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Nora Robertson is struggling to find her place in society after being held captive for half a year. Her sense of normal is skewed at best, in love and life but, she is trying to recover with the help of her support system. She pines for a home and a love she can no longer have. A love she knows was wrong but still clings to and desires secretly.

Liam Lockwood stumbled across a photo in a magazine of his ?long forgotten brother causing buried secrets, heartache and obsession? ?to bubble to the surface.? ?When Liam sees something he wants, he takes it. He always has and this time will be no different despite his father's warning. Payback for a dark and broken childhood now has a name, Nora Robertson.

When Liam and Nora's paths collide everyone in their wake will be left stumbling when the truth reveals itself.

Attraction is not random.

## **The Brother Details**

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Gitte TotallyBookedBlog says

4.5 thrilling stars

**‘It’s thrilling knowing she doesn’t realize we’re spending time together. The anticipation of what it will be like when we finally meet, makes me buzz with energy. I simply watch her. For now.’**

Another brilliant winner from K Larsen who just commands every single page with her stellar writing which grabs us by the scruffs of our necks and doesn’t let go till we’ve read the last word. We were quite worried where this story would go as we loved The Tutor where we first met Nora and learned of her horrendous story. However, we were immediately captivated by Liam and his initial obsession with the girl whom his brother held hostage. Now, we won’t go into too much detail so as not to spoil The Tutor which should be read prior to The Brother. As far as duets go this one was perfection. Each held a story that felt original, was all consuming in its darkness yet hopeful in its recovery.

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We find Nora trying to come to terms with what she’s been through as well as her trying to understand and come to terms with her emotional feelings as well as others’ perceptions of her. It’s quite the journey for this confused girl who found a love many cannot understand under horrific circumstances. She is under no illusion that she was wronged in the most brutal way yet she holds an affinity with the hand who hurt her. Therefore, recovery is stunted by the scars she bears both inside as well as on the outside. It seems only one man can penetrate the layers of abuse to her body, heart and mind, yet he holds a secret.

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***“I was broken from a young age. Music helped me cope. It’s therapy for me. A song can come on and take me right back to a single moment in time. It freezes memories; makes them forever tangible. Don’t you have a song? One that rips open your wounds and drops the entrails at your feet?”***

We loved so much about The Brother especially Liam and Nora finding their way in life, healing themselves and seeking comfort and solace whilst accepting that they may not be who they used to be but accepting who they are now and knowing it’s okay.

**‘She’s a dark temptation. My temptation.’**

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**Charlie ✧ WLTB Blog ✧ says**

This book was so good, it can be read as a standalone, but I would recommend reading the Tutor first that way you will get some insight into what Nora went through and you can understand the story and who Nora and the other girls are.

Nora is struggling to fit back into reality after being held by Holden, she is trying to get her life back together. However, can she? Will she be able to move on from what happened to her?

Liam is Holden’s brother and he is fascinated with Nora and what his brother seen in her, and he would love to know about Holden as he always wondered about them growing up. His father took him away from Holden and his mother and sister when he was young. I really liked Liam I was not sure at first about him but he grow on me. When Liam sees something he must have it even though his father warns him to stay away. This book was written well and I started I could not put it down it was so good I needed to know what was going to happen.

I cannot wait for The Best Friend the next book, it is going to be so good.

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**Debbie says**

The Brother is a story of dark desires and tortured pasts with two scarred souls searching for a path through their pain. What they find is that love can be born from even the darkest of places. As always, K. Larsen gives us another unique, insightful and deliciously twisted read! Though The Brother wades through some very murky waters, I wouldn’t consider it overly dark. For me, this was a powerful continuation of Nora’s story, where we get to see her heal and work through the ramifications of what happened in her past. As expected, it isn’t all roses and rainbows, far from it. It’s perfectly imperfect just like Liam and Nora.

Though this is a standalone and not necessary to read *The Tutor* first, I highly recommend it. First, because it's an amazing book but mostly, because it will give you a better understanding of just how deep Nora's scars run.

