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Three years ago, Chase Gallardo ran toward freedom with his fellow survivors after having spent five months in captivity. He hasn't stopped running since. Only now, it's the memories he's constantly trying to escape. Haunting echoes of a man who forced Chase to play the part of another, the kidnapper's younger brother. Chase may have survived, but that doesn't mean he's really living. Until one day, when his employee tells him there's a man sitting at the bar, wearing only underwear.

Remy Stahl has given up—almost. For a year, alcohol, drugs, and faces without names have kept him company. But he has two friends who refuse to give up on him, and they lock him up in his house in an attempt to save him from himself. But never underestimate an addict's desire to see the bottom of another bottle. Remy escapes, and he doesn't give a rat's ass that he's nearly naked.

This is the sequel to *Aftermath*, where Cam and Austin met, struggled, and fell in love. *Outcome* takes us back to Bakersfield with Chase and Remy's story. Fueled by anger, guilt, and shame, they're not off to an easy start. But it's only a matter of time before they learn how much they need each other in order to move on.

This story contains some violence, drug use, and scenes of an explicit, erotic nature between two men and is intended for adults, 18+. Characters portrayed are 18 or older.

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Andersón. says

This wasn't what I expected.

I was looking for a really angsty book, this past weeks had been angsty for me so yeah read angsty book help me, in my mind that work so shut up.

Book this wasn't like that, I remember a couple of months ago when I read the first one and the sensation that this books have in me.

We have here Chase, he is one of the survivors of the kidnapping of a crazy person, I was really curious about him so I decide to give it a try.

The other men is Remy, he is the psycho half brother, and the history is 3 years after the first book.

It was really beautiful see these two mens really fighting to be alive to just be normal, toward the end I was a smiling mess more the a agnsty book is a comfy book and I really liked it.

Beautiful, beautiful story.

Lyn says

5 plus stars.

This is the kind of awesome read I look forward to when I read a Cara Dee M/M book. I don't know when her next one is coming out, but I am waiting impatiently!

I hope this series isn't done or I'm hoping at least for a spin off. There were a lot of interesting characters. When it comes to character development, Cara Dee delivers HUGE. Her cast of characters are always so lively and memorable.

BRAVO Cara you did it again!

J Too Many Books Too Little Time says

3.75 Stars!

I didn't like this one quite as much as book 1, but it was still a nice addition to the series.

But we did get a bit more Cam and Austin so....#winning!

This one was pretty angsty and dealt with addiction - which I really don't care to read about. So I think my

lack of enjoyment (or less enjoyment) was because of that.

Still great writing....and a good overall read.

Angsty, hard, powerful, deep, passionate, intense

"A beautiful fucking mess."

Not the easiest of stories to read but answered questions from the first book, and showed that we can (and must) face our demons, but we don't have to face them alone.

Steph says

Such a wonderful book!

We met Chase in book one after he escaped the hell-hole that Ben Stahl had kept him and nine other poor men captive in for five months. It's now three years after they all escaped and we have the amazing opportunity to see where time has taken Chase, Austin and Cam.

Austin and Cam are as in love as they have ever been. They're so strong together, and their therapist is still there to help them whenever they feel they need a little support.

Then there's Remy, who has been devastated and plagued with guilt over what his half-brother Ben had done to all of those men. Could he have stopped Ben, if he'd just asked what the money was for? Did his actions when they were younger somehow cause Ben to act as he did?

He has tortured himself with questions like this for years and it has slowly torn him apart. He sadly turned to drink and drugs to try and forget.

Chase has now opened his own bar, which has made him very happy. However, he cannot move any further forward with his life until he gets some answers. Why was he taken? Is it because he is gay? A fact that his very own father made him ashamed to be. He has hidden his whole life and even after his father's death, the abduction and subsequent degradation from Ben about being gay, he still cannot bring himself to tell a soul he is gay. It's heart breaking.

Remy is bought home by his friends to detox and that's where he meets Chase again...

Chase and Remy slowly start to talk. About who they are and the impact that Ben had on both of their lives. They find comfort in each other when nothing else has worked. Comfort, trust, honesty and love is something that has desperately been missing from both of their lives and seeing them grow so close was an absolute joy!

This isn't an easy, fluffy romance. It's hard, deep, passionate and intense. There are more hard times than anything else at first, but it's amazing to watch them both face their demons and come into their own, separately and as a couple.

