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The heart-pounding, emotional conclusion to the Evergreen Series from New York Times bestselling author Cassia Leo.

Where flowers bloom, love grows.

With Jack determined to correct his past mistakes, and to help me cope with the news about Junior's murderer, I find myself hardly able to function, my soul weighed down by renewed grief and crippling guilt.

When I confess my sins to Jack, watching the light in his blue eyes go dim with every word I speak, I know I will not soon be forgiven. Maybe I don't deserve forgiveness.

When I confess my new predicament to Isaac, I'm met with words of comfort and an apology that leaves me reeling with regret.

I am truly my own worst enemy.

But I refuse to give up. With a renewed sense of purpose, I am determined to weed out my destructive habits and bloom into the person and the mother I was meant to be.

## **Bloom Details**

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# From Reader Review Bloom for online ebook

## Kim Perry says

Bloom is the emotional conclusion to the Evergreen series. Laurel, Jack, and Isaac have all made their share of mistakes and all have to figure out what their path is moving forward. All struggle to figure out how to best deal with the grief and guilt they still experience. I loved how all three really developed in this book. The conclusion is one they had to fight for and is fitting for all the characters. I would definitely recommend reading this series in order.

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## Alecia ~?~The Staircase Reader~?~ says

3.5 Stars

Bloom is the third book in the evergreen trilogy. Dirt and Seed must be read before reading Bloom. This is the final chapter to Jack and Laurel's angsty relationship.

As you all may know I am a huge lover of angst. The more tears shed while reading, the better. I love when an author has the power to pull emotions out of me that I didn't even know I could feel. This trilogy tugged at all my heartstrings! I couldn't get enough of Laurel and Jack's story, no matter how much anxiety these two have brought to my life.

I couldn't wait to dive into Bloom for one simple fact. I needed to see these two individuals who have suffered and fought through so much, finally get their happily ever after. Trust me when I say, there were moments where I was worried, while reading Bloom, that Cassia Leo would pull the wool over her readers eyes and give us the complete opposite of what we want.

My main issue with this novel was, it felt rushed. I wanted and needed a tad bit more fight from Laurel and Jack. I wanted to feel the emotions more than what was given. The first two books had me crying and feeling all sorts of anguish. I needed more of that from this novel, especially with the cliffhanger from Seed.

Overall, this was a good ending to a great emotional series.

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## Heather🌸Book and a Blanket🌸 says

### 3.5 Stars

This is the conclusion to a great angsty romance trilogy! This book picks up immediately after the bomb that was dropped at the end of book 2.

Laurel finds herself in a difficult situation and theoretically based on the decisions she made, I should hate her character but I actually don't. In fact I kind of felt sorry for her and then I actually respected her. She was pretty honest and straightforward with Jack despite the consequences those truths may have on her marriage.

The intensity of Jack and Laurel's love was felt throughout the entire series and this book was the same.

*"You can have anyone and anything you want. Why are you still fighting for me?" "Because you're not anyone or anything... You're everything."*

Their love pulled them through some really dark times. Talk about a marriage being tested! This couple walked through the fire and came out stronger on the other side.

I'm happy that Isaac also found his happy ending. The interaction between him and Laurel is actually quite limited in this book. Their stories are kind of told separately in the book.

So while I loved this series, I don't think a third book was needed. It didn't really add that much more to the story. I was expecting to get more out of the murder investigation but that seemed to be fully wrapped up from book 2 because we didn't get anything more.

Overall, however, this was a great series! I loved all the drama that unfolded and all the angst and cliffhangers drove me crazy in the best ways. I got drunk on Laurel and Jack's passion for each other and their story kept me on the edge of my seat.

