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Can a few hours really change your life?

Jillian Jones knows a thing or two about the country music scene, and she wants no part of it after divorcing her country singer ex-husband. But as fate would have it, she's seated next to country legend Cole Pendleton on a red-eye flight home to Nashville from Las Vegas. Between her emotional state, her fear of flying, and maybe a little vodka, she finds herself taking comfort in Cole's arms and lips during their four-hour flight.

Cole Pendleton's life changes the night he wakes up to his beautiful seatmate, Jillian. He doesn't know what it is about her, but he's drawn to her like no one before. As the night wears on he's determined to do whatever it takes to get to know her better. He finds himself promising her he'll come looking for her once they're both ready to move forward with a relationship. But he has two problems, his profession and his past.

Jillian finds herself wanting to believe him, but can she trust his midnight promises? Or will the piano man be like her ex-husband and let his promises fade away in the light of day?

## **Cole and Jillian Details**

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## From Reader Review Cole and Jillian for online ebook

### Katie W says

It's so easy to judge--especially when life has given you good reasons to believe certain things about a type of person. Jillian is coming off a bad divorce from a country music star and finds herself sitting next to another country music star on a flight across the country. According to the tabloids, he's not much different from her ex, so why should she give him a chance, even though there is obvious chemistry between them? That flight--phew--let's just talk about some swoony sparks flying right along with that plane. Cole has changed. He's learned from his past and is moving on towards a better future, one that he wants to have Jillian be a part of. Trust issues cause a lot of problems for these two and only time will tell if they can both move on.

Jillian obviously has issues and for good reason, but I still really like her. I could feel her hesitation and I felt myself wearing down by Cole's constant wooing. The way she is written is very realistic and it's easy to empathize with her. Cole is persistent and so swoon-worthy. I love that he's got a past and is striving diligently to overcome his mistakes. He's not perfect by any means, which makes him human, and not on pedestal.

I never would have guessed that this book is a novella. There is a full-circle of emotions throughout and the story is fleshed out very nicely. The characters have depth and resolution and it's fun to see the characters from the previous novellas in this series make appearances. The song towards the end is my favorite thing ever! I loved it all!

Content: talk of past mistakes (cheating, divorce, drinking); mild, swoony romance; some innuendo; some mild language. Clean for an older reader.

\*I received a copy in exchange for an honest review\*

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### Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

It's always a happy day when I get another book from Jennifer Peel! I started reading this book the day I got it because I just didn't want to wait.

I love this Pianos and Promises series. Every book so far has been fantastic! My only complaint is that they are over too soon. I always want more! Such is the case with Cole and Jillian. I wanted more.

Cole is a man reformed. He made some mistakes. Big mistakes. But, he has now made changes and his life is back on track. His sincerity rings true on every single page. I love how determined he was to keep his promises. Cole paid attention to Jillian and remembered what she said.

Jillian is a little reluctant because she has been burned in a bad way but even she cannot deny the amazing attraction and chemistry she has had with Cole from the very beginning. I loved how sweet Cole was to Jillian. He melts her hesitancy away bit by bit.

The chemistry between these characters was zingy from the beginning. I had butterflies in my stomach! And

I really loved the ending.

This book releases on Oct. 4th! If you haven't started this series yet, you really should! Read them in order because you will love them better. :)

Content: Some references to drug and alcohol abuse, affairs

I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Heidi Robbins (Heidi Reads...) says**

This is a fun story with plenty of emotion as Jillian is torn between her attraction to Cole and her fears of his past and career that stem from her past. I loved their chemistry and Cole's patience with her as he shows her that he can be trusted, one day at a time. I could really sense Jillian's conflict between hurt and hope... and Cole had enough hope for the both of them! I loved how he pursued her when the time was right. It was great to see Call from the previous book in the series as Jillian's best friend and the support and encouragement she gives Jillian. We also get to see Call's relationship with Beck progress and her music career begin to blossom. Rest assured that this is a clean romance- the term "midnight promises" doesn't have to do with the bedroom ;) This story seemed to move much more quickly than the first two in the series and there was a lot of Jillian rehashing her issues, but since it's written in first person it felt more like an inner monologue so it didn't bother me as much as if it had been in third person. Overall, completely enjoyable and I recommend this entire series to fans of clean contemporary romance!

