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When Zachary Stafford first set eyes on Cassidy Pope she was being beaten by her father. After witnessing the traumatic event, he made it his mission to befriend her. As the years pass, their relationship evolves and Cassidy not only gives Zack her friendship but her love, as well.

Cassidy spent her childhood being verbally and physically abused. The best part of her life is her friendship with the Stafford twins, Zack and Rylee. Although she tries to put on a brave front, the years of abuse have turned Cassidy into a woman filled with insecurities who doesn't believe she deserves love. Especially not the kind of love Zack has given her for the last twelve years.

On their wedding day, Cassidy's insecurities get the best of her and she does the one thing she knows how to do well...she runs. Zack is devastated and when he discovers why Cassidy ran, his devastation becomes fury. Long ago, Zack made Cassidy a promise he fully intends to keep and sets off on a journey to bring her back into his arms where she belongs.

Will Zack and Cassidy get their happily ever after, or will Cassidy's inner demons keep her from getting the only thing she ever wanted in this world? To be loved.

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Vickie says

A heart wrenching emotive read that will literally pull at your heart strings. Chasing Cassidy is a love story first and foremost, however, some of the subject matter in this book deals with child abuse verbally, mentally and physically, however, the author has covered this sympathetically and the scenes are written beautifully.

Cassidy spent her childhood believing she was unworthy of love. Forming a strong and steadfast friendship with the Stafford twins, Zack and Rylee is the only good thing in her life. Although throughout the years she has learnt to put a brave face on things she has become a woman filled with insecurities and demons from her past that need to finally be put to rest in order for her to move forward and get the happily ever after she deserves.

Zack has loved Cassidy since he was 8 years old. First seeing Cassidy when he was 6 years old being beaten by her father. On what should have been the happiest day of their lives, their wedding day Zack is left devastated when Cassidy's insecurities get the better of her and she does the only thing she knows how to do well and runs. Zack makes it his mission to slay Cassidy's demons once and for all firmly severing all ties to her past and showing her why she is loved by him and everyone around her, that she is worthy of love and finally fulfilling his promise.

"My life isn't complete without you in it. I know love is real because of you. I am loved because of you, and most importantly I can love because of you."

This is the first book that I have read by this author but will certainly not be the last. The story was well written, flowed effortlessly and I felt the main characters and secondary characters had depth and were relatable. The banter between Rylee, Cassidy and Zack was witty, funny and real. I could instantly connect to them and felt that I was firmly strapped into my seat on the roller coaster of emotions as I was there for all the ups and downs along their journey.

Looking forward to Rylee's book, of which a snippet is enclosed at the end of the book.

Would definitely recommend, however it may be advisable to have tissues, wine and chocolate at the ready for when starting Cassidy and Zacks story...you may need them ?

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Megan Fall says

What a sweet read! The whole time I wanted Zack for myself! He was amazing and so caring, even though Cassidy left him at the altar he still loved her and made sure she knew that. This was one of the best, most heartbreaking books I've read. The abuse Cassidy suffered was horrible and I'm so glad she was able to get past it. I really need Ry's book though. I honestly couldn't decide between Pete and Nick so I'm so glad, from the sneak peek, it's headed in the direction I think.

Claire Robinson says

3.5 - "I've known you since we were six years old and I've loved you for as long as I can remember." Stars.

I think you need to be in a certain mood to read and enjoy *Chasing Cassidy*, and in the main I really enjoyed it, but due to the subject matter it deals with, is very heavy on the angst and drama, if that's not your thing then this is probably not the book for you.

"My instincts are always to run now."

It's safe to say that Cassidy hasn't had the greatest start in life, having suffered years of physical abuse by her alcoholic father her one light in the darkest of times has been Zach Stafford. Zach knows what she went through as a child, he made it his mission to put a stop to it, and even now, after she leaves him at the altar, loves her unreservedly.

My happiness begins and ends with her.

As you would expect Cassidy now older, and now living her own life away from her father's poisonous influence has more than a few personal issues that she is dealing with (you get to experience a lot of what she went through with flashback paragraphs throughout the book told from her and Zach's POVs). Low self-esteem and lacking confidence, are but the tip of the iceberg. And after running out of her Wedding to Zach, and their subsequent reconnection in Hawaii, you are given the full story from both sides.

A few secrets are revealed as the book progresses, as well as a lot of self-recrimination, anger, acceptance, facing up to the past, dealing with the consequences of your actions, and the rebuilding of trust as the foundation of a strong and healthy relationship, and not forgetting an extremely large amount of crying from all parties, so much so that I almost became immune to it towards the end.

"To forgive is to love."