### 3.5 Stars

#### Contemporary Romance

**Series: Book 3 of 3 (must be read in order)**

**Heat Level: N/A**

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## MJ says

Bloom is one wonderful conclusion to the Evergreen series. Picking up exactly where we left off in Seed, Cassia Leo managed to keep me in knots as Laurel and Jack try to salvage their marriage despite past

transgressions. Just waiting for Laurel's truth to finally come to light could set off a whole new set of issues for this struggling couple. And waiting with bated breath as to what would happen next for not only Jack and Laurel but for Isaac too, to say things got a bit more complicated is an understatement.

But what is simply wonderful about this book is that the author doesn't make us suffer too much. Instead we are treated to some small bits of happiness in spite of the doom and gloom that seems to be at every turn. There is a ton of self-awareness and insightful realizations as everyone involved in this journey finally finds that small glimmer of hope that could make things right for once. I was encouraged by the methods described in this book and the thoughtful research the author did in order to properly give Jack and Laurel the help they desperately needed.

This series had plenty of ups and downs but I will just say that as the last pages were read, I was sincerely pleased at how lives could be turned around when the time was right. Jack, Laurel and Isaac deserved some respite from the demons that lived within their souls for far too long. They all suffered and my hope is that from all the bad they encountered, good will never be far away.

You must start at the beginning with Dirt and follow the lives of 3 people who deserve much more in life than they were initially given. A true story of hope, forgiveness and redemption, I gladly give Bloom a solid 5 stars!

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### **Tania's Book Blog says**

After that almost heart attack ending in Book 2 I couldn't wait to read this conclusion and I was not disappointed.

I liked how we got all three POVs to see exactly what happened and how everything was resolved. Isaac reaction was unexpected and I was a bit shock by his revelation among other things that I can't say because I don't want to give the story away.

Jack as always impulsive and his reaction was expected but then I was a bit frustrated with him. Laurel was the strong heroine and I liked how she handled everything. It was a quick read but so much was resolved in that short read. I liked how the author didn't drag everything out. This was more showing each individual taking care of themselves first putting themselves first before having each their HEA.

The ending I did enjoy and it was very adorable.

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### **Jeanine Levy says**

Well, what a fantastic ending to this series. Cassia Leo has a way of breaking your heart and putting it back together. In bloom we get the conclusion to Jack, Laurel and Isaac's story. The conclusion was beautifully written and wraps up the heart break and grief these characters are dealing with. Must read to complete this beautiful story.

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## **Christie72 says**

~5 +++++ STARS~

Sometimes, when you're in a dark place and you think you've been buried, you've actually been planted."  
~Christine Caine~

Again, Cassia Leo has written a phenomenal book and has given us a phenomenal ending to her emotional Evergreen Series. This has been a series in which I have highly anticipated reading every book, and Leo completely exceeded my expectations with each one.

As with the previous books, Bloom picks up where the earlier book ended. I was completely blown away with the second book's ending. Therefore, I was apprehensive of the direction Laurel, Jack, and Isaac's lives were going to take. I should not have worried with their fate in Leo's hands. Granted, it wasn't an easy road, but it couldn't be, not with everything these characters have endured.

Each character grows immensely in this book, and I loved that each one of them did it on an individual level. That was definitely needed if they were ever going to move forward. Even though, I wasn't exactly sure what their future held, Leo does show us a glimmer of light and hope for all three of them.

What I found so amazing and touching is Leo made me feel as if I was on their journey of grief with them. I shed tears with them, I got angry with them, and I shared their joy. In addition, she made me see grief in a whole different light. It completely made sense and helped me see why so many people have trouble moving forward. You know you are in the hands of a talented writer when he or she can make you rethink things that you thought you knew.

Thank you, Cassia Leo, for taking me on this journey of loss, betrayal, hope, and finally new beginnings. It was worth each and every emotion you brought out in me. I highly, highly recommend reading this series. It is one you will never, ever forget!!!!

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## **Lauren says**

Not a whole lot happened in this book compared to the first two. But I liked the one big thing that did happen.

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## **Patricia Maia (The Bookery Review) says**

The conclusion of the Evergreen series is fantastic!

Cassia Leo, one more time, gives us the perfect ending of an emotional story where love always wins.