(Thank you to the author for a copy of the book; this is my honest review)

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### **Tara says**

All three books in this novella trilogy were fun, but this was definitely my favorite! Loved it.

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### **Kathy \* Bookworm Nation says**

This was a fun one! I always get a kick out of celebrity stories like this, not sure why. It's fun seeing that side of things I suppose, and maybe its because of a couple harmless celebrity crushes I may have. haha

Jillian Jones has been burned pretty badly by her ex, a somewhat famous singer. She swears she will never enter that world again or ever fall for someone famous. Certainly not the country superstar Cole Pendalton. He reminds her too much of her ex. When they have a chance encounter and the chemistry is off the charts, she promises to steer clear. Cole has other ideas.

Cole and Jillian have such a fun story, it was entertaining watching Cole chase Jillian, wooing her along the way. They have good chemistry, fun banter and you can't help rooting for them. I could totally understand Jillian's hesitation, but felt they would make a good team.

Overall, this was a great novella - which didn't feel like a novella. Well written, good pacing and a great

setting. I enjoyed the plot and thought the characters were well developed. A fun romantic read.

#### Content

Romance: Clean

Language: None

Violence: None

Other: Talk of alcohol, rehab, etc.

Series: Piano & Promises, Book Three - standalone

If you like this, read: When Fireflies Sing

Source: Kindle Unlimied

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#### **TJ says**

A few small annoyances (Jillian's over-obsessed fears) but overall a very sweet and enjoyable quick-read.

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#### **Tadiana ☆Night Owl? says**

3.5-ish stars. *Cole and Jillian* is the third of the contemporary romance novellas that I picked up as a Kindle freebie package. I enjoyed how all three stories have a connection to music, but in very different ways. This one has a country western star as the hero, so if you like the celebrity romances, it'll be up your alley.

Cole and Jillian meet when they're seated next to each other on a plane. Jillian is heading back from Las Vegas, where she got a divorce from her two-timing musician husband, so she's not all that impressed or interested when she's seated next to a handsome musician. Been there, done that. But Jillian is also terrified of planes, and she and Cole end up chatting and then making out for half the plane ride. Hey, he was just trying to distract her from her fears! (And actually she made the first move.)

But they go their separate ways once they get home to Nashville. Jillian has a career and a quiet life that suits her, and famous musicians, especially ones with substance abuse problems, and the high life are not anything she wants, at all. But Cole shows up again, months later, after he's been clean all this time, and now wants to give a relationship with Jillian a shot. He's an incredibly nice guy, and Jillian has a hard time saying no to him, despite all her fears.

Cole's such a good guy that it's a little hard to see why she won't give him a shot, despite the rough bumps in his past. This one is really all about Jillian coming to terms with her hesitations and concerns. To some extent I get it, particularly since she's been burned before. But she does do a lot of dithering, which got a bit old after a while. There's also a needless misunderstanding that's a little too similar to the one that happened in the previous book, not to mention I'm way over romantic misunderstandings as a plot device.

There are several characters from the earlier two stories in this series who play a fairly important role in this story, so you'll definitely enjoy this more if you're familiar with the secondary characters here, but it's readable as a stand-alone novel.

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## **Mara says**

Jillian Jones was married to Danny for twelve years. But when the winner of Nashville Has Talent, let fame go to his head and he started using drugs and cheating on her, Jillian divorced him. She loves her job as a physical therapist for an orthopedic group, going to her own home everyday after work and working in her yard on the weekends. She doesn't want to get involved with another country music star, but she can't get Cole Pendleton, who she kissed on a flight from Las Vegas to Nashville, out of her mind. Can the swoony, country singer, who's wrestled some of the same demons as Jillian's ex-husband, prove that he's a changed man?