This wasn't an easy book to read by any means, but if you can pull yourself through the rollercoaster of feelings and emotions that you and the characters ultimately go on, you do come out the other side the better for it... I also found lots of wine and large bars of chocolate helped greatly too!

ARC generously provided, in exchange for the above honest review.

Darlene Avery says

ARC Review:

Chasing Cassidy by D. Kelly

Chasing Cassidy starts out with tackling a subject matter that is very raw and heartbreaking. It will absolutely break your heart. However, there is always hope for a brighter future. And D. Kelly does a wonderful job of showing that ray of Hope throughout this book.

Cassidy is a young woman trying to find her way in the world and face not only her past but the dream future she always wanted, even though her future mother-in-law, Priscilla, is completely against her upcoming marriage. Priscilla doesn't view Cassidy as someone who meets the standards she expects for her son.

Cassidy and Zach, along with his sister Rylee, have been best friends since they were 6 years old. Their love and friendship is where she has found her strength for so many years. But the question is, will it be enough for her to face the future ?

Chasing Cassidy is a fast paced fun read that will capture your heart.

4 Post It Note Love Stars

Vanessa Booksmymate says

It started out so good but I just couldn't really connect to the characters, although they were likeable. Then I started skipping pages and that's why I only gave it 2 stars. Just wasn't enough to keep me reading closely.

Nerdy Dirty & Flirty says

What would you do if you were left at the altar?

Zachary Stafford does what a man truly in love does, in his opinion. He runs after Cassidy Pope, the love of his life. Friends since they were young children, their love grew only deeper upon a foundation of trust, support and family. That doesn't mean that everything is perfect, far from it. Despite the closeness between them, and his family, there are cracks just waiting to widen with doubt and insecurity.

"I've just made the biggest mistake of my life."

Zach knows his love and, while disappointed, he was not surprised at what happened. He quickly gathers the facts and ***"...operation true love is in full swing."***

I LOVED this story. Zach, well... Here is someone who, for the most part, listens with his heart and his head. I don't know if I've ever heard of someone who was left at the altar do what he did. He put himself in Cassidy's shoes and instead of crucifying her for what she did to him he forgave her for what she did to them. He knew everything about her and realized instantly things were complicated. He didn't let her off the hook though but even then he gave her every opportunity and support he could.

"Only you can make me fall apart, Zach. Only you will ever have my heart."

A new use for Post-its and a deeper appreciation for real (never fake) drama. Love and family at its best!

Winter Sophia Rose says

Sweet, Intense & Emotionally Beautiful! An Excellent Read! I Loved It!

Sana says

the sap in this wasn't for me ?

Coco.V says

? FREE on Amazon today (2/3/2018)! ?

Big Joe Rossi says

Zachary Stafford 1st saw Cassidy Pope when they were both 6 yrs old. Her father was beating her with a belt. From that point on he watched and tried to protect her as best he could.

Cassidy Pope has a crappy home life to say the least. An abusive dad a non functioning mom. Her saving grace, is Zach and his twin sister Rylee. They become her best friends, they welcome her into her family as do their parents. As they grow up the grow closer and for Zach and Cassidy that turns into love. But what happens when you have been beaten and told that love doesn't exist.

On her wedding day, pressure from his mom, her life, everything boils over and she runs. Zach who has chased after her every time she has run before chases her again but this time he is adamant he will make her see they are it for each other and she can love and is loved fully, madly, deeply.

As he works to prove her worth, she works to believe she is worthy.

I really liked this book, its a 4.5 star rating for me, just missing my 5 star. This is a sweet romance with a little darkness with in. The secondary characters are built and structured as great as the primaries.

Highly recommend this.

Nance says

Zachary Stafford is one hot and swoon-worthy male, and Cassidy Pope is a scared and wounded young

woman. She's branded unlovable by her abusive parent. Unfortunately, she believes the monster. So, on her wedding day she runs. But, what she doesn't count on happening is Zack promising to show her just how lovable she is. This was one moving and passionate love story! I loved it, and I wouldn't hesitate to read another D. Kelly book. She has a way with her writing that just makes the reader embrace her characters and believe in their story. This was one emotional journey between Zack and Cassidy that was tender and sweet. I got lost in their beautiful story.

"Faith makes all things possible". ~ Zack's tattoo (Chap. 5)

Liz says

Chasing Cassidy by D. Kelly is an emotional and heartbreaking story. Full of angst, emotions and some very hard subjects, this book will definitely stay with you.

Cassidy Pope's life has not been an easy one. She spends the majority of the time as child both verbally and physically abused by someone that should have loved and protected her. This left huge scars and insecurities for Cassidy. She doubts herself and her self-esteem is practically nil.

