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As Darby Dixon sits in a tiny Texas church bathroom on her wedding day holding a positive pregnancy test, she realizes that of all the bad decisions she's made in her life, marrying her abusive fiancé would be the worst. She's never been able to stand up for herself, but she'll sure as hell stand up for her baby. With just the cash she has on hand, she runs to get a bus ticket to the farthest place she can afford. Between her sheer grit and pageant-queen smile, she lands a job as a front desk clerk at the Colorado Springs Hotel. It's not a glamorous life, but she and her baby are all that matters.

A former Marine, Scott "Trex" Trexler has worked in the most dangerous, corrupt, war-torn places on earth. Now he finally has a chance to return to the last place he'd felt at peace--Colorado Springs, Colorado, to take a new job with the Cheyenne Mountain Complex, a top-secret military installation buried deep within the granite.

The moment Trex walks into the inn, Darby knows he's dangerous. There's no way she wants to get involved with another man who seems to be keeping way too many secrets. As charming and devastatingly gorgeous as Trex is, he clearly isn't telling her everything. But as wildfires rage on the mountain and Darby's ex-fiancé shows he isn't so willing to let her go, both she and Trex are soon to find out that what you don't know absolutely can hurt you.

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From Reader Review From Here to You for online ebook

Beth says

From Here to You has everything I should love in a contemporary romance. A woman, Darby, skips out on her wedding day after finding out she is pregnant. The child gave her the strength to run from an abusive relationship.

Trex was in the military, worked for the FBI and now works in a classified security job for a secret government project. He sees Darby working at the hotel he's checked into near his new job and instantly knows she is the woman for him. Trex will stop at nothing to convince Darby they are a perfect match.

I was hooked right away to Darby's plight but where I should of been completely engaged I started to loose interest because the plot got caught up with immature, overreactions, and side plots that didn't feel pertinent to the storytelling. I started out loving it and ended up liking it.

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Wendy's Thoughts says

4 Knowing You are Out There Stars

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We all know about Love at First Sight...There is look, a knowing and like Michael in The Godfather, you can be "Hit with the thunderbolt" when it hits, especially those who never thought they would ever fall in love. Many have fallen and that was that...

But what about a man who just Knows...Knows his One is out there and holds true to this idea for years... that when he sees her, he will just know...Is he crazy...and isn't it kind odd for a man of no

faith...

Former Marine, Scott "Trex" Trexler is this man and has taken many a ribbing from his team when they brought up his looking for his one. They all served together, lost brothers in arms together and now they are back together in Colorado Springs to work "Security" for a government location at the base of the mountains. It is top secret and none of them can reveal why they are in the area.

Darby Dixon is carrying her own top secret which cannot be revealed. She made the most important decision of her life while in the tiny restroom located in a church in Texas. It was a decision she had been trying to make for awhile. Somehow she was at the edge of this cliff...marry the man who had been abusive to her or make the jump, leave out the backdoor with only the money she had in her purse protecting herself and the baby she is carrying and run.

Darby picked run and her best friend gave her as much cash as she had on her. Darby ended up in Colorado Springs. By selling the wedding dress she traveled in, she was able to get a few items to get by for the next few days. When she enters the Colorado Springs Hotel to apply for their open position, she is lucky to meet the owner by mistake. He chats with her at his bar, listens and sees the solid woman she is...

And because timing is everything, he makes the call to hire her on the spot. He even agrees to pay her in cash. Darby knows she needs to stay under the radar because her ex has the means to track down any electronic/government notices.

Colorado Springs is being overrun by Hotshots, men who are elite firefighters. Right now the hills are a furnace and men from all over have arrived at the hotel. It is being used like a headquarters or hub. All of them are sex on a stick... or at least think they are. Darby is learning the front desk responsibilities and all of them are trying to hit on her. She is polite, friendly but firm in her non interest.

When Trex sees Darby at the front desk...He is hit with his Thunderbolt, he is seeing his one. It is exactly like what his father told him of all those years ago. He Knows. Trex comes up to the desk and introduces himself to Darby. She gives him a beautiful smile and he is dazzled. A conversation, a little banter but nothing to lead him on takes place...Darby is very aware of what she needs to do...Stay focused and look out for her new responsibility.

This is a very sweet story with some suspense but mostly the development of this coming together of Trex and Darby. Darby maintains her focus to not reveal her secrets and Trex has his own he needs to hide. This causes Darby to continue to fight Trex's feelings for her.