This wasn't as lighthearted as Pianos and Promises #2, but not as serious as the first one. It's a story about proving just because you may have a similar history as someone, that doesn't make you the same. Cole took his life back from the drinking and drugs and wanted to prove to Jillian that she could trust him.

I don't know how Jennifer Peel makes a novella feel like a novel but I didn't feel as if these stories were rushed through just to get to the end. I loved the lighthearted banter between the main characters. I read this novella as part of the Pianos and Promises (1-3) set

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## **April says**

A wonderful conclusion to a highly enjoyable series! In fact, I believe this one may be my favorite of the 3 novellas. In each novella, Peel gives you the feel of being in a full length novel. The characters are well written; I enjoyed the interactions and the growth the characters go through. This novel had me grinning almost all the way through it. I can most definitely recommend it for any fan of a clean read romance.

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## **Tressa (Wishful Endings) says**

3.5 Stars

COLE & JILLIAN was a sweet read with two characters who have a lot in their past to overcome if they're to find their happily-ever-after. Romance readers should enjoy this one.

This wasn't my favorite of the series. I'm not sure exactly what was missing, but the story didn't always quite work for me or maybe I just didn't connect to parts of it. The rest of the story though, I did enjoy. I liked the characters and I liked that they had to learn to trust when they've been burned before. There also was some fabulous chemistry, some good humor, and some swoon-worthy moments.

In the end, was it what I wished for? For the most part I enjoyed this story. Not my favorite of the series, but still a good read.

Content: Clean

Source: Purchased

This review originally appeared on Wishful Endings.

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## **Kathy says**

I did not plan on reading this book tonight. I turned on my Kindle intending to put on something to listen to while I cleaned my house. Cole and Jillian was the newest book listed and I opened it thinking I'd just read the first chapter and then get to work. Ha! My plans to do dishes and finish the laundry went out the window. Reading just the first chapter was not possible with this book. I soon found myself curled up in bed reading and I didn't stop reading or move from my cozy spot until I finished this book.

Jennifer Peel has won herself a spot on my short list of "must read everything they write" authors. With the release of Cole and Jillian she has published 12 books which are all 5 star reads! I'm already looking forward to her next book which can't get here soon enough.

Source: Ebook ARC

Content: Clean (mild language and kissing)

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## **Jessie says**

I feel very lucky to have snagged an ARC of Cole and Jillian. I had just read the excerpt at the end of Beck and Call, and was hooked after reading the prologue.

Jillian Jones has just finalized her divorce from her musician husband, Danny Hilton. She has a bit of a phobia about flying and is pretty worked up on the airplane. The man next to her is sweet, and funny, and takes her mind off her fears, but he happens to be country music legend, Cole Pendleton. As much as Jillian likes him, she is determined not to go down that road again. Cole gives them both time to recover from recent life changes, then he sets out to win Jillian's trust, and show her that not all musicians are the same.

As I have come to expect from Jennifer Peel, the characters were easy to relate to. Jillian was so vulnerable after her experiences with her ex-husband. I just wanted to sit with her, share some ice cream, and urge her to give Cole a chance. I was rooting for Cole as he taught her that she could trust again. I loved the way he broke down her defenses, and his gentleness and patience.

I also loved the setting in Nashville. I felt like I was there, and loved the glimpse into the music industry. It would be so surreal to see Keith Urban at the grocery store. I only hope that I could be the type of person to give a star their privacy, and not gawk at them. The story really came alive for me.

You don't have to read Beck and Call first, but the main characters are best friends, so there is some overlap.

If you're looking for a sweet romance with a cocky, charming, and funny cowboy, look no further. You'll laugh, you'll smile, and you will have the urge to listen to country music. I highly recommend it!

Content: clean (some kissing)

Disclosure: I received a free copy of this book, in exchange for an honest review.

If you're in the mood for another musical story, I also recommend Vocal Crush

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### **Jacob Proffitt says**

This is part of a series and the others intrude more than in previous works. Call, in particular (from Beck and Call), is prominent. So yeah, read the others first. That said, this one lives up to the quality of the others and that's a good thing.

