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For twenty three year old Katrina Smith, the events of one day irrevocably changed her life.

Life in Christchurch, New Zealand, couldn't have been better. She was in love with a wonderful man, had a job she enjoyed, and had her life mapped out before her...

What dawned as a typical summer's day, changed into a day of devastation and overwhelming loss. An insidious danger lay beneath the benign land surface, seismic tension, like a ticking time-bomb, was counting down to a catastrophe. And Kate and her boyfriend, Daniel, were in its path. It took mere seconds for the world to be ripped out from under her. Suddenly, Kate was deluged by a vortex of Post Traumatic Stress, guilt and crippling anguish.

Dominic Dell'Antonio, an American marine working in New Zealand, was a man hiding from his own demons which lurked behind depthless blue eyes that read so much, yet yielded so little. He kept himself aloof and isolated. Nightmares regularly plagued him.

As Kate slipped under a suffocating wave of heartache, she blocks out the world behind self imposed walls, drowning in the torrents of grief. Quiet, yet commanding, Dominic connects with Kate on some inexplicably deeper level. He wants to protect her. He wants to make her his.

Two damaged and guarded souls drawn together through tragic circumstances. Two lonely hearts drawn to one another to find comfort.

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The_Book_Queen says

To start off, I think that my feelings on this book were colored by personal experience, taste, and my current stressed-out mood while reading it. None of these things are the fault of Pearson, nor are they an indicator of her writing talent.

I wanted to love this book. Really, it sounded great, and I heard some wonderful reviews, including a raving 5 star from my co-reviewer, Kame. We had planned on doing a double review and discussion, and I was looking forward to it.

However, Fractured simply did not work for me. I suppose that is the best way to put it, as I could see why so many will love it, and I applaud the author for the risks she took, the emotions she brought to life in this story. It just wasn't for me though.

Dominic sounded great, but I never got a chance to know him enough to "fall" for him. I was disappointed in their love story as much as it pains me to say that.

As I said, I can see why the book would work for many readers, but for me the story just fell flat -- purely based on personal opinion, remember, and partly due to my current mood. This is probably the case of "it's not the book, it's me".

I still appreciate the chance to read this book and try a new author -- I have no doubt she will go far, and perhaps her next book will catch me in a better personal mood!

JG ~ Jezabell Girl & Friends says

This book has blown me away. I absolutely loved it and I'm not easy to please!!! It's one of those books you pick up in the hope that you'll like it only to find that it's one of the best books you've read this year, or even ever!

It tells the story of the horrific events back in 2010 in Christchurch, NZ, when they were hit by a massive earthquake. The story goes straight into the unfolding disaster as witnessed by Kate and her boyfriend of 5 years, Daniel. Kate loves Daniel with all of her heart but he is ripped from her life following the disaster.

Kate struggles to recover from her loss and despite the support of her friends and family she can't come to terms with life without Daniel. Enter Dominic...

By just being the man he is , he has seduced my mind and my body burns for him.

Dominic is a friend of Daniel's brother, Chase, and an ex US-Marine who has witnessed his own fair share of

traumatic events.

Kate and Dom feel a mutual attraction right from the start and Kate seeks comfort in Dom but isn't willing to commit her heart to another.

Her pain whispers to my very soul, merges with it like an invisible cord, binding us together, so that I not only hear her anguish but I feel it slice into my heart like it were my own.

Kate and Dom continue their relationship as friends with Dom offering support, comfort and protection to Kate. Kate still blames herself for Daniel's death though and struggles to accept that no-one was at fault on that tragic day. Despite this, Dom continues to quietly support and comfort Kate until she starts to believe otherwise.

Right then, looking into her lifeless green eyes, I make it my soul mission to help this woman to heal and move on. To make her smile again. Whatever it takes, however long it will take to accomplish.

I have never read a book which has been written so beautifully. The words used by Leanne Pearson almost sing to your heart as Kate and Dom try to recover from PTSD and their respective nightmares. Highlighting in a book is something I do occasionally but with *Fractured* I found myself highlighting almost half of the book so that just goes to show how magical it is and how talented Leanne Pearson is at capturing the mind and heart of a reader.

You're like the little hummingbird with a broken wing that hasn't healed perfectly. It may never be able to fly again, but it never loses its will to live.

I can't wait to read more from Leanne Pearson, if this book is anything to go by her success will be guaranteed.