'Chase dipped low to kiss his skin. "You're beautiful. A beautiful fucking mess." The words wrecked Remy.'

I loved every minute!!

Jewel says

Outcome is all about family. And not necessarily the people related to you. I always enjoy books that illustrate that family are those that really have your back, regardless of their relation. I've found that to be true in my own life and so I can especially relate to stories that have that theme.

Remy is a hot mess in *Outcome*. He's bent on self destruction because he feels responsible for what his half brother, Ben, did, because Remy gave him money. Remy has spent his life trying to get his family to accept him, but all they ever did was use him. It takes him awhile to see that they are not family at all. His true family are the ones that care enough to cuff him to a bed and make him sober up and reassess his life.

Chase is also a bit of a mess. In his case, though, he just isn't dealing. He is ignoring the aftermath of his captivity and his feelings of shame for being attracted to men. His homophobic father has been dead for more than a decade, but Chase hasn't really moved on. And he's not happy.

So, yeah, Remy and Chase have a lot of shit to work through. I found their journey worth the pain, though. They both get family and closure.

There is one thing that was wrapped up a bit too neatly, though, and it bugged me. (view spoiler)

Overall, I thought *Outcome* was quite good and wrapped up the story line quite nicely. Recommended.

Sonia ~Ruber's fiancé in Crystal Court universe~ says

DNF at 34%

Possible spoilers ahead.

First of all, such a snooze fest! Besides Cam and Austin's hot times this book is boring me to death!

Also, WTF? They keep Remy for "Weeks. Fucking weeks. " cuffed to a bed by the leg like a dog? I don't care it's for his own good or whatever, this is BULSHIT!! Nope, I don't like it! uh, uh!

Maybe it gets better along the way but I DON'T CARE because of the way Remy's "friends" keep him tied. Even if that's what they do in specialized institutions like rehab, at least those people are trained and know what the fuck they're doing!

The reason I'm giving this 2 stars instead of one is because the quality of the writing is good, it really is. But the story itself is awful! At least IMO.

That's it!

Chris says

3.5 stars - an angst filled series ... high emotions but love prevails

Barbara? says

After reading Aftermath 3 times, I figured it was time to move on to Outcome. It scared me. I wasn't sure how I felt about these two guys ending up together.

I have to say, I didn't like this one as much as book 1. I think because the majority of the book we are dealing with Remy's addiction in one way or another. I'm glad the author didn't magically cure him with a magical dick. BUT, I felt there was a lot of emphasis on him getting better instead of actual romance which is what I wanted. I know Remy had issues and Chase did too. Both of which needed to be dealt with. But I needed to see more of them coming together as a couple instead of constantly having to fight for their sanity.

Overall, I enjoyed it but I didn't love it as much as Aftermath.

Wendy says

I loved Chase and Remy's story. I think I liked it even better than the first book, but I loved that one also. I think I liked this one better because we don't get all the kidnapping flashbacks. Not that I didn't like them in the first book, but this one focused more on the present. Remy was a mess, but I couldn't help but love him from the very beginning. He is so fucked up, but so is Chase, he's just dealing with his shit a bit better. Loved how their relationship evolved. And another plus, was that we got some Austin and Cam in this book !! I love Cam as a daddy :)

The steam was really good and sweet. 4 stars from me :)

?? Michaelle ♡?? says

4.2 Stars

Not as terrifyingly angsty as the last one, but heart-breaking all the same. I love how these MCs became each others' strengths until they could be stronger for themselves.

~☆~Dαni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says

Angst in spades, you all!

Outcome wasn't violent like the first book, and there was closure not just for Chase and Remy but for Cam and Austin too.

The first half of the book overflowed with melodrama. Remy was a fucking mess, drinking himself half to death, going through the motions, pretending he needed no one.

Chase was deeply in the closet, still trying to please his failure of a father.

When Chase finally decides to talk to Remy, there's clashing and angst and tears and **GUILT. Did I mention GUILT?** Because, yeah, both men blame themselves for just about everything.

Remy was an utter asshole at the beginning; if he'd pushed Chase away any harder, he would have dented cement. But Chase didn't cave, didn't lash out, and once he broke through Remy's defenses, it was beautiful.

