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From USA Today Bestselling Author, A.M. Hargrove, comes the 3rd stand alone book in the West Brothers Novels.

They say there's a fine line between love and hate. Ours was a mile wide.

To put it bluntly, my life sucked.

When I finally got up the courage to divorce my jerk of a husband, never in a million years did I imagine his prick of an attorney would gain him full custody of my daughter.

My scant two weekend visits per month killed me.

And my ex made it as difficult as possible on me every single time.

So imagine my shock when said attorney's name appeared at the top of the list at the in-patient substance abuse clinic where I worked as a counselor.

My list.

The first thing that occurred was I completely lost my Zen.

Then my blood boiled.

Then his chart flew across the room and slammed into the wall.

How could this possibly be happening?

Karma couldn't be this cruel.

How in the world could I be an empathetic abuse counselor to the cocky Pearson West, who destroyed my life?

I would rather become an addict myself, or better yet, strangle him first.

This is a full-length, contemporary, single-mom, enemies-to-lovers, romance.

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Karen says

Not nearly as flippant as the blurb sounds like because drug addiction is serious business in this book. Rose was thrown off when Pearson is assigned to her in rehab counseling but it's seriously treated and she is having a real hard time. There was a few things I struggle with the story being realistic but I didn't hate it for that.

I fell for Pearson and you will too.

ItaPixie says

From Smoke to Flames has nothing to envy the previous books,even if one story got on my "Favourite 2018 Reads" list.

This story was an emotional rollercoaster,there are a few downs,some ups and a couple of a loop the loops. A.M. Hargrove writing has always a great flow,it's so easy to follow and it keeps the reader attention from start to end.

Pearson and Rose journey is a difficult one,being a recovering addict the first and a counselor with a mean ex husband the latter.I've appreciated their slow burn relationship because there's nothing idyllic about their lives before they met but they could help each other get through this.

I fell hard for these characters I was hoping this series would last forever but I was slightly happy reading the epilogue.

I can't wait to find out what this author has got in store for us.

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Jennifer says

** A review copy was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review **

~ 5 My Person Stars ~

FULL REVIEW to come on Release Day... Such an AMAZING and emotional journey!! This needs to be at the top of your TBR list like NOW!!

FULL REVIEW Now Posted::

Well A.M. Hargrove has done it again!! I don't think there is a book she has written that I haven't absolutely

LOVED!! From Smoke to Flames is no different!!

I loved this story and the characters in it. I think this one is the most emotional read of this series. She focuses on the tough subject of Drug and Alcohol addiction. I felt that everything she portrayed felt real and accurate. I truly felt the struggle that Pearson faced throughout the whole book.

This book was such an emotional roller coaster. I was laughing one minute and then either crying or yelling the next. This truly had my heart all over the place. But that is what makes this such an AMAZING story and worth more than 5 stars!!

From Smoke To Flames is the third and final book in the West Brothers Series by A.M. Hargrove. This is a stand-alone novel and told in Dual POV. I don't believe these books need to be read in order but I do think the reading experience would be better if you did read them in order. You get to understand Pearson's character better if you meet him from the beginning.

In this story we follow the emotional journey of Pearson and Rose. Pearson is the final sibling in the West Brothers Series. He is a very successful divorce lawyer but his success has come at what price?? Over the course of the first two books we get a glimpse into Pearson's downfall, but that downfall comes to the rock bottom in this book. When Pearson wakes up in the hospital and is told he almost died, he knows he needs to change his life. So he is sent to rehab....that is where he meets Rose. But what he doesn't know is that he had met Rose before. Rose can't believe who one of her patients is....the divorce lawyer who represented her Ex in the divorce. (Pearson) To say that Rose doesn't like Pearson in the beginning is putting it mildly. Can these two get past their differences?? What happens when Rose's past won't go away?? Can they get their HEA?? Read this story to find out.

I loved seeing the past characters in this story. I thought this story showed what an AMAZING bond the West family has with each other. I also liked that she introduced the West Cousins in this story, so we will get a spin off of this series in the future!! I look forward to reading Sylvie's story.

I would 100% recommend this book to all A.M. Hargrove fans. I think this West Brothers Series is my favorite of her books so far!!!

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Sissy's Romance Book Review says

From Smoke To Flames by A.M. Hargrove is the story of Pearson and Rose. I haven't yet read the other books in the West Brothers series....so for me this was a standalone book.