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1-Click Addict Support Group says

Fractured is Leanne Pearson's debut novel, and it's a good one too! It's a bit of fact mixed in with fiction. I loved how the author pulled in real events to make this story work, it really grabbed me right from the first chapter.

One fateful night Kate talks her boyfriend into taking her to the movies, little did she know that one event would irrevocably change her life, forever. Struggling to pull herself from mourning Kate is caught in a self-destructive downward spiral. No one has been able to help pull her back to the surface until Dom walks into her life.

Dom is an American working in Christchurch, he's immediately taken with Kate the minute he lays eyes on her. He's kind of self appointed himself as her champion and protector. He knows the signs of PTSD and wants to help Kate heal.

What begins as a heartbreaking book finishes up into a beautiful love story. Fractured was a wonderful book that reminds you sometimes beauty comes from tragedy. A powerful book that will stay with me for a long while. Fractured gets 4 1/2 stars from me.

~ Erin

Red Cheeks Reads says

From the dedication and initial preface, I knew this book was going to touch me.....

For each thorn, there's a rosebud...

For each twilight-a dawn...

For each trial-the strength to carry on,

For each storm cloud- a rainbow...

For each shadow-the sun...

For each parting...sweet memories

When sorrow is done. (RW Emerson)

Although the story is fictitious, the events surrounding the lives of Kate, Daniel, Travis, Sarah, Matt, Melanie, and Dom are real. Police say more than 100 people had been lost in Christchurch's quake-ravaged Canterbury building, which they say was "unsurvivable". The confirmed death toll from the magnitude 6.3 quake stands at 75, with 300 reported missing. See also: <http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/art...>

Kudos to Ms. Pearson, as she made me feel the anguish and pain, she made me feel the guilt and remorse, but she also led me to understand that there is good in tragedy.

“Danny! Danny!” I shout, heart thundering in my chest. A hand grips my elbow, turning me away. “No..no, no! LET ME GO, h...he’s still in there. I’ve got to get to him.”

Kate and Daniel are sweethearts from university and were building a future together when an earthquake shatters their promises. Kate is forced to accept a new reality and does not know how to survive without Daniel.

“It’s over, Katy. The worst is over,” Sarah says softly into my ear. “No, it’s not, Sarah. My hell is only just beginning.”

Kate/Katy/Katrina (lots of nick names in this novel) learns to cope by any method she can get her hands on (alcohol, exercise, sleeping), and then when she is at her lowest, she meets Dominic/Dom/Dell (again, lots of nick names).

“The timbre of his voice ignites the blood in my veins as I drink him in with my eyes. I must really be hammered because I have to urge to run my hands over the ridges and valleys of his finely honed chest and trace the indentations with my tongue.”

This book was a winner, I have never read anything by Ms. Pearson but I will read any of her books from now on. She has so much talent for expressing emotions through words. She made me love the characters, and I was pulling for Kate from the first page.

The chemistry between Kate and Dom was just perfect and realistic, it was not forced or rushed, but believable and heart-wrenching!

“Sometimes life can define you by small moments of time. Twenty-four seconds. Irrevocable changes. Ultimately what you do with these precious moments determines what significance they hold for you....”

This novel so deserves 5+ smooches!! Nice work Ms. Pearson!!

~Lisa

Kame says

5 Stars

Your life could change any minute. Kate and Daniel were spending a lazy morning together; they just walked out of a movie at the local cinema when Kate’s life changed forever. A massive earthquake begins and Daniel’s main concern is Kate’s safety. In the end his last act on earth was to push her to safety.

Kate is understandably crushed by this event and the death of Daniel. There is a scene right after the earthquake when she sees the building; Leanne Pearson wrote it so poignantly that I had to put the book down after I read it because I felt I was invading Kate’s privacy. Everyone can understand her despair; but

what was done so well was her road to recovery. Some authors who are more concerned with the romance part would have her heal fast; find love and move forward. Kate stumbles along her healing and does some things that would inhibit that healing – that is what made this book so real to me. Dom could identify with Kate right away; and I enjoyed how that slowly became apparent in the book. Yes Dom seems to be a take charge Marine, but he is so sensitive and caring it melted my heart. He completely understood the importance of Daniel in Kate's life.

