy to read and can be a stand alone book, but you will love the series so please read book 1. You definitely want be able to put it down.

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### **Cassie says**

#### **Wow**

I loved the story of Brodie. Their back ground stories made them who they were up until they met a second time. Then love and trust flowed. Loved the story. Narration was awesome too.

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### **Teri says**

Brody is just a man-wh\$re plain and simple. No one knows the real reason why. Gabrielle has her own demons. This author does a beautiful job with a tender and emotional subject and handles it with love. Great story

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### **Joy Pantorillo says**

*\*Copy provided as part of blog tour\**

My first book from the author. When I started reading this book, I've just remembered that this is the second part of the series — the author has also generously provided me a copy of the first book, but being a klutz that I am, I actually forgot about it.

Realizing that this is the second book, I've took a risk to read it without reading the first one since this book can be read as a standalone. There were times that when it is noted that the book can be read as a standalone, I felt lost in the story. But with Beautifully Used, I didn't get lost and I felt that this is really Brodie and

Gabby's story.

Brodie and Gabby. They are the same but different at the same time. Different in a way that Brodie is a carefree, cocky guy who is used to women falling in at his feet. He never sees them as a challenge until Gabby. Gabby is a sweet, loyal woman who doesn't run after a guy. Both of them has some kind of past that when they shared it with each other, they became close and helped each other heal.

Beautifully Used is a sweet, easy, read story for me though there were some dark elements in the book. Some scenes were also predictable and cliché but still okay with me. There is just a thing with the synopsis which I think I was misled — Brodie being a bassist which for me translates in being a musician equals to rock star status. I guess it was a let down for me when he is more of a “bartender” rather than a “bassist”.

Now, I'm definitely reading the first story to know the story of Lena and Jackson.

To Susan, thank you for sharing the Beaumont brothers and their muses. :)

To Ly of HEA, thank you, thank you!

Blog: <http://bujoi22.com>

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### **Philomena Callan Cheekypee says**

I read book one, Beautifully Wounded, six months ago. Since then I've been looking forward to reading this and the author certainly didn't disappoint me.

This is the beautiful story of Brodie and Gabrielle. Both are being held back by their past. Will they be able to help each other move on and find happiness??

I read this in one afternoon. I seriously could not put it down. I loved the characters in book one so of course I loved reading about them again. This is a brilliantly written romantic story with enough omg moments to keep me glued.

I certainly recommend these two books. I loved them.

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### **Suzan says**

This was a great follow-up to Beautifully Wounded! I loved Brodie and Gabrielle, they were really good for each other and helped each other heal from their past traumas. I'm not going to reveal those trauma's as I don't want to take anything away from the story for those who have yet to read Beautifully Used but the trauma's in their pasts make so many things about their presents clear.

They have very sad tales to reveal to each other and I've wanted to know Brodie's story since meeting him in Jackson's book Beautifully Wounded. Jackson had hinted at a story that explained why Brodie slept around and avoided relationships but he wouldn't tell the story as he said it wasn't his to tell.

There was some drama in the story with a threat manifesting against Gabrielle which ultimately helped bring her and Brodie together although they were already attracted to each other from having met the previous year

but each believed the other hated them and didn't want them around! Total crossed wires but they worked everything out in the end which I'm happy about as now both Beaumont brothers have their perfect partners in life!

\*\*\*\*Edit\*\*\*\*

I've now had the pleasure of listening to the audiobook as well and I loved the narrators! It was so easy to listen too and I enjoyed every minute! Made my trips to and from work much more bearable!

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### **Natalie says**

I loved getting the chance to get to know Brodie Beaumont. His handsome brother Jackson was in the first book, Beautifully Wounded and we got to see tiny bits and pieces of Brodie. In this book we really get to know Brodie and how sexy this man truly is.

I am happy to say that Gabrielle, Lena's friend from the first book also came back to town to be in Lena and Jackson's wedding.

The last encounter Brodie had with Gabrielle wasn't so good. See Brodie is known to love em and leave em. When he tried to kiss Gabrielle last time, she slapped him and was left with a bad taste in her mouth of what kind of man she has heard he is.

Can Gabrielle get through to Brodie's heart or should we say can Brodie convince Gabrielle that he is not the man she thinks he is?

There are so many surprises in this book and the more you read the better it gets!

I will forever be a Beaumont Brothers Fan!! ;)

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### **Sassy Southern says**

5 stars

This is a book I am very glad I got to review. I have not read the first one, Beautifully Wounded, but like Beautifully Used, it can be read as a stand alone. I am starting on the first one as soon as I can! This one follows Brodie as he struggles to overcome the horror of his past with the one woman he thought would be his forever. He is not into relationships at the moment. He prefers to be used by as many sexy women as he can find. Until he tangles with Gabrielle.

Gabby has a terrible past of her own. One she thinks she has put behind her. But as she and Brodie are thrown together by her best friend marrying Brodie's brother, it is in they inevitable that the sparks will fly! They struggle to become friends, to share their deepest fears and sorrow. Their friendship grows and blossoms, past everything that is thrown at them. It goes without saying that the sexual chemistry is hotter than hot!

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### **Jackie's Book Review says**

Just another "Beautifully" written book by Susan Griscom....4.5 Stars for my rating.