There is much to admire in this book. This presents a couple who have very different beliefs, one is sincerely religious, the other is an atheist with strong values and ethics. Together they were eventually the right fit.

This was my first Jamie McGuire read and since there will probably will be more books in this series coming, it won't be my last.

A gifted copy was provided by author/publisher for an honest review.

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☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

Darby just 'Runaway-Bridged' it from her own wedding. But she has a good reason - her fiancé is an abusive a**hole! And ... she's kinda pregnant - which she just found out in the bathroom at church. She's not raising a kid with that guy.

Her best friend gives her some money and drops her at the bus station.

Off to Colorado she goes.

After selling her wedding dress and buying some normal clothes, she immediately finds a job at a very busy hotel. Busy because all those sexy hotshot firemen stay there. Some huge wildfires are close by.

Scott Trexel - Trex - is also staying in that hotel. He's in town for his new job. He's 35 and has been in the military foreve and then in the FBI for a bit and now he's working with a secret private security team. His first day is tomorrow.

As soon as he meets Darby he's sure he's finally found the future Mrs. Trex.

But of course the girl is way too skittish and scared and hurt for a new relationship. And also ... she's pregnant by another guy, who might or might not have given up looking for her!

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO DARBY & TREX???

READ THE BOOK TO FIND OUT! ?

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Well.... Cute Romance ... BUT ;)

I already wanted to stop reading after 1 or 2 chapters. I just hate religion and everything connected to it. And there was so much praying and god and church and bible in those first pages already. Ugh.

But I also wanted to keep on reading. I was waiting for that story for so long. And I wanted to meet lots of Maddoxes again!!! And I did meet them. Taylor & Tyler are staying in that hotel too! Their stories/books are taking place at the same time!?

But this story. Yes... it was cute and sweet and a bit funny and exciting toward the end. But it's not really anything new. We know she's pregnant and we know that her ex is not done with her. So nothing what happens really comes as a surprise.

Trex is great, but he's also a bit sappy with his insta-love-destiny kind of thing.
Thank god he's on my side with all that religion stuff!

The book was too long - it was filled with too much unnecessary stuff. Too much back and forth between Darby and Trex - she doesn't trust him - he doesn't tell her the whole truth! Which - surprise surprise - turns into fighting! Ugh.

It could've been an amazing romantic suspense, but Jamie almost didn't do anything with that secret military compound where Trex works. There could've been some amazing excitement - but nope... for such a long book, they weren't at that compound often enough - or with exciting enough moments. Only one basically. Maybe future books will tell us about that more!
We're mostly at the hotel - which was cute. Interesting.

It was an okay story. Just not amazing!

But I liked Trex and Darby, and all the others. Great supporting cast - I will definitely read all upcoming books about the others!

I enjoyed reading this book. It was just not as good as it could've been.

100 pages less and more action, more excitement, more adorably funny moments, a few more moving moments.

Also - what's with the cover? Roses and smoke? I suppose there is smoke from the fires but I still don't get it. Not in love with that cover - it looks bloody and doesn't fit the romance part at all.

BUT - don't get me wrong - even if it sounds like I did - I didn't hate the book. It was an ok read - lots of readers will really love it. Trex is really swoonable! ?

FROM HERE TO YOU was a really adorable & exciting romance! Run to your nearest amazon asap for your own Trex - he'll be sold out in NO TIME!

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Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

I think I've officially outgrown Jamie McGuire.

I read Beautiful Disaster waaaay back in 2011 and enjoyed it, but I haven't read Jamie McGuire since my epic fails with Providence and Walking Disaster in 2013. Now I remember why.

From Here to You was **tedious, cliched, and, worst of all, boring**. God, if you read these books and you think that this is all that the romance world has to offer, I have *news* for you.

First of all, **lemme talk about the insta-love**. I want to bury insta-love with a shovel, but authors keep digging it up. Trex knew Darby, the super-hot waitress, was *the one* after one interaction. Though insta-love may be a real thing in real life, it just doesn't work in books, with VERY few exceptions. Just declaring oddly strong feelings for another person with no build-up seems creepy and not romantic in novels. Believe me.

Darby was the kind of female MC that drives me crazy. She is gorgeous and men just fall over themselves trying to protect and help her. She is helpless and never seemed to come into her own. I didn't like her overly sweet (like, fake-sweet) persona, and it couldn't relate to her at all. Her chemistry with Trex was... fine... but he felt like the savior and I'm over savior-romances.

