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Ryder made a mistake Harlan can't forgive. Will Ryder cross a line no man should cross to obtain a second chance?

Ryder Halloway made a life changing decision about his relationship with Harlan when he was young and stupid. Thanks to one rash moment, he lost it all. He lost the only man he would ever love, his drive to even try to finish college and his zest for life.

Seven years later finds him in front of Harlan's house preparing to take back what he lost with a vengeance. He's prepared to use all the tricks in his arsenal to plow through every wall, protest and excuse Harlan might come up with.

Of course, he never expected Harlan to put him in the hospital.

Harlan Mychels had his heart broken in college by the popular Ryder. He learned his lesson about love and since then hasn't allowed anyone even remotely close to his heart. Then one morning he turns and sees the one person able to tear his walls down and destroy what is left of it.

He uses every defensive tactic in his possession to keep Ryder at arm's length, but Ryder is persistent. Harlan's not sure if he can stay safe from heartache, and he starts wondering what the real heartache is – letting Ryder in again...or letting him go for good.

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Qin says

The blurb was attractive and vigourous; unfortunately, the piece that it advertises is a spineless farrago that ignores, or rather stampedes upon, all of the establishes rules governing the writing of short-stories, while making no sense as a romance. Do not get me started on the characters; they sink a plot line that could have been worthwhile by their sheer rottenness (with such a love interest as Ryder, one has no need for foes ! Harlan ought to have been made much more touching, yet he does not cut a much better figure). Since the style has no distinction of its own and comes with rather too many defects, from the sophomoric sentence structure down to the stilted and unnatural dialogue, there is nothing to salvage between these covers.

Cee Brown says

This was actually a re-read and I still loved it!! It's true the saying.

If you love something let it go, if it comes back it belonged to you...if it don't I never was yours.

Ryder loved Harlan, but stupidity and a mistake him destroy it all.

Now, only a trip down memory lane can reprise these once-ago lovers.

jules0623 says

Tying someone to their bed without their consent isn't usually the way I go about asking for forgiveness.

This book also contains the weakest excuse for cheating ever: I got drunk so I could cheat because you're too good for me. Seriously? If that's an issue, just tell him you cheated. You don't have to go out and actually do it for authenticity. JFC.

T.M. Smith says

Harlan Mychels has scarcely gotten over his first love, Ryder Halloway when he shows up on his door step begging for another chance.

It's been 7 years since Ryder walked out of Harlan's life. Now he shows up, out of the blue, begging for another chance. Harlan is anything but accepting of Rydes apology. What ensues is a comedy of errors as Ryde continually tries to prove his love to Harlan, while Harlan tries just as hard to remain standoffish. It's pretty much useless from the start as Harlan's mind, body and soul are still completely in love with Ryde; regardless of what he tells him.

"Foreplay" for this pairing consists of one being tied to the headboard, a broken bedside table and a decently disheveled bedroom! I liked the concept of the story. Ryder screwed up, he knows this, and he admits to it

while begging for another chance. Harlan is still slightly jaded and is in no way going to forgive Ryde easily. The sexual tension jumped off the pages, but when they finally go at it, it was rushed. I would have liked a more involved and detailed sex scene for these two, they certainly earned it!

Overall it was a quick and sexy short read, I recommend to any M/M fans, you won't be disappointed.

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

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Patdbooks says

Nice r
Short read. Potential

Christy says

"There Ryder stood, in front of his beat-up truck, staring at the one man in the world who could complete him. That same man stood on the porch staring blankly back."

Oh, college. A time of falling in and out of love, dating this one, or that one, and generally making stupid decisions. Harlan knew what he wanted, however, after six months of dating Ryder. Unfortunately, Ryder was an idiot and made a big mistake. Seven years later, after hiring a PI, Ryder has finally found Harlan, his soulmate, the person who completes him. Now it's time to make amends.

A hospital visit wasn't really what Ryder was expecting, but seriously? You don't hurt someone that badly and expect them to welcome you with open arms. Even though what Ryder did, he thought he was doing for Harlan's own good. Well, you know the saying about the road to good intentions, right?

A very sweet book that has me intrigued regarding the next volumes in the series. I liked Harlan and Ryder, and I always enjoy a happy ever after.

k reads says

I hated these two guys.

Lauren says

I didn't like how Ryder went about trying to get forgiveness in this story. I mean, I don't want to spoil it for others, but seriously? It was pretty ridiculous. That is definitely *not* the way to go about things. Also, his excuse for cheating was pretty crap. In fact, it kinda just made me dislike Ryder even more. And you know what? While I don't doubt that Ryder had real feelings for Harlan, I definitely think Harlan deserved better.

Sheryl says

***SNIFF SNIFF* That was just so... sweet and brilliant!!!!**

Deanna Against Censorship says

Okay story, a little too short. I have no problem with consensual tying to the bed but not a one-sided decision. Still enjoyed the read.

Sophia says

This second chance romance went pretty fast b/c of the short page content, but it was no less heartbreaking and passionate. It wasn't subtle and was stripped to bare emotion so it did feel rushed and a bit rough. I still liked it for all that. The MCs both had flaws and they didn't make it easy, but eventually they worked it out and stood in a good place. It would have benefited from more pages to develop, but was good for a quick afternoon read.

Whitney says

Geez. Talk about the blurb being better than the overall book. This had the potential to be good and completely missed the mark.

First, I want to address the issue of time here. I thought being with a guy for six months and then asking him to move in with you just seemed a bit soon to me. Also, after only six months, the guy utterly breaks your heart to the point where you immediately change your phone number and switch schools? Was all of that necessary? Talk about overdramatic. I understand being heartbroken and devastated, but not after six months. I could've swallowed that better had the MCs been together for no less than a year.

AND THEN seven years pass before you see each other again? I can understand 3 years passing, maybe even five. But seven? I feel like that's such an arbitrary number of years to pass between them. Though it didn't seem that time changed them at all, unfortunately. Neither Harlan nor Ryder seemed to have grown emotionally and that stunted any kind of character development they could've had.

The verbal diarrhea each MC had made me roll my eyes to where they almost fell out of my head. Their

dialog didn't seem natural at all.

I felt really uncomfortable with the supposed "apology" scene. You won't listen to me, so I'm going to tie you up and gag you. You won't accept my half-assed apology, I'm going to fuck you whether you want to or not. Really?

Overall, I'm glad this was a free read or I would've been mad had I spent my hard earned money on this. Harlan and Ryder are both stunted individuals who deserve each other.

2 Stars.

Carey says

DNF. Not for me. No chemistry between the MC's, improbable set up, clunky writing. Not a good fit for me.

Gwendolyn says

I'm a cheater so lemme tie you up and force you to forgive me. It will include mildly non-con sex when it begins which somehow makes things better so we both learn something? Apparently Harlan's lesson is that he's a doormat. The writing style is ok though. If that stuff is your thing you will enjoy this.