This book is written with a great depth of emotion; the journey Kate takes to healing has hills and valleys and I am so happy I had the pleasure of reading this. It just pulls at your heartstrings; I didn't make it through without a tear in my eye at parts. Leanne Pearson walked a tight line on this one. Too much emotion would just make it one of those sappy books people just can't get through, too little and we would not get the full depth of these characters. There was also some realism to it; I had to remind myself that this was a work of fiction. Yes the tragic loss of life due to this earthquake did happen, but this was not a non-fiction account of Kate's struggle back to happiness.

Wow; that is what I said to myself when I finished this book. I just sat there and thought about it and knew I couldn't put my thoughts into a review right away. I had to let it grow. A good book makes you think and this book made me wonder if I would be able to find happiness again like Kate did.

Even though Leanne Pearson treated us to a complete HEA for Kate and Dom I didn't want my time with them to end. I am not even sure it has been started but Leanne Pearson's next book is on my TBR pile! I received this book from the editor for my honest review.

Phenomenal - put this on your TBR pile.

Heather Martin says

I was given this ARC for an honest review and when I first started this book I was not sure if it was going to be a kind of book that I would enjoy. I got about 20 percent into the book and absolutely fell in love with the book and the author. This was the first book that I have experienced by this author and I can not think of another book that I would want to start with for the first time by an author. It was a book of love and lost. It takes awhile for Kate and Dominic to finally realize what they had in front of them. Natural disasters are a big tings that you never know when it is going to hit and Kate finds that out first hand with her beloved Daniel. What she experiences is nothing that I would want to go through and deal with. She does deal with it the only way that she can think of and it brings her to Dom which is awesome that she does have someone there that is going to love her and be there for her. Not many people can find someone that is going to stay by your side no matter what. I think this author did a great way of telling the story and portraying the characters. It was an awesome read and would definitely recommend it to my friends. Great story and great ending.

✳kawehi.reviews says

TEASER:

Ashley Martinez (ilovebooksandstuffblog) says

I received this book from the author and Paranormal Romance and Authors That Rock.

Fractured is a stand alone New Adult Novel.

Katrina had the perfect life. She loved her job and most importantly she absolutely loved her boyfriend Dan and he loved her too. They were soul mates until the terror-filled day when they were ripped apart. Kate struggles with the loss of her other half, she doesn't know how to move on until Dom walks into her life. Dom helps her pick up the pieces of her life and make her whole again. But Dom has a tortured past of his own. Just when things are going good a mistakes destroys everything. Will they be able to find happiness and love or will their pasts tear them down?

An emotionally moving story. The loss is so real and raw you can't help but be pulled in. The characters were so real, I felt like I could easily be in their place. Kate deals with profound loss and she deals with it in a way that most if us would. It's a constant struggle to try to survive with the scars of a death. Dom's character is sexy and sweet. He's also dealing with major trauma. I would love to have a man like Dom in my life. He can whisper sexy Italian words to me anytime. ;) The plot kept me interested and I wanted nothing more for the characters to be happy.

This book is for a mature audience due to its sexual situations and harder subject.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys real, sweet, emotional, and hope-filled stories.

I would rate this book 5 fangs.

djdavis~*Sivad*Sex Pocket says

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Genre: Contemporary Romance

Published: self published

Heat: Hot

Rating: ** 4 out of 5 stars**

Provided by: Leanne Pearson

When you're young you think you can do anything, that the world is at your finger tips, that nothing horrible could ever happen.

For Katrina 'Kate' Smith, it only took a series of seconds to change her life completely. At 23-years-old she was with the man of her dreams, the love of her life, Daniel. They had everything mapped out, and had recently moved in together to build their life together.

Unfortunately a disastrous earthquake took away what Kate held closest to her heart, and she was left to pick up the pieces. Fighting the maelstrom of guilt—for surviving, Post Traumatic Stress, and the reality

of no longer having the love of her life with her, Kate begins a downward spiral into depression.

Dominic 'Dom' Dell'Antonio is an American ex marine working in New Zealand and hiding from his own crippling past. He's kept to himself for the past few years , purposely detaching from any real relationship with women.