I also wasn't expecting was the **surprisingly Christian romance-feel**. I did not realize that such a large chunk of this book would be about faith and God's plan, and as a non-Christian, I was not at all into that.

To top it off, I felt like I was missing something the whole time. **Was there a prequel that I missed??** I was lost in a maze of characters that I felt like I should know, somehow, or that the author expected us to know intimately. It was irritating and off-putting.

I'll freely admit that I skimmed the second half of the book, and it never got any better for me. From Here to You was my last Jaime McGuire.

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KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

IPADS FLAT WILL WRITE UP REVIEW LATER

FROM HERE TO YOU: is the first book, full length, romance novel in J. McGuire's 'Crash and Burn' series.

We're first introduced to Darby Dixon as she's contemplating becoming a runaway bride, having taken a pregnancy test in the toilet of the church she's getting married in where she's having second thoughts, and for good reason too, a toxic, overbearing fiancé, she knows she doesn't want to bring up a child in that environment and with the help from a friend she's on a greyhound bus, destination unknown. Fleeing the man standing at the end of the alter ready to say 'I do'

Then we're introduced to Scott 'Trex' Trexler a former Marine,

Erica Chilson says

I received a copy of this title to read and review for Wicked Reads

3 Stars

I was hooked from page one when a victim of domestic abuse is ready to set foot down the aisle to be married to her abuser. The runaway bride takes off with precious cargo in her belly, with only the bridal gown on her back. This resonated with me for varying reasons.

Darby flees to Colorado Springs, and that was yet another tie linking me to the novel itself, as I visit there and Estes Park every summer, along with Pikes Peak- I even laughed when Trex suggested a trip to Mt. Rushmore for fireworks, because that was a trip we took with all the same destinations. This connected me to the story, investing me in what happened next.

The little hotel, run by a tight-knit family, with all the firefighters added a warm and fuzzy, feel-good, lighthearted vibe to a story that could have gotten too dark due to fear of Darby's abuser showing up. The side cast of characters were individuals and captivating.

The start of the novel had me clicking and clicking, then stumbling slightly over Trex's narration at first. It felt like a lot of information bombarding me, with something far too close to insta-love for my liking.

Darby just escaped an abusive relationship with a military man, while trying to put her life back together from literally nothing, while worrying about the baby in her belly and how she was going to survive. While I think Trex had a good heart at the beginning, his tenaciousness felt too much to me, like give the girl a break for five seconds to get her head on straight, especially when hormones make it difficult to recognize real emotions from rampant mood swings. So what should have felt like warm and fuzzy support felt like yet another version of smothering manipulation. I felt the friendship and need for comfort and support from Darby, but never any true romantic feelings on her end, but plenty of fear and worry for what was happening in the blink of an eye.

Trex pressured Darby on every page, to the point it was taxing to read for me- triggering, if you will. I knew exactly how Darby felt- let the woman breathe. On Trex's end, it felt more like obsession than love, with his 'I've waited my whole life for you, knowing you were the one from first sight.' While romantic for most readers, from the standpoint of a survivor of domestic violence, that is beyond creepy as I'm sure her abuser thought/felt the same thing. This was Trex's immediate thoughts on Darby. Immediate.

Trex needed to get to know Darby, not just love the idea of her he built up inside his head over decades and the outside package. While I'm sure many readers will swoon over Trex and his unflinching tenacity, and I'm sure many will say I'm taking this too seriously... I left my ex, taking nothing I'd built over my entire adult life, if a man approached me that same day and pressured me day after day, I would have gotten a restraining order. Then to continually lie and gaslight Darby by saying she has trust issues...

I actually wanted Darby with Zeke, because it felt more organic, natural, more getting to know you with real friendship, not pressure to be romancy from word-one.

Why 3 Stars?

A book that was resonating with me suddenly went south for me, because it hit just about every single one of my pet peeves. The editor in me sat back and stopped reading, noting where the author should have been reeled in. Less is more. Adding layers of irrational, immature, manufactured conflict lessens the experience.