Pearson is a lawyer who after an injury got hooked on drugs which has escalated to him overdosing in an alley after doing drugs with an unknown woman. The next thing he knows he wakes up in a hospital with injuries and being told that he almost died. Pearson then goes forward to get clean and to come clean to his family. Rose works at the rehab that Pearson ends up in....but he is also the lawyer that her ex-husband hired that ended up her losing full custody of her daughter. So the tension is high there just for that but the attraction that starts to grow makes them burn up the pages.

After reading this book I sure do want to read the other and more from this author...loved it.

G (heartbooked) says

4.97

This book had me hooked from the beginning (actually, from since the first book because you see the brothers throughout the series), and you can't help but want to know all about the West Brothers!!!

As someone who studies both Law & Psychology as a dual degree... this beautiful broken-hearted story spoke to my soul.

This was right down my ally!!! I've read hundreds of court cases about families, abuse, etc and even attended some, read and analysed psychological studies about addiction, alcoholism, etc ... and that knowledge made me appreciate this book... made me loved and enjoyed reading this because I understood every aspect that was explored!!!

Read this and see how Pearson & Rose defines LOVE. See how having a support unit can help boost confidence that you can beat anything. See for yourself the magic of 'clicky shoes' (you will laugh so hard, I can guarantee you that... especially if you've read the other books and learn for yourself the start of 'clicky shoes'). Montana will squeeze your heart.

This whole series has been awesome to follow! Pearson's story really solidified how beautiful the author's mind truly is. I cannot wait for more!!!

Ps: if anyone complains about this, about my review... I'll remind you again that my field of study helped me appreciate this book. I love what I study and it was like the author turned my educational experience romantically fun!!!

(Minor details - like weird timing for Pearson's forwardness was just minor to me... but I did wish for intimate scenes to be more than the therapeutic feeling I felt)!!! All in all, this was awesome!!!

But thank you AM Hargrove for the arc - this is truly my honest opinion of this book... TBR this and ONE-CLICK as soon as it goes live!!!

. heartbooked on instagram xX

Bookgasms Book Blog says

From Smoke to Flames was another fantastic book in the West Brothers series. I was hooked from the get go and could not stop reading. I enjoyed Rose and Pearson and saw the pain and anguish in his life as a result of the downdark spiral he fell in. Their story was sexy, gripping and consuming!

While this story is the third book in the series, it is a complete standalone. I personally binged and loved all three books as the series has interconnecting characters between all three West brothers. I loved Rose and Pearson. He was sexy and damaged and met the right woman who brought him back to life. Likewise he realized that he was on a path that he wasn't proud of especially after evaluating his decisions and his life's purpose.

All in all this was a great read and I look forward to move from the author in the future. 4 stars! Bravo!
~Ratula

Anne Milne says

Sometimes you pick a book up to read unsure if your going to like it then you start reading and it just blows you away, this is now i felt reading this story. At times the raw emotion of the characters jumped off the page. There are some tricky subjects dealt with in this book and as someone who's never dealt with them before they were written sensitively. There are some seriously steamy moments between the Rose and Pearson but some lighter funnier ones too.

Reviewed for CherryOBlossoms Promotions

Harloe Rae says

AM Hargrove delivers an unforgettable journey with From Smoke to Flames. Page after page, I fell deeper in love with this story and the magnetic characters. I was drawn to each flawlessly executed scene and couldn't read fast enough.

This is a romance packed with emotion, trials and tribulations, raw beauty, and plenty of twists. I gasped several times because I didn't see those secrets coming!

So well done! I cannot wait for everyone to rave over Pearson, Rose, Montana, and this amazing author.

April Symes says

From Smoke To Flames by A.M. Hargrove is the story of Pearson and Rose. This is book #3 in the series and can be seen as a complete standalone.

Pearson West is a 35 year old lawyer. He's the youngest of the West kids and he's a drug addict. Period. The story starts when he finds himself in the hospital where he almost died and we read as he goes through the hardest fight of his life.

Pearson has a long long way to go before that "monkey" is off his back and he is in for the fight of his entire life.

Rose is his psychologist and counselor at the drug treatment facility, but when she finds out who he is and what their history was together(no spoilers) fireworks and huge judgements start flying! This was an emotionally driven story about some really hard hitting, real life struggles. This story, without giving much away, has it all---drama, angst, heartbreak, suspense, romance, tension, sizzle, feels, bad villain and adorable kid. This is one book you dont want to miss!! Rose and Pearson will have you hooked from the start and will hold you tight and right until the last word on the very last page.

