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"I was always told never to wish on the first star at night. If everyone wishes on the first star, how can the star keep up? Rain drops are plentiful and there are thousands. They wash away the filth and carry it to a better place. So when you make a wish, wish on the water and let it carry your fears away."

Candice-Leigh Carson, a New York City best-selling author, was engaged to one of NYPD's finest. She was living the dream until she lost her fiancé, quit her job and moved, leaving behind the only family she ever knew. She left her best friend Jaxson, without saying goodbye. In her quest to find herself, would she ever find love again?

Jaxson Monroe, one of NYPD's finest, lost his partner when an undercover job went south. After spending a night with his partner's lover, Candice, she flees into the night. He loved Candice and had promised his partner he would protect her. It was his fault she ran, but he quickly found himself in the arms of another. Would Jaxson ever convince Candice to come home or did he prefer another woman? Would their love survive his betrayal and her abandonment?

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Kaya Hickman says

Not my usual type of read but it was good. The only thing I really didn't like was the ending. How the heck do you end a book with the person who was buried walking in and saying ok the bet is over.

Theresa says

I'll warn you it has a cliff hanger ending. But it's amazing, There are is so much suspense, so many twists you just can't put it down. I can't wait for the next book!

Carol Cassada says

Candice lost her policeman fiancé in a tragic accident. As she grieves, she finds comfort in her best friend Jax, yet when their bond turns romantic, Candice flees New York. But months later, she and Jax cross paths when the investigation into Chase's death takes a new turn. While helping Jax, will Candice realize she loves him or will her guilt over moving on keep her from finding happiness?

The premise of the story was great; I was intrigued to read Candice and Jax's story since they're two people mourning the loss of their beloved friend. Candice is someone who wants to move on, yet she feels guilty because she thinks she's cheating on her deceased fiancé. Yet, her behavior and pattern of running away could cost her everyone she loves. As for Jax, he's your typical hero, a tough guy with a sensitive side. You feel for him because he's also grieving the loss of his friend, while dealing with his love for Candice.

The actions of some of the characters caused me to raise my eyebrows. First there was Candice's flipping back and forth on whether she wanted to be with Jax or not. Then there was the close relationship she had with her boss Andrew, who would stop by every morning to cook her breakfast, then held her in his lap as he comforted her.

My main critique is that I felt the story moved too quickly, especially at the end where they arrested the person responsible for Chase's murder. However, there were a few plot twists that made the story exciting. Then the cliffhanger at the end was surprising and made me want to read the next volume to discover what happens.

Elizabeth (Perusing Princesses) says

Holy Effen Sheep!!!

What a ride!!! Elizabeth York outdid herself with this story!!

OMG... I am literally still reeling from it... I mean.. There are plot twists that rival a slinky...

There are shock factors that rival a blowdryer falling into your bathwater!!!

And the ending!!! HOLY MOTHER EFFEN ENDING!!!!

I have to add... she includes Brooklyn and Mark from her book Surviving Brooklyn. So if you have read that one, you get them big time in this story as well!! I freaking love that!! If you haven't read it (why not?!! read it now!! lol) It is not required.. but no reason not too!!

I have to say... this story just blew my mind... had me crying from the very first chapter.. had me reeling with emotions every chapter after that!!! Candace and Jax... what a journey.... from childhood best friends, to grieving friends over the loss of Chase, to frozen in the mud not knowing how to get their heads out of their arses... to gah... to "THEM".... Just beautiful, with a lot of really shocking twists along the way!!

I want to go all "Misery" on her to find out what happens next!!! join me... we can get it out of her! lol

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

After reading Surviving Brooklyn I was super excited to read another book by this author. She certainly didn't disappoint me.

Candice and Jax. Two brilliant strong characters. I really loved them. The author did a great job of portraying the characters so real. I felt as if I was going through the emotions with the characters.

Really brilliantly well written story. This book is unpredictable. The twists and turns had me dizzy in a good way. Be warned it will pull on your emotions.

Have I mentioned there's a cliffhanger? Oh yes. A big cliffhanger. Hope we get book two soon. Loved it.

Mas says

I loved, loved, loved Jax. He is my new book boyfriend! Candice I have mixed feelings about. The book is beautifully written and very engaging.

It was great to see more of Brooklyn and Mark.

As it is typical with this author, it ends on a massive cliffhanger.

Cora Monica says

omg. This book. It starts off breaking your heart. Then it rips your heart a little more. I couldn't put it down, I just kept on wanting to read to figure out what was going on. You think you know but you don't. Then there's that ending. What in the actual f\$#k!!!

This book will keep you at the edge of sanity and you won't want to put it down until the very last page.

- review done on behalf of the smut hut promotions team -

DJ Sakata says

Favorite Quotes:

“I had never heard of a toasting farewell until my mom’s funeral. People went to dinner and everyone ordered a shot; they drank to her arrival in heaven. They drank to her no longer being in pain. They drank to seeing her again one day. I wondered what the point was, but it seemed to help my dad, so I went with it and toasted ‘cheers’ with the apple juice in my cup, too.”