Insta-love. Fated to nearly paranormal levels for Trex, while Darby was obviously reluctant. It felt pressuring, like the guy in the friend-zone who keeps buying you gifts and being helpful, but it's all phony manipulation to get you to love the fake side they are showing, just as what they love about you isn't real, only an ideal. It's false friendship, showing you the best parts of them while hiding/lying/evading- once you're hooked, you're stuck with someone not as advertised. FYI: this is called 'LOVE BOMBING' and it's a form of manipulation predicated abuse.

Every time Trex is caught in a lie, he brings up/thinks how Darby has trust issues. While I know trust issues are a real thing, this is anything but. This is actually called gaslighting, where you make the other person feel as if they are the problem instead of recognizing your responsibility in the problem. Like admitting you lied, instead of turning it around on your victim by saying they have trust issues.

Miscommunication. ALL conflict is miscommunication. If you're so in love, wish to get married, TALK to each other. I don't mean classified things, but knowing it will blow up in your face, and doing so, just for the sake of it blowing up in your face to add conflict that was missing from a book without conflict... If the characters don't speak to one another, the reader is left dealing with redundant inner monologuing at ad nauseum and we learn nothing of consequence about our storytellers. Time and time again, I said to myself, "Trex, right here is where you should be truthful." Darby doesn't have trust issues- she literally just escaped a madman a heartbeat ago, but you go ahead and keep lying and evading the big and little things that are actually of zero consequence, so we'll have some irrational, manufactured conflict later on. Darby didn't have trust issues- Trex did, as he never trusted Darby enough to tell the truth about anything. It becomes tedious and I lost interest, because I knew what was going to happen, just as the narrator does, and when it does happen, it's like "C'mon! Really?!"

Characters acting out of character, aka character trait lobotomy. Emotional maturity not matching chronological age, career position, or personality traits. Behavior more befitting those who have had zero life experience. Trex was in the USMC, serving in active duty from a leadership position, he then worked for the FBI. Now he is currently working as an independent contractor for the US Government as a security specialist, with a team under his command... the irrational, immature, out of character behavior he displayed at the climax had me shutting my Kindle. After protecting Darby for 80% of the novel, with the threat literally on the premises, he leaves to go help his sister who has called the authorities and is no worse for wear, while leaving a pregnant Darby with her stalker just because she was being irrational due to his lies and hormones. The hotel isn't a magical safe zone. She has an excuse, he doesn't. Trex displayed why he should have never been employed for 2 seconds by the US Government as no one would be safe under his command.

Manufactured conflict in a novel teeming with conflict unexplored. (see above) We have a runaway bride with an abusive, military ex on the loose, WE DID NOT NEED MISCOMMUNICATION AS A CONFLICT. We didn't need a flirty, desperate acting grown woman to add conflict, giving women everywhere a bad name when we already had a villain of the story.

Sociopaths don't run in packs, because they tend to cannibalize each other to protect their secrets. Just as people of faith aren't unintelligent (a thread I felt was explored in the novel with the force of a hammer to the skull. FYI: I'm not a person of faith, but this was too much). All military men are not sociopaths, to where an abusive ex manages to find more of his kind to commit crimes with him. The novel lost all credibility with

me, and I realize this is fiction. Shawn managing to rustle up several other sociopaths is several steps too far. All the conflict necessary was available, adding in a jealous sociopathic girl who somehow manages to hook up with the sociopath pack...

I felt everything was displayed in the extreme. All military men are bad. All firefighters are good (my abuser was a FF). All politicians are corrupt or bumbling. All women under the age of elderly are after your man or irrational (the reporter girlfriend, the new reporter, the new hire, all the women shown besides the grandmother). Every male wanted Darby. Religion is for the unintelligent, atheism is for the intelligent. Domestic violence sufferers shouldn't work through their issues, but immediately latch onto the first man who shows all the precursors of future abusive behavior.

As you can see, what was a book I was so readily prepared to hand out 5 stars veered off course quickly. It meandered, became redundant and tedious, filled with mundane, inane everyday laundry list of daily events. The premise couldn't support the page-count as it struggled to figure out how to fill in the gap from the middle to the ending. Generally, I DNF a book because I don't want to give a critical review, but with domestic violence being something so close to me, I had to read it to its conclusion.

Everything went against human nature and our natural responses to stimuli. I felt Darby's emotions weren't properly explored, as Trex slapped a bandage over it by tossing money at the problem and telling her he loved her, instead of getting her real help from a therapist while allowing her time to find herself as a person and to grieve the past that no longer exists- the life and people she left behind. It took me years, and Darby wasn't afforded HOURS after leaving her previous life behind. She traded in one prison for another, and I'm sorry but I found no romance in that. The journey wasn't explored because the wrong things were focused on during the novel.