Breakout those dictionaries cause Nora is back and her vocabulary is off the charts. Like most readers, I have a pretty extensive vocabulary but Nora is a true logophile. I was never so happy to have a kindle with a built in dictionary. LOL

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## Di Covey says

### *"To scars and dark desires"*

A twisted romance that gives you all the dark desires of two broken characters! I loved the raw feelings, the wrong feelings, the want.

*The Brother* is a standalone, but closely follows *The Tutor*, a story of Nora, the captive. Without giving spoilers, I suggest you read *The Tutor*. Only because you get a closer look into Nora's captivity. A closer look at Nora. Who, by the way, is a complex, intriguing character. She's quirky, truthful, and beautiful. She's a delight, inside and out. I think I fell in love with her more than the hero. Huge, as far as romance goes. I wanted her to come visit me and talk words. Teach me Scrabble.

The story starts with revenge and ends with something I didn't expect. This is a tough one to categorize. It's not thriller, but the vibe is there. Romance is the generalization I'd use. Even though the story touches on twisted, darkness, it rolls out to be a tragic tale of chemistry and fate. A beautifully crafted copulation. Hehe.

All in all, this book will give you the wrong kind of right feelings. That, think out of the box, feel. It's right, it could never be wrong. Flawed characters and hopelessness, fated and ominous, battered and bruised. It's perfect for the folks who want serrated edges and crooked lines.

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## Grey says

Wow. Okay. Breathing. I have read this whole book no less than 5 times, and sections of it, more than that. It's actually, incredibly difficult for me to write a critical review, being as though I was involved basically from the ground up on this one. I connected with the author back earlier this spring when she was writing *The Tutor* and I am a huge fan of her writing style. Ms. Larsen asked for me to help beta... and then proofread *The Brother*. \*pardon me while I happy dance, right?\* However, I stand by my convictions... and although, I dearly love the writer, I do not sugar coat and will not falsify my review, or pad the stars, just on account of our friendship. Whew... ok, now that that's out of the way.

*The Brother*... where I start? No spoilers. Absolutely none. I will tell you one big difference between *The Tutor* and *The Brother* is that you'll only have Nora and Liam's POV's... instead of the multiple POV's that we rotated between before.

Oh my Nora... and her words!!! I love the words, all of the words! I feel so much smarter after listening (reading) to her talk. And Liam... I'd like to hold him down and ... whoa, wait, where I was going with that?

\*blink, blink, blink\*

Ms. Larsen writes an evocative romance that blurs conventional lines. Not everyone fits inside a box... and they shouldn't have to. While she lists this as a dark romance, throwing a trigger warning for 'most of them', in at the very beginning of the book; I don't categorize this as quite as dark as some of her other work, and definitely not as dark as others I have read... this is more shadowy grey. ;) That isn't to say that I didn't get the shift in my chair, pretzelly-tummy awesomeness that we've come to expect when picking up a K. Larsen book, because I totally did. And the ending... ah, the ending...

Now, to my absolute favorite parts of writing reviews... this book has a KILLER soundtrack. I'm talking mind-blowing. If you listen to the soundtrack as you read... it is an almost existential experience. I still listen to it, LOL! BTW...Nora and Liam like music too ;)

And my other favorite part... giving you a little snippet. We know that the writer's words are a much better 'sell' and powerful motivator than my review is!

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"Yesterday is right behind me like a loaded gun and tomorrow looms with unknown outcomes."

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Attraction is not random. It is science; fact. It is pheromones, instinct, physiological arousal and biology. Attraction is not something you can control. You can be afflicted by it in a nanosecond and feel its physical symptoms for years to come.

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Amazing, right? So, now that I hope I've sufficiently piqued your interest. I would give The Brother 4 stars and wish my friend, K. Larsen, much luck with this release.

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## CC says

Nora Robertson is trying to move forward with her life post captivity. While she has a decent handle on some aspects, her love life is non-existent. Having developed certain desires, Nora is afraid to seek what she needs and still pines for the past.

“Society often shouts at us to fit into the mold. And I don’t. I never have. So this lingering guilt seeps in...”

Liam Lockwood has a plan that will avenge the pain his brother caused him. Intrigued by her contradictions, Liam watches and waits until it’s time to make contact. What Liam doesn’t expect is to find someone that may actually be just as broken.