My Rating: 4.5 stars*****

Dayang says

I was so stoked to receive another ARC from Ms. Hargrove.

This book is probably the heaviest I've read from her. It talked about the real life struggles of a single-mom who is being emotionally and physically abused by her ex-husband and a child being physically and mentally abused by her own father. It also talked about the struggles of a recovering addict and the abuse of illegal substance.

Some parts were difficult to see in my head because I wasn't able to relate to it, but it still opened my mind... it made me aware about how it is to go through something like that.

I love that Pearson West and Rose Wilson overcame their individual hurdles... that they forged on and pushed themselves even when things seemed so bleak... I loved that they were given a second chance at life and love, and that their family was there to support them. I truly believe that while we have our own individual strengths, having and knowing your family is there for you, definitely makes you a whole lot stronger.

This is not a light read. Like I mentioned earlier it is full of angst and drama, but it's definitely an eye-opener.

Naadira Moodley (BookedMercy) says

This book was so not for me. Did not finish at 40%. I went in thinking it was enemies to lovers but that only lasted for a couple pages after they met. This is definitely, in my opinion, not a hate to love story. The characters pissed me off so much.

Pearson is a junkie who practices law. No one around him had a clue that he was always high. He goes to far with his drugs and is put in a voluntary program where he meets Rose, his counselor. Rose is shocked and angry when she sees the case file of the lawyer who "took away" her child from her but she still takes his case and becomes his councilor. At first I thought, okay maybe she'll help him because she is a good hearted person and keeps things strictly professional but no. Not Rose. Her anger is justified but to get over it so quickly is not okay with me.

He helped your abusive ex win custody of your child. You found out he was on drugs while he did that as well yet it was so easy for you to forgive him. COME ON! It should take sometime to establish trust and forgive him but Rose just jumps the gun. I was hoping for more of a slow burn. In this circumstance, a slow burn is the best thing. I just couldn't deal. I couldn't go on.

I apologize for my negative comments. I hate leaving bad reviews.

Suzi (Obsessive Reading Disorder) says

4.5 Stars

Just from the blurb, you know this is going to be intense, Pearson has been on the fringes of each of the previous books and you just knew something major was going on with him. Such a broken, tortured man. He has a great family and the Wests quickly jump in to help him out.

Going into rehab brings him in touch with Rose. He doesn't remember her but she knows him. He is the source of her greatest pain. I appreciated the honesty between these two. The crux of the issue came out early and then they could work on helping each other heal. The pleasant side affect of that was that although neither were looking, they found love with each other.

Lots of humor mixed in with the angst. Some suspense near the end. An overwhelming sense of love and forgiveness. Best read of the series for me.

*Complimentary copy provided for an honest review.

Liv says

I fell in love with Pearson West from the first page on. He was somewhat of a troubled hero but his flaws made him human and just that much more loveable for me. My heart ached for him from the very beginning and that's probably also why I felt so protective of him and cursed the heroine when they first met.

Although he was a recovering drug addict I never viewed him as such because he was so controlled. Sure, there were weaker moments but for what he's been through I admired his strength and tenacity.

Pearson's life might have seemed perfect to others but after his fall down the drug hole his problems were worse than he let on or even accepted himself. Getting out of this vicious circle was easier said than done and he learned the hardest way that he couldn't continue like this anymore. Seeking out help was the only solution no matter how hard it was to accept the truth.

Rose liked her job as a counselor but her new patient stretched her self-control to the limit. He was the reason why her ex-husband had full custody of her daughter and although that's something she would've loved to change, she sadly didn't have the financial resources for it.

The story took a turn I didn't see coming but had me on edge until the end. I loved Sylvie's character and I adored Montana, Rose's little girl, who was a spitfire of a kid and hilarious at playing matchmaker.

I absolutely loved the solidarity of the West family. I was like a sponge soaking everything up when these brothers were together. Did I mention how much I loved them?! =P Grey might still be my number one but I loved Hudson and Pearson all the same.