To me, the romance read as the initial stages- the draw, the hook, the clenching force -of abuse. As if the beginning and the climax showed the ending of an abusive relationship with the ex, and the rest of the novel showed how women fall victim to it every day via love bombing, gaslighting, control, lying and evasion, and manipulations, buying the I Love Yous handed out far too quickly.

Insta-love is called infatuation. If I ask you why you love someone, and you can't answer me because all you know is their name and their outside package, it's NOT love. Lust. Infatuation. Shallow. Vapid. As deep as the skin found beautiful. This isn't a paranormal fated mates story. What's to love? Why do you love them? If the answer is how they are the ideal/the fantasy of your forever love, you need therapy, because they're a person, not someone filling a void in your life. This is exactly how abuse is born, when you discover they are not the ideal/fantasy, but flawed flesh and bone.

Both older and wiser, I expected a novel that read more mature, but their actions belied their ages (I don't believe Darby's age was ever said), leaving me feeling as if I read a young adult or new adult novel set in the context of a mature worldview.

Angelica Juarez Gonzalez says

Y cuando no lo creías posible, Jamie McGuire **te lo hace posible**.

Esta autora se quemó en su propia formula. Exploto Beautiful Disaster y sigue haciéndolo.

Ahora en forma de "otra" serie con "otro" nombre y personajes de la serie de los hermanos Maddox.

No sé quién diablos es Trex, no tengo ni idea?ya ni lo recuerdo. **Y NO ME IMPORTA**. Cuenta que es un personaje de Beautiful Sacrifice y Beautiful Burn y compañero de trabajo de Tomas Maddox.

Así que ya me imagino por donde viene esto.

Cristina | CristiinaReads says

⇒ *Second chances at finding your TRUE soulmate are very rare, but in this compelling romance story by Jamie McGuire there is only perfection and true admiration...*

⇒ I'm not the biggest fan of **romance stories with military or army heroes that have a broken heart and need mending from their true mate, but this one has changed my mind in every retrospective of wanting more** of the story when it comes down to Darby and Trex. Scott "Trex" is an alpha male that provides the inner knowledge of just being with one person. He has been waiting his whole life for the right person to knock him on his feet so he falls hard for her. That's when **Darby comes into the pictures, making her a broken down heroine with a regretful past that has landed her in a small town in California, wanting to start fresh**, especially for the sake of an unexpected surprise that she found out the day before everything changed.

⇒ Starting off as someone with a mysterious past, Darby learns to **open up about her history to Trex. Making him the ideal partner that she has been missing out on. She is not looking to be with anyone at this stage of her life since she already has way too many occupations going on in her head**, but someone who acknowledges her beauty and wittiness is something that she was not expecting either. The care and protective side of **Trex is also another contributing factor of him that makes the reader swoon over how ideal he is for Darby's broken heart. Her interactions** with him have made her want his touch, his nearness, his presence unlike anything else.

⇒ Conquering obstacles from **Darby's past is something that has brought her and her relationship with Trex to become complicated. To him, he does not care 'cause he just want to protect her** in every aspect;

"When you know, you know, and I knew the second I saw Darby Cooke. It was the first-sight nonsense that until that moment I would've said was bullshit. Since that moment, she'd been the center of my universe, and there was so much more to get to know..."

⇒ Overall, this second chance romance at finding your ideal partner is one that I will **highly recommend for those who are seeking an emotional read. There is nothing** better than having a romance novel that makes you swoon over every action the male character does. For me, I am loving everything there is about **Jamie's writing. For others, this may be a little too angsty, but I am finding it to be the perfect** combination of what the characters pace should be. Thank you once again to my favorite, Estelle, for sending me the copy of this beauty. I am looking forward to see what else Jamie has to write in this upcoming series.

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Carrie says

From Here to You by Jamie McGuire is the first book of the new Crash and Burn contemporary romance series. While this is the opening of a new series apparently the characters in From Here to You were minor players in another series, I believe The Maddox Brothers although I'm not 100% sure as this is my first novel I've read from Jamie McGuire myself. Having finished this one and loving it though I can say you don't need to have read the previous to enjoy this even if the character/s have crossed over.