“Phrases that began that way never ended well. I always cringed at those words. Can we talk? Yea I hit your car. Can we talk? I killed your dog. Or my favorite one: Can we talk? I hate you. Whatever was at the end of her sentence wouldn’t be good.”

“I am not dumb, Jax. I see the photos online. I was in your house when she was trying to check you for strep throat with her tongue.”

“We can either jump on the bed like children or rock it like adults!”

“You went from beating someone up to being flirty. I swear you women are like rollercoasters. I never know which way you’re going to go next.”

My Review:

I struggled in determining how to rate this series. This series is what I would consider an angsty and melancholy read, which, admittedly, is not my cup of tea - despite the occasional humor and delicious sensual scenes. I suffered more than a bit from the constant angst as well as a case of whiplash from the heinous back and forth and selfish behavior of one of the most unlikable main characters I can ever recall. However, the story was also intriguing, compelling, steamy, and well written, some much so and to my consternation - I could not stop reading it!

The story line was up and down - full of broken promises, regrets, betrayal, guilt, resentment, and jealousy; yet tempered with smoking hot and steamy bits, fun humor, and witty banter during the up periods. My biggest issue was with the main character of Candice – she was a deplorable person and a general asshat... I had a hard time caring about her. She was immature and extremely selfish, and caused considerable pain to everyone who cared about her as her default setting was that of an escape artist. However, I did enjoy her sense of humor and her periods of “thinking with her writer brain.” I snorted and totally agreed with the observation she made of herself when she noted, “I sounded like a trailer park reality series.” Yes! Spot on! Poor Jax, I wondered if he was a masochist as the delicious man just kept letting her wound him, she must have had magical lady bits.

Book 1 ended in a wicked cliffhanger that I would have been fuming about and stomping my little foot had I not already had Book 2 loaded on my precious kindle - so - be warned.

Candice says

I was given a copy of this book for a honest and unbiased review.

OMG where do i start.....

Seriously. this book was not only a huge rollercoaster full of crazy people making the wrong decisions. I honestly really enjoyed this book from the beginning to the end. it kept my attention as i was reading it. the story had enough to keep me engaged that i was pleased. Just when you think you have it all figured out it turns out that you were wrong. it kept throwing me for loops. That ending though. what a way to end the book. my goodness. i will be forever wandering about it, you Elizabeth York have seriously thrown me for a loop.....

Brianna Reynolds says

I was given this arc in exchange for a honest review.

We start the story out at a funeral, which I want to add is done tastefully with detail that makes you want to cry along with the main character. Then we move on to a few things that happen to alter Candice's life. I won't bring them up as I am trying to post this spoiler free. Candice moves and gives up her entire life that she knew because she didn't know what to do or how to handle life. She didn't know what was acceptable as a widow, and to be honest, I would be in her shoes. I love the fact that the character is portrayed to be life-like and not like so many fiction books where they would be able to keep taking the punches. Candice is strong, but she has to find her strength and eventually she does.

I love the yummy Jax. I am kinda hoping he is based on a real life character because he is one I would love to keep. His loyalty runs deep, and his heart is open for Candice. He allows her to breathe and find her way and even gets pissed at her. This is very rare for a book, but I love that the author was not afraid to go that route. I usually hate cliffhangers, but the fact that I actually hate this cliffhanger makes it awesome. My mouth was left open long enough for my husband to ask if I was catching flies. Where I thought this would be a HEA It is, but it isn't if that makes any sense at all.

I believe this author (in what I have read from her) will go far. She maybe new but her books are refreshing and not like others and that is what is going to carry her far in the author world. She writes as though she has had years of practice in getting ready to welcome these stories to the world. I have to say it is a pleasure whenever this author asks for a review. She is one that I honestly hope makes in this the author world, because she is one I would love to watch grow and get to read the stories on her way up. Not to mention the welcomed relief of not waiting a year between stories. She seems to get the books out every other month or so. I love that from any author!

I gave this story 5 stars because it covers everything I look for. It is easy to relate to the characters. It sucks you in and takes you along for the ride. I was so upset when it ended that I was constantly swiping my kindle trying to get the next story to magically appear. This is a must read if you are romantic. This is a must read if you love thrillers. And as an added treat I messaged the author to ask questions and she answered every one of them including an insight into the next book. I will be getting book two as soon as it is ready.

Carolyn says

WOW!!!

Another great one! This author has put me through a heavy duty wash cycle of emotions and the ending!!! You really need to read this book!

Maari says

Oh my gosh, that ending!!

From the beginning, we are on a ride! Also, the emotions!! Whew! I was crying from the beginning.. and felt everything else from that point on. This is a book that you can't put down. You won't be able to! You are stuck on a crazy yoyo trick, constantly moving, spinning around, up and down in crazy directions, without any idea where you will end up! If you think you know where you're going with this, you have no clue! I loved this book, cliffhanger and all and look forward to what happens next, as soon as possible. I recommend this book to anyone who has had to deal with loss, and the utter and complete anguish that accompanies it.