When Dom meets Kate—while working a temp job in Christchurch, New Zealand—**he immediately recognizes the anguish and pain in her eyes.** Having experience his own grief, and still working through some of his own demons, **Dom can't help but be drawn to her, to yearn to protect and care for her while she goes through her own experience.**

As Kate spends more time with Dom she begins to realize that she may just get through her heartache. She never thought she would connect with another person—especially so soon after losing Daniel—but she can't deny that there is **something special, something deep and real that is taking place between the two of them.**

Dom may have started out just wanting to help Kate with what he's so familiar with, but he also senses his possessive side when she's around. What first began as a friendship, has turned into a reckoning of souls connecting. **Dom, for the first time in his life has found someone—through the shadow of pain—that he is willing to love, protect, and lay his life down for.** He only hopes that their blooming relationship will standup against the hurt and guilt of the past.

The Best Thing:

Absolutely love the characters, the plot, the scenes that were created. This book definitely touches on what many people are dealing with everyday—the effects that natural disasters and war leave in their wake.

There were some very sad moments, but then you can find yourself laughing or even getting excited to see what would happen between Kate and Dom.

The Worst Thing:

I really can't think of anything that stood out for me, and made feel like 'this is the worst'.

Alicia at Mean Girls Luv Books says

Fractured is a story of two broken people who help each other heal and become whole. Kate lives through a tragic event that caused her to lose her boyfriend. This event leads her down a path of flashbacks, depression, and alcohol. Dominic is a war veteran who has walked a similar path and understands what Kate is going through. Though Dom manages to go through life, cutting off thoughts and emotions regarding his time in the war, but at times they surface.

I really enjoyed Dom. He is a strong character and is just right for Kate. He instantly has a connection to her and is fiercely protective and possessive. However, he doesn't smother her. He is patient with her and lets her heal. Kate is also a strong character. Yes, at times she seems weak, but she has to find her own inner strength while relying on Dom. I really enjoyed her journey.

This story isn't sunshine and rainbows. It is about life and how even though sometimes you wish you could

just pause it or rewind, but time keeps pressing forward. The characters had to find a way to cope and move on in spite of what they wanted to do. *Fractured* is a debut novel for author, Leanne Pearson. It is a good first novel. This author shows a lot of promise. She delivered a well thought out story and well developed characters. She is definitely an author I'll be watching out for.

Candace says

As many of you know, I don't tend to read many new adult contemporary books. I'm not a big fan of angst and drama and that's something that they often tend to bring to the table. So I avoid them. When I was approached about this one I was on the fence but decided I'd give it a try because it's set in New Zealand and it's a S. African/NZ author. My experience has been that these are two fantastic things. I'm really glad I gave this one a try because I ended up thoroughly enjoying it regardless of the drama and angst.

First of all, it's clear this is an emotional read. Katy loses the love of her life in the very beginning and through the book she has to learn to let go and to find her way. She doesn't have an easy time, she makes some poor decisions along the way. But it was pretty easy to connect with her and even though I didn't agree with some things, I understood. I loved how Katy is so devoted to those she cares about and even when protecting her heart she tried to not hurt anyone in the process. She has a lot to deal with and it was emotional watching her find her way.

Dominic is an American and is a Marine. He has his own battle scars. While he has his own demons to battle it's not in the forefront as much as time has passed. Right now he's trying to be there for Katy. He's pretty perfect as far as men go. Fictional men anyway. He doesn't make stupid decisions or have problems with communication. There's one instance of lack of communication between them but it wasn't the issue I often have with miscommunication in books.

I was concerned about things happening too fast and that's not an issue at all. There's a lot of passage of time in the book, often skipping months ahead. This is definitely good because it makes it much more realistic that Katy would be able to move on and consider loving someone new.

The book takes place in New Zealand and I enjoyed that a lot. I wouldn't say it's so very different from being in the US, so a lot of it was just me knowing it was NZ. We did get a hiking trip which I enjoyed because I've watched plenty of documentaries on the country so I was able to picture it (even though it might not have been accurate).

If you enjoy NA contemporary books this isn't one to miss. If you don't usually like them, but consider them occasionally, this might be the one for you. There is definitely adult content in the book, but there's only one sex scene. Definitely bonus for me since I don't care for multiple sex scenes. Definitely a book you should consider!

You can find this review and others like it at <http://www.candacesbookblog.com>

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

MY RATING: ????? FRACTURED by Leanne Pearson

5 Damaged Souls Stars Drawn Together!!

? Complimentary copy provided by the author "Leanne Pearson" in exchange for an honest review ?
~ THANK YOU ~

God where to start with this, I loved the fact that it's pure kiwi at it's best, I remember the quake like it only happened yesterday, sitting here in front of my pc and I get a private message asking me if I had seen the news about the quake, turning on the tv with mouth wide open looking at the destruction that was Christchurch, then frantically trying to ring my brother and not getting a reply, I never heard from him for about a week, I live right up the top of the Island so you can imagine how out of my mind I was..