The story begins with Darby Dixon just finding out she's pregnant as she's about to marry her abusive fiancé and it was one thing to take the abuse herself but Darby refuses to let him harm her baby. Jumping on a bus and going as far as she can she tries to stay off radar and takes a cash job working in a hotel with a room available to her too. Most of the guests at the hotel are the fire fighters coming and going as they battle blazes in the nearby areas and that is when Darby meets Scott "Trex" Trexler.

Trex has always believed that one day he will meet "the one" and the day he met Darby he was sure she was the woman he'd been waiting for. The problem, Darby wants nothing to do with men and especially any military, law enforcement, fire fighters or any field that reminds her of her ex. So being military and ex FBI Trex is not what Darby was looking for at all but before long he begins to show her just what kind of man he is and that he is not her ex.

From Here to You had a lot of great elements to it that easily pulled me into the story and made me love Darby and Trex and want to cheer them on. First, I'm a sucker for a man stepping up and taking care of a child when it's not his own and Trex didn't even blink at the news. Darby on the other hand took a lot of convincing which you don't see too often, the man all in and the woman lagging behind, it was a nice switch. But if anyone deserved to have things go her way it's the woman that found the strength to run and protect her child so my heart went out to her. There's steamy, there's struggles, there's touching moments and emotion along with some suspense on top of it all to really make the pages turn. Great opener to the series that I think many will love.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

For more review please visit <https://carriesbookreviews.com/>

Elle's Book Blog says

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Jamie McGuire has always been one of my favorite authors as I fell in love with Beautiful Disaster. While

none of her other books truly stacked up to that one, I think *From Here to You* is on that track. It's a sweet, single mother/surprise pregnancy romance with suspenseful elements, and a one of a kind alpha hero. Trex is dreamy. He's a special agent, fiercely protective, and refuses to settle down until "the one" shows up in his life. Darby Dixon is the quintessential small town, southern belle. She doesn't swear, believes in god, loves church and Christ, and would prefer to be hurt than hurt someone else. But she runs from her past life the day of her wedding in order to get away from a bad situation and finds herself alone, broke, and scared. Good thing her southern values and charm gets her a job, and looks from admirers.

What happens with Darby and Trex is something straight out of a movie. It happens fast, but it's meaningful. The suspenseful elements are interesting, although it's stuff I have read time and time again. All in all though, it's a good book with great characters. I just wish the plot and relationships within the book had a bit more substance.

Kayla Brunson says

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I was happy to see that Jamie was releasing a new series. However it was very short lived because for majority of the book, nothing happened!

Darby leaves her abusive ex at the altar and flees to start over with and hide from him. She swears off dating and just wants to focus on her and her unborn child. She meets Trex at the hotel that she gets a job at and they have an instant connection. I hate to say that I wasn't really into the relationship between Darby and Trex.

Besides nothing happening, I think what really bothered me the most was that they fell FAST! Trex just knows that she is the one for him soon after meeting her and is already considering purchasing a house and being apart of her babies life. They start this relationship with each other even though they both have secrets.

There were so many times that I thought about not finishing this one but I stayed with it. A lot of things felt forced and with 75% of the book with nothing really going on, it was quite boring. I had really high hopes for this one, but it fell very short.

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Sabrina says

NOW LIVE!

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I have no shame in admitting I love a good damsel in distress story, especially when her savior is a military man. So when I saw the blurb for Jamie McGuire's newest book you can bet I jumped at the chance to read it.

From Here to You is the story of Darby, a runaway bride who left her abusive fiancé on her wedding day, and Trex, a retired Marine trying to start over with a new job in the one place he thinks will bring him peace. When he meets Darby he instantly knows that she's the one, his one true soul mate that he's been looking for his whole life and who he's measured every girl against, even though he hadn't met her yet. And he doesn't care that she comes with baggage most men would run from, she's his and he's willing to wait until he can prove it to her.

Honestly this was a really unique story in my opinion and for a lot of different reasons. Not only do we get a hero that is instantly all-in for the relationship while the heroine isn't, which doesn't happen too often in romance books, but we also get a really great way of storytelling where the main characters have different beliefs. I'm not a big fan of bringing religion into the books I read but I actually really enjoyed how it was done in this book. It wasn't forced at all but there were moments that the discussion of beliefs came up since Darby was a catholic and Trex was an atheist. I really liked that they didn't let it become an interference in their relationship and it made me love them even more that they could discuss that topic without it becoming a fight.