Cassidy broke my heart. She was pushed down and hurt so many times; she truly believed she was unlovable and unworthy. Even as Zach loved her, she doubted herself. I loved Zach. He was patient, sweet, caring and loving. He was the strength Cassidy needed.

Cassidy's one light in her life has always been Zach. They have known each other since they were kids. Zach is aware of what Cassidy endures and always stands by her. As adults, they are set to be married, but Cassidy's insecurities get the best of her and she runs.

Zach is left heartbroken and angry. He has always loved Cassidy and he is determined to show her she is deserving of so much more. Regardless of what others and especially Cassidy believe. Their journey was heartbreaking and emotional, but pulls you in right from the start.

I loved the banter between Zach, Cassidy and Rylee (Zach's sister) and their friends. This book will touch you in so many ways. The subject matter is hard to read at times, but this was Cassidy and Zach's journey. It was full of angst and heartbreaking, but also hopeful. It is a story of love, hurt, and hope. This author is quickly becoming a must read author for me.

Happy reading!

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Wow, this was an emotionally beautiful book that dealt with insecurities that may affect many of us every day. But, it also proved that when we have someone on our side assuring us otherwise, maybe one day we will believe them and put those insecurities aside.

As I read the prologue, it had me in tears, wanting to be able to grab Cassidy and hug her with all my might and let her know that everything would be alright. Due to her childhood, Cassidy has had a negative view of

herself, always reminding herself that everyone who loves her is better off without her. Little does she know that, because of her childhood, she's made more lovable than she will ever know.

The very first time Zack laid eyes on Cassidy, he knew he was going to show her what being loved felt like, because one thing was for sure, she would never get that from her parents. As Zack and Cassidy grew up together he made sure to protect her at all times, but one night would ultimately change everything, and from then on, Cassidy never had to fear for her life again.

As I read this book I thought to myself how devastating it was for Cassidy to feel the way she did and even though those around her made sure to show her how much they loved her, she would have to love herself first to be able to break free of those feelings.

Zack was such an unbelievably beautiful, kind, loving and patient man. He did everything in his power to show Cassidy how much he loved her and how, no matter what she did or did not have, he would continue to love her.

There are many of us that may have suffered through it, or may still be battling it, but always remember that those close to you love you dearly and unconditionally. It may be hard to believe it but never forget that, because of the love they have for you, they will keep fighting to remind you daily. ~ Kara, 4.5 stars

Derna says

*** I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review ***

Chasing Cassidy by D. Kelly was a heartwarming and heartbreaking read, about first love, true love, soul mates, trust, hope, friendship and coping with your past. It also deals with the sensitive subject of physical, mental and emotional abuse.

“Faith makes all thing possible”

What I loved about this book was the support and love that Zachary gave to Cassidy, which started at such a young age. He is just perfect; he's sweet, romantic, loyal and so protective of Cassidy. He knows her; he sees her fears, and he loves her it's that simple. Zach understands her better than she understands herself at times. All he wants to do is help her fight her demons and make her see they are meant to be together.

“I need hi in my life more that I need oxygen to breathe. Every part of him is intricately woven into my soul”

“You own my heart and soul. I'm your, too forever”

The story flicks between the past and the present, and I like that it is a great way to see how Cassidy and Zach grew from friends to lovers. How he became her whole world, and she became his. But it also makes you see where Cassidy fears and demons come from, and once I saw I could understand her. Cassidy has a good heart and with all that she has been through. The way she was treated by some was shocking and I will say she is a lot more forgiving than I would have been.

With Chasing Cassidy D.Kelly has written a book that will make you swoon, laugh, get emotional, and want to punch a few people. I loved the way it ended perfectly for Cassidy and Zach.

“Love finds us, we don’t find it, and no one can stop what’s meant to be”

I’m so looking for Rylee’s story I loved her, and the sneak preview that D. Kelly gave at the end of the book left me with the certainty that her story is going to be in an interesting read in more way than one. There is a lot more to Zack’s sister than meets the eye. Oh wow! That girl has got some secrets. FYI #TeamPete

book bruin says

Chasing Cassidy is an emotional book dealing with some very serious and painful issues. The prologue starts the story off with a bang and I couldn't help but want to find out more about Zach and Cassidy. At its heart, this is a story about family, love, acceptance, and forgiveness. Zach is incredibly sweet, loyal, and romantic. He sets the bar for book boyfriends at an almost impossible level. There were times I thought he was actually too sweet. Yes, he really was that perfect. Cassidy's evolution through this book was certainly difficult at times, but it only made the journey that much more touching and emotional. Even though there were times my heart hurt in this book, the ending and epilogue more than made up for it. The secondary characters were also amazing and added some much needed levity during the heavier moments in the book. I'm excited that Rylee is getting her own story and I can't wait to see what happens between her, Nick, and Pete.