There's a touch of instalove in this one, but I think Peel pulls it off. She does that by adding two factors that make it feel real. The first is by conveying that sense of instant connection you get with people sometimes. That this is the start of a romantic relationship makes sense but it's hard to show that happening and Peel does a good job. Seeing their initial meeting and connection ensured I bought their start and was along to see it develop. But enhancing that is having Cole and Jillian act sensibly around that first connection. Cole leaving her alone for ten months afterwards wouldn't have worked if his reasons weren't so outstanding (he wanted to make sure his rehab was enduring and that she had time to get over her recent rocky breakup). So even though you got the sense of the strength of his attraction, staying away for a time had me buying him as someone wanting to make the best possible shot at a relationship that could last.

Even better, Peel expressed Jillian's essentially negative motivation (not wanting to be hurt—i.e. status quo) in positive terms. So instead of "I don't want to be hurt" she's "doing the things that bring me peace and make me happy". You can see how a romantic partner has an easier time working into the second. Yes, she's still scared due to the blow-up of her previous marriage to someone semi-famous. But she's adult enough to recognize that fear and try to overcome it by reframing it in positive terms. I liked that.

Cole was a bit too perfect and a setback before final resolution was rather predictable to give this a full five stars. It earned all four, though, so I'm happy to leave it there.

**A note about missing faith:** This was subtle as they spend most of the story getting to the I Love Yous. Still, Peel stretched "let's take things slow" a bit far for two people who weren't particularly religious and didn't seem like they'd object to the sexy times. So the chastity was a noticeable construct by the end, though I don't think it felt overtly manipulated; it was more a niggling that they should have progressed past kissing by now.

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### **Lydia says**

A beautiful read about a second chance at love for two deeply moving characters. Perfect for a quick heartfelt read.

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### **Kathy Jo says**

January 2018:

What a perfect Sunday read! Now I want to reread all of Jennifer's books again! Hehe.

May 2017:

\*dreamy sigh\* I don't know who I love more, Beck or Cole! It's too tough of a choice so I will choose both! ;) Hehe. This series is still AMAZING and I still LOVE it! Definitely a MUST read!

October 2016:

Jillian has been hurt in the worst way by her country singer ex-husband. After being cheated on, lied to and made to feel invisible, she refuses to ever put herself in that position again. But heaven help her, she still believes in love.

Freaking out on the red-eye from Vegas to Nashville, she's too occupied to realize who her seatmate is. But during take off she feels her hand being held and the most soothing voice calming her. She sneaks a peek to see the one and only, Cole Pendleton, one of country's biggest stars. Oh heaven help her.

When Cole first lays eyes on Jillian he thinks that he must be hallucinating because he has never seen someone as beautiful as her. But when he realizes that she is real, he will do whatever he can to not only calm her down but get to know every little detail he can during their 4 hour flight. Between midnight kisses and promises, he is determined to be a better man so that he can deserve the beautiful Miss Jillian.

But can Jillian let her guard down enough to let Cole in? And will Cole be able to prove to her that he is nothing like her ex-husband? That being with her makes him want to be a better man? Giving up is not an option in his opinion and he will need all the help he can get if he's going to get Jillian to take a chance on love again.

Oh how I loved Cole and Jillian! It was amazing! And I have to say poor Jillian never stood a chance... especially when her best friend Call was in Cole's corner. ;) I laughed out loud, I got teary eyed, I let out lots of dreamy sighs and had a permagrin on my face through the majority of the book. I found myself wanting to read as fast as I could so I would know how it would end. But then I found myself wanting to read slower so that I could savor every little non-date, every little kiss, every little detail of Jillian and Cole because I did not want it to end!

And can I just say that epilogue.... \*dreamy sigh\* It. Was. PERFECT! I LOVED it! <3

Jennifer Peel has done it yet again! Who knew that I would start loving novellas?! Maybe I have just been reading the wrong author's novellas... ;) I may just start liking them after all! Hehe.

And let's not forget the casting! This one came pretty easily for me. I absolutely LOVE them! What about you?!

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