But back to this book,saying that I loved it pretty much sums it up!! It's emotionally raw, beautifully written and keeps you reading right up to that last page, I could not put this down..

He died saying me..It was my suggestion to go to the movies..It should have been me..I've lost my soul mate, he was my world..A falling building crushed my boyfriend to death.

Drinking helped me through my darkest days

"Your tattooed hands will be on my body until the day I die."

6.3 Magnitude Quake ,Many lives lost, Red zoned, Many homes without power and water, After shocks just keep coming and coming, many houses, buildings destroyed beyond repair..A proud and beautiful city brought to its knees!! **Fractured**, Broken, Irreparable.

Broken and scarred on the outside, survival guilt.

Love doesn't have a set timetable

Eight months on and her heart is beating for another man..Dominic comes into her life at the most darkest moment.

"Darlin,' you remind me of a butterfly, just as beautiful, but just as flighty."

"My face is scarred, Dominic, it's an ugly reminder I have to look at every day."

"It's not somethin' I even notice, sweetheart. It's invisible to me. What I do see is an exquisitely beautiful woman who has experienced unimaginable loss and hurt, but she survived. Don't allow this to define you. Every time you look in the mirror, let that scar be a reminder that you've been given another chance at life."
"That scar is just a surface wound darlin' that will heal. The ones that cause the most damage ain't on the outside."

"You're like a little hummingbird with a broken wing that hasn't healed perfectly. It may never be able to fly again, but it never loses its will to live."

Thank you so much for giving me an arc "Kitty Kats Crazy About Books" I truly loved this book and can not wait to see what else you write.. (KAT)

Jordan says

I was Provided A ARC In Exchange For A Honest Review

Fractured deals with a very real topic, of tragedy and loss. And in the aftermath of loss, how someone copes. Kate in the mist of a horrible earthquake sees her boyfriend die, after he saves her. She survived that day, but in a way she feels she died too, along with Daniel. The love of her life, her best friend was ripped away from her. And after a loss like that, Kate doesn't know how she can go on. She pushes everyone she loves away. Her family, Daniel's brother Chase and best friend Tyler, even her own best friend Sarah. Filling her days with running to the point of exhaustion and drinking until she's falling down drunk. She's putting herself in a bad and dangerous place. Her friends are scared for her, they fear what she may do next. When Kate meets Dominic, a friend to Daniel's brother Chase. For the first time in months Kate feels something other than grief. He's a beautifully sexy man. A Ex Marine, with scars of his own. Who's experienced quite a bit of loss himself. Kate feels so much guilt for even looking at him. There's no way she'll even think of letting herself get too close to this man. But even with trying to distance themselves, it doesn't work. There is just something there drawing these two together. Dominic is there for her through her darkest moments. A true friend. Throughout the story Kate must learn to heal herself so that she can have a future with love again. All while the attraction and feelings between her and Dominic continue to blossom. Fractured is a beautiful story. With very raw and real emotion. Of grieving and having a second chance at love and happiness.

Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

Book – Fractured

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Rating – 4 out of 5 Stars

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This was such a wonderful and heartfelt read. I loved reading about New Zealand and the little differences compared to the States.

I do have to admit that I was crying within a few pages of this story and couldn't get past the heart break I experienced in the beginning....I wanted him to be OK – I wanted a happy time. It took me a while but I did warm up to Dell and the patience he had waiting for Kat to come around and realize that she deserved love and happiness in her life.

Her devastation crushed me though...she was the poster child for what a broken heart is capable of and how one can slowly start to heal from trauma and deal with PTSD.

My hats off to Ms. Pearson for writing such a touching and beautiful story.

Ruthie Taylor says

"I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads."

This starts out as such a weepy, that I wasn't sure I would have enough tissues to see me through. But a bit like life as we know it, things move on, feelings change and the author captures this beautifully. That isn't to say that I didn't need more tissues later on, but it is a book of hope and conquest over demons. I loved it. The writing is fluid, the characters are strong, and weak, and all messed up and somewhat put together! I do recommend that you read it somewhere private, as tears are likely to form. But most of all, I recommend you read it.