“I’m not the good guy, Nora. I’m no hero.”

As Liam is determined to sate his anger, he begins to learn her quirks and what makes Nora tick. Despite her painful past, she is still willing to take some risks and voice her reservations. Though Nora is haunted by a different man with green eyes, she sees that Liam has his own vulnerabilities and needs that make him unique.

“Honestly, I want all the beautiful parts of you and all the ugly parts too.”

For Liam, he cannot believe he’s found a woman that can give him everything he craves. While Nora also realizes that Liam isn’t afraid to go over the edge with her darker desires. As they compliment each other in this regard, it leads to some hot times!

“His forearm pins my head to the floor. I half-heartedly try to struggle as he thrusts in with such force, that my breath catches and I go stone still. He lays into me blunt and heavy. It’s punishment.”

Told in dual POV, getting into the minds of Liam and Nora is essential in their development individually and as a couple. Liam held onto to his anger and resentment since he was a child but ultimately realized Nora has only accepted him as a whole. With Nora acknowledging that her present and future is more valuable than her past, it opens the way for her to become who she really is.

*The Brother* is a story that portrays two broken characters and how they find solace in each other. While Liam’s methods were questionable, I enjoyed his dark side and how he redeemed himself. Reading how Nora was able to embrace the past and use that to progress in her healing was admirable. Most importantly, I liked how they accepted their kinky desires and didn’t make apologies for it.

This book would appeal to those looking for a romance with darkish undertones.

\*Note: *The Brother* can be read as a standalone; however, Nora’s story begins in *The Tutor*.

*\*This was a (F)BR with Loyda!\**

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## **Kizzle Kay Books Reviews says**

Full disclosure..... Yes, this is a stand alone..... BUT..... There is a book already out that is about Nora's ordeal with Holden. With that said, I was a dummy and didn't realize there was already a book that gave more perspective on Nora's kidnapping. I included the cover so if you want to read 1st have at it.

You totally don't have to read Tutor. The author gives enough backstory on Nora's past with Holden that I was able to keep along and not get confused.

I am rating this 5 stars, its an easy rate for me as the book was so beautifully written. I instantly loved Nora, she is such a like-able character. Liam on the other hand started out as a real creeper! Homeboy was a straight up Peeping Tom, and he had no qualms satisfying his needs right outside her window! I mean, sister, he needed her Psychologist more than she did... Hahaha!!

I give him a pass because his childhood was seriously jacked! I mean, DAYUM! The scars on his scalp made my toes tingle!!

I give this book 5 stars because the author was able to tell Liam's perspective, and even as creepy as he was, she STILL made it to where you were rooting for him. She made his behavior tolerable even when his attempts to make her fall for him were seriously cringeworthy.

Nora, gah I loved her words of the day!! This author seriously had google working overtime to get the definition to what she was saying.

This is a great book that will pull at your heart strings, it's a true root for the underdog kind of book and one that will have you thinking way after putting the book down.

Definitely a great book and I truly enjoyed my time with Liam and Nora :)

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## **Laura- BookBistroBlog says**

The Brother

By: K. Larsen

4 Stars

Nora Robertson is trying to survive and move on from being held captive by Holden. Still struggling to release the hold that Holden has on her even though he is now deceased. Can a girl honestly overcome the trauma that one goes through during captivity? With her 'new family' and starting an organization to help



victims, Nora is getting by.

Liam Lockwood is on a mission...one that started the day he read the article about his brother and his captive. Revenge is what he is after. He has upped his game and is now concentrating on taking the one thing his brother had.

Can these two manage to overcome their past and manage to survive together even though there are lies?

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## **Paige says**

3.5 "Made for Each Other" Stars

The Brother is the follow up to The Tutor but can be read as a standalone. It follows Nora as she is trying to move beyond her past and Liam who is trying to take what was once his brother's. As Liam takes it upon himself to know all there is to know about Nora, he finds more than he could have anticipated. Nora finds herself strangely drawn to Liam but her past continues to nip at her heels. And all is not what it seems.

