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Five forgotten souls.

All of us misfits, outcasts, throwaways.

Orphans.

But me and my four best friends, we're family.

These boys, they make the group home we live in bearable.

They're my family, almost like brothers.

Except...I don't want them to be my brothers.

I want them to be my boyfriends.

Only, I can't decide on just one.

Everything changes the night we decide to escape.

Just the five of us on the run, five teens alone in the city.

Nash. Gunner. Maddox. Hitch.

And me, Merit Burden.

Falling in love wrapped in the gritty arms of reality.

Poverty, danger, uncertainty.

And the only way we can tackle it is together.

BEAUTIFUL SURVIVORS (Book #1 in the Five Forgotten Souls Trilogy) - a full-length novel with no cliff-hanger and a happily ever after waiting at the end of the trilogy. This is a reverse harem story (one girl with four love interests aka MFMM romance) set in the new adult/young adult genre with steamy scenes best suited for ages 18+.

MORE REVERSE HAREM/MENAGE ROMANCE by C.M. Stunich

1. The Rock-Hard Beautiful Trilogy (Groupie, Roadie, Moxie)
2. The Seven Mates of Zara Wolf Series (Pack Ebon Red is book #1)

## **Beautiful Survivors Details**

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## From Reader Review Beautiful Survivors for online ebook

### Ash says

#### Addicted

I was so wrapped up in this story that I didn't know it was going to stop where it stopped. Oh.my.god!!! I'm anxiously waiting for the next one!!!

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### Tara Hawkins says

#### Can't go wrong with this read..

C.M has done it yet again. She really knows how to get me hooked and coming back for more. This is a great new series that I plan to become addicted to. I just hate that I have to wait for the next installment in this feisty, and heart clenching series.

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### Anna says

*"Life has not been kind to the five of us, that's for sure"*

C. M. Stunich has never let me down with her books before, so I don't think she'll start doing it now. But throughout the whole story I had one thing going through my head - *what a mess* . The characters, the relationships between each of them, the situations they kept finding themselves in - the whole story was one huge mess. But at the same time, I kind of can't wait to explore it all and see how the story plays out.

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### Melissa Hickman says

#### So freaking good!!

As usual this author gives us an amazing read! I absolutely fell in love with these characters and I cannot wait for the next book!!!

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### Melanie says

Very interesting and intense story, but I was disappointed by how short it was. It felt like the book ended just as I was really getting into the story... Hopefully the author won't take too long to release the next book.

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## **Phire says**

Didn't enjoy this one much. I don't like how the heroine dealt with being in love with three different guys. I felt like she was basically hiding and cheating on them whenever she was with one of them.

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## **Jennifer G says**

Anyone who is familiar with my reviews knows how much I love Reverse Harem (RH) books. This genre has grown and evolved so much over the past year. We have some very talented authors and there is an incredible variety of stories within the RH world now; sci-fi, fantasy, paranormal. CM Stunich has earned herself a spot in my heart as the best at producing a gritty, realistic RH. Her books have a sense of rawness that cannot be touched. Her Rock-Hard trilogy was excellent, but I believe that Five Forgotten Souls is going to be much better.

Merit Burden is the product of the foster care system. She has seen the ugly side of life; unwanted, unloved. But she has made a family for herself with a few of the other boys in the system. They started out as five small children together. One disappeared over the years, but the other four have stayed together when not in a placement. Once like her brothers, Merit now feels something different for them. Then one horrific night changes everything and the five are on the run.

"I would rather be a beautiful survivor than an ugly ignorant." Merit. What a powerful statement. What a powerful young lady. She has strength, beauty, fierceness, intelligence. She's tough with a hint of softness. The guys, Nash, Gunner, Maddox, and Hitch are complex characters as well. Nash keeps everyone's mood up; Maddox with his failing eyes, so observant; Gunner, so protective, yet shielded himself; and Hitch, so damaged and dark. I hope Finny can be saved because Hitch isn't too likable. They are all so strong, yet so vulnerable concerning Merit. She doesn't even realize that she's the heart of their family. She gives them hope and reason.

This is a well written, gritty book. There is a dark streak of violence that could trigger someone who has been abused. It's a realistic scene, not exploitative, and very necessary to the series, but it is brutal. The characters are not always well behaved; there is underage drinking, smoking, and sex. This book isn't for everyone. However, I loved it and would have rated it a 5 star had it been longer. I can't wait until the next one!

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## **Yasmin says**

Being in the system as orphan kids bonded Merit and her boys. They understand each other's pain as 'throwaways' to a society that takes advantage of the weak and vulnerable.

I really like innocent romance. That insecurity and hopefulness of young love.

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## **Lakerea says**

**A good start to the series**

Merit and her best friends live in a state ran home. They've made a family unit and face the horrid truth of their lives together. Their feelings are changing toward one another but no one wants to risk their family dynamic. When a person from their past shows up and Merit learns that she had to leave, Maddox, Nash, and Gunner have to figure out how far they'd go to keep their family together.

This book doesn't sugar coat the harsh realities that these kids face. It's shines light upon the injustice that happens to thousands of kids in the foster system. There's cursing, underage drinking, smoking, and drug use, and some sexy times. If that makes you uncomfortable you shouldn't read this.

Merit and her guys are all so cute together. I can't wait until they crack open Hitch's hard exterior and to see if there's any Finny left. These five have a long, tough road ahead of them but I think they can get through it.

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### **Ashley Lilly says**

#### **Great read but of course we are talking about one of CM's books**

I have been so excited for this book and it was great just like I thought it would be..I really like Merit and all the guys..I'm still on the fence when it comes to hitch but I can't wait to find out what happens next

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### **Jessica-↪Chatterbooks Book Blog↪ says**

It's been so long since I've read reverse harem, and I really enjoyed getting back to it! ? C. M. Stunich is a new author for me, but judging from this, I'm going to like her. My main complaint is that the book was too short. I hope the next installment comes out soon, so I can continue on with the story. I may come back and give a more complete review at a later date, but if you are a reverse harem fan, I recommend this one to you!

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### **SJ says**

What a great start to a new series! I fell in love with Merit and the boys from the beginning. A group of orphans all in a group home, the only people they have got is each other

Growing up together they are a very close knit group of friends, they have left for foster homes and always come back together. Waiting out their time until they age out of the system.

The chemistry between the group is electric from the start, you can feel the love and sense of family between them from the start as they face the problems in their life.

A stunning gritty start to their story, well written with excitement, danger, angst and love, a beautiful story showing their trials and tribulations of their situations and relationships I highly recommend this book, I absolutely loved it

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### **Bookishcat says**

This author's books have quickly become some of my favorites they are gritty, passionate, and intense. The heroine is an extremely loveable girl and I felt for her and her guys and the horrors that they have endured and continued to go through. My one complaint about this book is it was far shorter than her previous novels and this worries me some because of how prevalent novellas are becoming and I am praying the author doesn't go down that route. All in all a great read, eagerly awaiting the sequel!!

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### **Clare says**

OK so i wish i had known that it would end like that, I would of waited cause i need more, i really got into the story and liked getting to know them all, I hope the wait for more won't be too long. And for me it was a short read.

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### **Summer says**

I like the story and I like the writing but I don't like that it's so damn short. It ended just as I was settling down to read for the night, boom, it's over. I remember feeling the same way about the last book read by this author. Sometimes I feel like authors are too focused on the trilogy or series and forget that readers spend money on these books and expect to be entertained. I've never enjoyed a short story... the longer the better in all aspects of life, thank you.

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