The angst was worth it, because once these guys got together about halfway through, they were RIGHT and HOT together, SO DAMN HOT. Their first time was SEXY as all fuck.

I liked the secondary characters, including Remy's friends Andy and Minna, Chase's sister Adriana, and Chase's employee Donna.

The theme, while not original, still rang true: **Family is what you make it.**

Both Remy and Chase come to realize this, and that, along with their trust in and LOVE for each other, helps them heal.

Dee smashed it out of the park with the epilogue in *Aftermath*, but the epilogue here didn't disappoint either.

I loved seeing Austin and Cam again, although I don't think the random chapters from their POV were necessary. The POV shifts between Remy and Chase were enough, even a little confusing at times.

Bottom line: angsty, but also steamy, powerful, and ultimately romantic read.

Worth the wait for sure!

How did I miss this? OMG. WANT. IT. THIS. FUCKING. MINUTE.

Susan says

The second installment of the Aftermath series. I was expecting a pretty boring, yet angsty book. Because in Aftermath we have the kidnapping and the after effects, so what on earth could we have in the second book? But this book was better than I expected. I pictured Remy as a pretty regular guy after seeing a glimpse on him in Aftermath. Boy, was I wrong!

I absolutely adored Remy. He was short, tattooed, had dark hair and was a master in sarcasm.

Remy is all kinds of fucked up. He has had a terrible childhood, blames himself for the kidnapping his brother did, and thinks he can drown himself in drugs and drinking.

And then we have Chase. Chase is a biker who owns his own bar. He is also one of the men who was kidnapped 3 years ago by Remy's brother.

Together, they must find a way to heal. This works best through talking and hot sex of course.

And boy, did I enjoy the sex parts. These two were smoking hot together! I mean.. hello, there were nipple piercings!

The story dragged a bit in the second half and was not as exciting as the first half. But overall, I really enjoyed it and would definitely recommend it to anyone who has read Aftermath.

Tamika♥RBF MOOD♥ says

4 stars.

Going into this book I kept having to remind myself that this wasn't Cam & Austin or Aftermath. These were two new guys in a situation that I was familiar with but an entire new story. Boy is that hard to do when you've been in love with Aftermath and probably re-read that story so many times. Chase & Remy were so guilt ridden on both parts. How I like to associate the two is Chase is ashamed & Remy is heavily guilty.

The first 50% of the story wasn't what I thought it would be, it was both self-destructing in numerous ways. Remy was so caught up in blaming himself that he decided to kill himself without actually trying in my opinion. He is an alcoholic and self-medicating. Remy is on a downward spiral and going fast. When I said he was trying to kill himself without actually doing it because he's a person that is spiraling bad but cares enough to tell a complete stranger to double up on the condoms while having sex. What happens? Two people who care about him the most intervene in the smartest way possible. Remy is just lost. He is guilty about giving the money to Ben that funded his whole kidnapping mess. In the end he does make a breakthrough and is great. He and Chase were able to make some adjustments about themselves for themselves and I liked it. Chase I think the kidnapping was not so much big as it was to the others. I think Chase's whole mind was wrapped up in that he was captured. Basically his father was an homophobic asshole who couldn't support his family. Those thoughts drove Chase to hide his sexuality for 20 years, until that urge got him kidnapped. While this wasn't Aftermath and by that I mean the attraction we see there, these two attractions

were there but overshadowed by the things that happened to them. I really did like it. Hopefully we get a book 3. I don't know with who but if I could choose I definitely want it to me with Cam & Austin.

Nazanin says

3.5 Stars

The only thing Remy does these days involves spending money on booze and drugs. He feels ashamed, he feels guilty for what his brother (you know him as the Psycho) did to those men! He thinks because he was related to that psycho, so it means he's a bad guy too! He tried to apologize to Chase (one of those men) but after Chase told him *Don't ever contact me again* everything got worse!

He'd gone from a relatively carefree twenty-seven-year-old to a shell of a man who had aged ten years overnight.

I didn't enjoy this one as much as the first book because it wasn't a steady read for me. It started to drag for me after a while, And Austin and cam's POV didn't help either! Told in multiple POV, 3rd person. It's the second installment in the "Aftermath" series, it can be read as a standalone but I think it's better if you read it in order! It's a bit angsty with likable characters. Overall, it was a good read and hope you enjoy it as well!