After reading the first book of The Beaumont Brothers, Beautifully Broken, I was hooked to this series immediately. I do highly recommend that you read the first book because the main characters of this book Brodie and Gabrielle are first introduced to the readers in Beautifully Used.

Brodie is Jackson's playboy love them, leave them brother to Gabrielle who is Lena's best friend and Rock of Gibraltar. Brodie and Gabriel meeting in the first book is not a good thing at all. Gabby see's right through Brodie and is not into this type of guy. Too forward and too quick to jump into bed. The thing that Gabby doesn't know is that Brodie has been hurt in the past and this is how he deals.

So it will now take a different story and a different turn around for these two characters to come full circle. It all starts with Brodie having to pick Gabby up at the airport and then it begins. The dislikes, the banter, the disagreements, the attraction, the kissing, the well you get the point.....

Both Brodie and Gabby are battling their own past issues. Can Brodie be the knight in shining armor for Gabby and come to her rescue to save her? Will Gabby be the woman that Brodie will allow into his heart again?

They both will have decided if they forget their pasts, bend and not break with each other. It is a sweet follow up story in the Beautiful Series.

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### **Linda says**

Although Beautifully Used by Susan Griscom is the second book in the Beaumont Brothers series, it worked well as a stand alone. At 295 pages, this book can easily be read in one sitting. The pace is good and the characters are interesting. Brodie Beaumont and Gabrielle Demeres are reunited when Jackson Beaumont marries Gabrielle's best friend, Lena. Both Brodie and Gabrielle have things in their pasts that have made them bitter and slow to trust. After being forced to spend some time together, these two discover that when there is real danger, they can find a way to get through it together. I'm ready for the next book in the series: Beautifully Undone!

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### **Hooked On Books says**

Review done for Hooked on Books

4 ½ out of 5 stars

Brodie Beaumont has suffered a broken heart. He cannot deal with commitment, so he doesn't. Meaningless one-night stands are his thing.

Gabrielle Demeres does not trust men because of her tragic past. She cannot get close to anyone without becoming afraid.

When Brodie meets Gabrielle, he is instantly attracted to her. Unfortunately she does not fall for his playboy ways.

A year later when they meet, they are still attracted to each other. Because of how things ended between them a year ago, they are constantly walking on eggshells around each other.

Because of Brodie's brother's wedding to Gabriella best friend, they cannot avoid each other. As they get to know each other, they realize that their first impressions of each other are way off base.

I loved book number 2 just as much as I loved book 1. Susan Griscom did a wonderful job with this story. Brodie and Gabrielle were wonderful together!

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### **Nadene (Totally Addicted to Reading) says**

"Shhhh, shhhh, I know something happened. And I know it's affected you, the way you react to me sometimes. You know you can trust me, Gabrielle. There is nothing in this world that you could have done, or have done to you that would ever make me lose respect for you or change the way I feel about you. I want you to feel comfortable enough with me to tell me."

First of all, I loved the new cover. I believe it's beautiful and sexy. I loved it so much that I would have read it on that premise alone. The cover of a book is the first thing that grabs my attention when deciding if I should read a particular novel.

BEAUTIFULLY USED is book 2 of the Beaumont Brothers series and it can be read as a stand-alone. This installment tells the story of Brodie Beaumont and Gabrielle Demeres. I first met them when I read Beautifully Wounded. I was intrigued by Brodie and was eager to learn more about him. Brodie can be classified as a man-whore. He changed women in the same way one would change their underwear. He never slept with the same woman twice. When the reason behind his actions was revealed, I could not help but empathize with him. I did not condone his actions but based on the circumstances, I understood why he behaved the way he did. I knew it must have been difficult carrying around all the guilt. The fact that he blamed himself spoke volumes. He closed off his heart to the possibility of love and avoided any form of commitment. However, the appearance of Gabrielle in his life has him rethinking his lifestyle. Will she be able to renew his faith in love and help him to turn away from his philandering ways?

Gabrielle first came to Turtle Lake when she discovered that her best friend Lena, having escaped an abusive relationship, was now residing there. She never expected to meet someone as interesting as Brodie. However, their first encounter did not go so well. However, as fate would have it, their paths crossed again when Gabrielle returned to attend Lena's wedding. Now she was forced to spend time with him. The more time she spends with him, she came to realise there was more to Brodie than meets the eye. However, events from her past were preventing her from seizing a chance at love. Will Brodie be able to break down the barriers she had built?

When you are able to connect with the characters in a story to the point you become invested in everything they do, then you know you have hit the jackpot. For me, this what happened with Brodie and Gabrielle. I wanted to see them move past the pain, hurt and betrayals of their past so you can imagine how thrilled I was when they achieved that and more.

Their story of love was heartwarming. It was evident that they were attracted to each other, but based on their first encounter, each harboured the belief that the other did not like them. However, the more time they spent together they began to see things in a different light. The romance developed slowly which made it

believable. The theme is similar to that of book one. The focus of the story was on the effect of abuse and the healing process.

I found the story engaging. After reading the first installment I was primed for book two and I was not disappointed. The element of mystery and suspense that was included helped to increase the intensity of the story. I enjoyed every aspect of this story and now I am eager to read the next book in the series.

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