I just generally really liked and enjoyed this couple. I felt so many emotions for them both but Darby is the character that spoke to my heart the most. I admired her for having the strength to leave a bad situation, but I also hurt for her that she didn't feel like she deserved happiness. I was so happy that Trex came into her life and showed her that she didn't deserve to be punished for a past that wasn't her fault.

There's also a little bit of a mystery, at least for me since I'm obnoxiously curious, surrounding Trex's job. I am dying to find out what exactly is going on at the facility he works at so I hope that's something we'll learn in the upcoming books.

If you're a fan of this author you'll also be happy to see some of the Maddox brothers make an appearance in this book. I haven't read the book yet but I believe that Darby and Trex are actually characters you meet in *Beautiful Burn*. Either way, if you know these characters or not, I highly recommend their story. It was captivating, and beautiful, and a story I know I will be re-reading many times over.

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Forever Romance says

We are so pumped for Jamie's upcoming book.

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Darby is no damsel in distress, but that doesn't mean Trex doesn't want to sweep her off her feet and protect her in his castle. A sweet, southern girl from Texas with nothing but the clothes on her back and a hotel job, Darby knows the road will be all uphill, but it's worth it to give her baby something better. She isn't just

playing hard to get when she ignores the advances of the hotshots in Colorado, but something about Trex makes her change her plans. She lets him in, despite the unknown job that has him taking up residence in the small mountain town.

Trex has always known the one was out there, he just didn't know she'd be an authority hating woman with a suitcase full of secrets. He wants to give her his all, even if he can't tell her his real job, but he's afraid of giving her the truth, he can't give her a reason to run away. He seems to be making all the wrong decisions though, but when Darby's abusive ex shows up he knows he has to take control and show her his secrets will help him protect her.

Told from alternating perspectives, *From Here to You* tells the story of Darby and Trex, two individuals with more secrets than the hotel they're staying in can hold. Darby is aware of her beauty, but not vain enough to indulge it. She ran away from the beauty and lies she'd believed for so long and I loved that Jamie McGuire wrote her in such a smart way, showing that she recognized that the past couldn't be repeated anymore. Her strength, especially in working her way from nothing to something was empowering to read, even if sometimes I rolled my eyes at her silliness. For someone who does not like people with roles in military or public safety she certainly picked the wrong spot to land, but I liked that in time she opened up to the firefighters and to Trex. Trex is handsome, an alpha, and almost too sweet to believe. His faith in the one is so cute, but also difficult to imagine. I can see why girls, including his own sister, are so wary of his steadfast believe that he'd just find her and know. Of course, once he shows his true colors to Darby I fell in love right alongside her. The connection they have is instant, like two magnets drawn to one another.

The storyline was exactly what I expected, with Darby being pregnant and running from an abusive ex-fiance only to find herself meeting a guy that makes her believe in love again. While nothing was a big surprise for me, I still really enjoyed the read. Jamie McGuire knows how to tell a story, weaving in the character's pasts and several secondary characters to make it well rounded. We get to know the hotel staff, the hotshot firefighters hoping to save the mountainside, and Trex's rowdy team, who I want to see more of by the way. We know all the secrets before the characters do though, so I found myself begging Trex to reveal his and Darby to be reasonable. It can't always go my way though, I know. There is a lot of descriptive filler and dialogue to this book though, be prepared, especially if you aren't a fan of religion in books. For me it didn't bother me, but I admit it does stand out a lot in the chapters where it is discussed. That said, it makes the characters who they are and I liked their differences, and I really liked their ability to love through those differences. The two share more than lust, making them a couple that you truly can picture together. Finally the part you're waiting for, I know you're all dying to know about the Maddox brothers' roles in this book and let me tell you, the story alone is fantastic, but seeing the brothers again makes it even better. We get quite a bit of interactions with them, thank you Jamie McGuire, and their roles are important to the story which I appreciated.

Emotional and complex, *From Here to You* is a stunning new release from Jamie McGuire. Tackling difficult subject matter like abuse and secrets in relationships seems to be McGuire forte and I liked the realness in this book. I rooted for Darby, fell in love with Trex, and clung to every word in this novel hoping that the things they didn't know wouldn't be their downfall. Whether you're a longtime McGuire fan or this is your first book, *From Here to You* is sure to keep your attention from start to finish.

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