The Brother was the kind of book I hoped Nora would get. A bit of mystery, passionate sexy times and of course a little of of crazy thrown in for good measure. It was a bit slower moving than The Tutor but still really enjoyable.

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## **Lo Bookfrantic says**

**4★★★★Stars**

**Genre:** *Contemporary Romance*

**Type:** *Standalone*

**POV:** *First Person – Dual*

**Nora Robertson;** after surviving a traumatic event in "**The Tutor**" is trying to find meaning to her life after everything. She has a great support system that has been with her this year throughout her healing process. However; she finds herself struggling trying to fit in even with the girls she really loves, she still not sure how to deal with the loneliness her heart feels after losing someone she thinks she loved.

***"Since Holden, only a flicker of flame lives inside me. I try to kindle it by succumbing to my darker desires. I need the pain to enjoy the pleasure."***

**Liam Lockwood;** a young and beautiful business man, was raised by his father to handle the business. Liam however can't seem to move on from the past. He has some unfinished business with the ghost of his brother and what he suffered because of it. The only thing on his mind is revenge; by making Nora fall in love with him he believes he will avenge the monster and the nightmares he left behind.

***"I am hooked on Nora. I crave her. Obsession is a tricky thing. "***

**Nora and Liam** clicked instantly the minute she sees him. There was something about Liam that Nora couldn't ignore and she was afraid that she would like him more than she should. Liam in the other hand has had been stalking her every move and had everything plan. Their chemistry was on point; it was super sexy to see Liam trying to please Nora while accomplishing his dark desires. Both of them felt outcasts when it came to love and soon they realized that they just fit perfectly with all their mess-ups.

***"Society often shouts at us to fit into the mold. And I don't. I never have. So this lingering guilt seeps in."***

I really enjoyed this book; this is the story of two broken souls trying to find their happy ending. I wasn't sure what to expect at first when I found out about this book but surprisingly enough it did not disappoint. I do however was kind of hoping this book had more suspense and darkness like on The Tutor but it was nothing like it. The brother is a story of second changes and it could be a continuation of book one following the story of Nora from "The Tutor" or it can be read as a standalone as for the hero was barely mentioned on book one. We do see however a lot of characters from the first book. Readers who enjoy second chance romance will find this book appealing as it is not as intense and suspenseful as book one.

★★★This was a F(BR) with CC★★★

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**Beneath The Covers Blog says**

**Not going to lie, it was my favorite out of the duet!**

Nora survived a kidnapping, but what happens when she gets her life back, but can't seem to move on...

Liam Lockwood only wanted to know the woman his brother held captive, what he didn't expect was to fall for her.

I liked this book!! I know, I should probably not like Liam, yet I wanted him for myself. Poor Nora, reading her struggle with her life and feelings was heartbreaking at times.

I found the author's writing style interesting and totally like it!

good story and great characters!!

*\*an arc was provided in exchange for an honest review\* ~Alison*

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**Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says**

This cover is ok. The hero is supposed to have sandy blonde hair. Not sure the dude on the cover is a sandy blonde, but Liam does have a beard, so bonus points for that! The composition is good, and it makes great use of graphics as well.

I enjoyed this one. Not quite as much as book one it didn't have the same "oomph" as that one. Or maybe I was just expecting something a bit darker. In any case, I still found it to be an engaging read.

As always it was well written and well paced. The plot was interesting and kept me turning the pages. The sex scenes were hot. Both are with other people before they start a sexual relationship. I wouldn't say it was

overly angsty or drama filled. It was nice catching up with the characters from book one. We are also introduced to Mike, Liam's best friend. He intrigued me, and I hope we will be seeing more of him. Nora remained a likable heroine for me. I was happy to see her get her HEA. Liam was equally enjoyable. He wasn't as dark a character as I thought he was going to be but he and Nora are a match made in kinky heaven. Lastly, it was all wrapped up in a sweet little epilogue. This gets two solid thumbs up from yours truly.

**SIDE NOTE:** I CANNOT wait for the next book **THE BEST FRIEND** but just saying I would not want to hang out with these people they sure do seem to be magnets for the psychos. \*lol\*

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**Dani says**

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