Katrina says

Interesting blurb and came highly rated. However...I just couldn't understand Candice's point of view. She was supposedly an accomplished author. Young, but accomplished. To do this, she would have to be dedicated and focused. But the book is all about her indecision! She gave me whiplash. I felt it was ok, not great. Not sure if I'll read the conclusion or not despite the cliffhanger.

Janie Powers says

I am a reviewer at Southern Charm Book Blog and came across this book and after some serious begging and pleading with the other girls, I was told I could read it first. I had read the authors earlier work, and wanted to read this one. I knew the author from reading *Surviving Brooklyn* and that was a book that has stayed with me since I read it. So, I wanted to see how the author did with a contemporary romance, only she didn't write one.

First let me start by explaining that I was a little thrown off by the lovey-dovey cover. It is adorable, and I do love the cover, but I thought that meant it would be some silly little love story, and boy was I wrong. This writer has the ability to twist any situation and make it a KICK @\$\$ READ!

I went in expecting another typical boring HEA, and got the cliffhanger of a lifetime. This book got 5 PLUS STARS for hitting every emotion and dragging me into a story with twist and turns I never imagined possible. Ms. York can do no wrong when it comes to the romantic suspense, however she comes up with these ideas are a winner. Seriously her books are like coming up for fresh air after drowning in paperbacks. I would like to see her attempt at another genre, but don't want to give up the mysterious thrillers she is feeding us to get one.

There is a need for tissues with the death of a loved one, there is love and healing in the power of friendship, there is betrayal and violence, there is HOT sex, and the twists that tie all of this up into a entertaining and captivating book. I love how the author made Candice an author, but she is down to earth and reacts as though she was a real person and not a fictional character. I applaud the writer for having the main character act without thinking and then allow the second main character (the man) to get pissed and not forgive Candice right away. That is just like what happens in real life, but something you don't see very often in books.

Jax is hot and I would love to make him mine, but sadly he sits on the pages of my Kindle. If I ever find the right man, he will have Jax's loyalty and dedication. That man would have moved Heaven and Earth for Candice and to catch his partners killer. He kinda deserves a HEA, but for my sake I am loving the cliffhanger.

I have to admit that my favorite part is when I read that Brooklyn and Mark were in this book and you get to see an outside view of who they are. The author advised me the books run along side each other, but just because Mark is in it doesn't mean he survived Book one. (sigh, I just want a hint)

Elizabeth York proved herself worthy of the title author with Surviving Brooklyn, and now with a more romantically focused thriller she has confirmed what we already knew. This author will go far! I read a lot of books and have to say when you can grab my attention and keep me in the story from beginning to end, and leave me to crawl on my knees begging for the next book, you have a winner. I am on my hands and knees pleading to Ms. York to give us the next book soon.

Kassidy Carter says

5 out of 5 stars

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Wishing on Water was an amazing and emotional ride. It's a story about love and growth while taking chances. Wishing on Water starts out with an emotional bang. I wasn't expecting such an emotional start to it and it took me from 0 to 60 within pages. I couldn't put it down once I picked up Wishing on Water. I wanted to know what was going to happen next. There are so many twists and turns and one you think you have it figured out. You don't. I love when an author can do that. I don't like guessing right away and then knowing the rest of the book what's going to happen. Elizabeth York has a great ability to suck you in and enjoy the rollercoaster you are about to read.

When we first meet Candice it's at her fiancé's funeral (told you Emotional bang.) You can automatically feel the feeling she is going through. I loved her character because she was strong. Yes she had her weak moments but everyone handles death differently. She had Jax's by her side and he was there for her until she had another blow and this one crushed her. She didn't know how to handle things so she ran. Leaving Jax and her family behind.

Jax I loved him. He has so much love for Candice. She has always been his best friend same with her fiancé. Jax and her fiancé were partners on the NYPD. So when his partner and one of his best friends died he was left in pieces. He at least had Candice to help heal his heart. That is until she took off. His heart was broken and he was lost without his best friend and now without Candice. I felt for him. He picks up his life and now is set on trying to find the person who gunned down his partner. When Candice comes back there are even more emotions to be felt anger and then love. There is a lot that is going on with his life when she steps back into the picture and he doesn't really know what to do with it all. I love the devotion he has to find his partner's killer and his devotion that he has for Candice. Overall Jax is going to be added to my book boyfriend list.

This was the first book I have read from Elixabeth York. I can tell you I will be picking up more of her books. I loved her writing style and the flow of her writing. She did an amazing job with Wish on Water and not I CANT wait until the second book comes out. I need to know what happens. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who loves to read. It keep you on your toes during the whole ride. And OMG that ending... Really..... And Now I wait.....