Grey and Hudson had their own struggles throughout life until they found their love of their lives. Now it was Pearson's turn and boy did he go through pain. I even shed a tear or two during his story because some things were just so heartbreaking to read. His story couldn't have been any more different to his brothers but he had still a lot of strength inside and fought for the better. I loved how calm and controlled he was most of the time even in his precarious situation and that he didn't let people rile him up although the drugs made it tough for him. I would have hated for him to be aggressive.

Not sure if I would classify this as an enemies to lovers romance – which the blurb led me to believe – because it was only Rose who was angry since her ex got full custody of her daughter. Pearson wasn't even

at fault because he only did his job. But I understood that she wanted to lash out, even though it wasn't very professional of her to steer her anger towards anyone else than her ex. I think this was more of a not-the-right-time kind of romance because of many reasons which I don't want to spoil, but partly because she was his counselor at the rehab facility.

'Maybe she was wearing the wrong kinds of flowers on her head and needed an entire pot of lavender up there.'

I loved the writing and the story so much but I couldn't overlook Rose's unprofessionalism towards Pearson in the beginning as well as when she used him to help her, which I found rather selfish in that particular situation because he was there to get help for himself in the first place and she made it even harder for him with the guilt. Even if it wasn't her intention, her outlash caused him pain. I understood her very emotional situation and my heart broke for her but it really wasn't very professional of her to act that way at her work place.

There were some 5 star moments in this book but all in all it was a solid 4 star read. Well, as always, it's a question of personal taste and opinion. But altogether I really enjoyed this story and who can resist a West?!
=P

OMG! The epilogue though was worth a hundred stars! It cracked me up so hard! I loved it and can't wait to read more.

-- I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book given by the author. --

Amy [The Little Bookworm] says

I love all the West brothers and I was super excited for Pearson's story because he always seemed to mysterious. I knew it was going to be deep and intense, and this book did not disappoint. I couldn't put it down.

Pearson is a lawyer, he is under A LOT of pressure until one moment changes his life and he wants to become a better man. Rose has to help the last person she wants to see, but like Pearson, it may be the best thing to ever happen to her.

Pearson, oh Pearson, this man is seriously swoon-worthy despite his struggles, but those just made him real. It made him relatable as a character. Rose, my heart broke for her and continued to break for her the more we learned about her throughout the story.

This story is intense and it brings out a lot of emotions in you. It is sexy, it does have some laughs (Rose's daughter Montana is seriously the sweetest thing on this planet), it will break your heart and mend it all over again. Plus, I love that we got moments with the whole West family again. I absolutely love this group!

After reading the epilogue I can't wait to see what happens next!!

Kahea says

5 Stars

I knew that Pearson's book was going to be intense even before reading the blurb. After reading the blurb I was even more sure about the intensity thing, because seriously that blurb had me going "Whoa". And I was right, this baby is all KINDS of intense...just not in the way I figured it would be. I'm not disappointed in any way by how things went in this book, but I am thankful for those sweet, smexy and oh so funny moments (OMG Clicky shoes) that balanced everything out and made for a great read.

Pearson, Pearson, Pearson. This man. I couldn't help but adore him. My heart hurt for him and I empathized with what he was going through, but watching as he was determined to get a handle of his addiction, the issues that triggered it and want to make amends, it was hard not to fall for the man. He is charming, compassionate and I loved his honesty, not only with himself, but with those he loves. I adored Rose from the moment I met her. She is kind, compassionate and fierce. She's had a rough go of it in more ways than one, but she finds a way to work through it all and come out the better person. Her love for her daughter is undeniable and her desire to help others makes her someone I'd love to be friends with.

After reading the blurb I honestly thought the angstiness was going to fly between Pearson and Rose, I really did and no one can blame me for that one. But while there was some tension and a moment or two, they actually handled things quite well and ended up having a slow burn romance I really enjoyed. Their bantering was a fun, the smexy was HAWT and I really loved how they helped to make each other stronger. As for the bumps in their road, they ran the gamut, but the big twist was an intense one, but I loved how it helped to make them even stronger.

I really enjoyed this one, but man was it intense. The issues that both Pearson and Rose have to deal with, separately and together were heavy ones, but I liked how they were all handled and how they worked out. I loved catching up with the West clan, they were as warm and funny as I remember them. Kinsley was a standout, but Montana, Rose's daughter, definitely brought the cuteness and heart to the story. I'm sad that this is the last of series, but from what happened in that epilogue it isn't a total a hui hou...so bring on the next book!

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