Jack and Laurel need peace. Their grieving is messing with their marriage, they need to stop sticking fingers to one another, but to do that they need to find themselves first.

That's exactly what happens in this book. After so many lies and mistakes, they finally see that together they are stronger. The past needs to stay in the past and trust is beginning to bloom again. They have an epic love and finally they start to see that they can't stay away from each other.

I really loved this series and I recommend it!

*Thorns don't hurt roses.*

*Thorns help roses bloom.*

This quote is perfect and in the end you will see why!!

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## **Liz Lawson says**

This book seemed rushed. Isaac just sloped away, no drama which I expected. What happened to Jack's revenge? This book was a disappointment to the cliffhanger left in book two.

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## **CecilEmely says**

### **1 Star**

**\*\*Spoiler alert\*\*\***

This book has the triggers I cannot forgive!

This review is for the 3 books in this series. I'm not really happy with this series, to be honest. I just finished it with lots of skipping pages. I hate how pathetic the character of Laurel is. Seriously? Book 2 was worse. I'm so over books that portray women as pathetic, weak, lying, self-righteous and cheating creatures. Well, I can forgive the cheating thing if the female MC is not like Laurel, who is so pathetic. I'm going to repeat the word **PATHETIC! Pathetic!** over and over in this short review of mine. And book 3 just downplayed the cheating thing and the cheaters. Really? After book 2, that's the ending of Isaac??? Seriously??? Laurel's excuse in her cheating is so pathetic. After all the "I love him so much!" Blah blah blah, One drunken night and then banged the other guy! Huh?? Know your worth girly. She thought it was her husband not the neighbor. *Huh?* Is her neighbor the long lost identical twin of her husband for her to not differentiate them? Oh, she just realized it but too late.. she already like the act! And soooooo **WEAK and PATHETIC!** to stop. [image error]

It would be forgivable if she didn't remember the feelings of her cheating sexcapade the morning after, but the exact opposite. Maybe if her husband didn't come home.. Round 2 and 3 and more please!

I have hope that it would be saved by the epilogue but it wasn't. It was short and blah for me.

Why was that every time I have decided to go for Cassia Leo's books, I'm always left disappointed?? Maybe her works aren't for me. I don't know if I'm going to read more of her work in the future but we can never tell. Maybe one day. Maybe one day.

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## **Reviews from the Heart (Kimberly Anne) says**

I still have tears in my eyes! This was a Great finish for the series!

Cassia Leo's Bloom is filled with emotion. It's a powerful story with misunderstandings, tragedy, and second chances. She gave Laurel, Jack and their story a life like feel. It was certainly the ending that did me in! Laurel and Jack had both made mistakes throughout their marriage. Was one of them more at fault than the other?

My thought...bad behavior and lies always come home to roost! Just like Jack and Laurel's did! I couldn't wait to see how their situation would resolve.

~ Wendy

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## **Chele' says**

The Evergreen trilogy is COMPLETE!! Wow.....what an immensely intense and emotional ride!

You definitely need to read books 1 and 2 in this series before reading Bloom. Bloom starts off where Seed finishes and we all know Laurel landed her self in a VERY shocking situation.

Honestly, I wasn't sure which way this was going to go, I knew what I WANTED to happen but there were so many factors that could make any decision acceptable.

Laurel and Jack are trying to deal with the findings of the tragedy that they've been dealing with for two years. This has been Jack's main focus and part of the reason why he and Laurel have drifted.

After everything went down with Isaac Laurel knows more than ever where her place is but can Jack accept her truths and move forward? If anyone deserves a happy ending, it's these two but things aren't always guaranteed.

Can Laurel and Jack work through these tangles of emotions? Where does Isaac fit into all of this and will this couple ever receive the justice they deserve?

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## **Cocktails and Books says**

### 2.5 Cocktails

I think this series could have been tied up in 2 books. The resolution of the Isaac drama ended up being a non-event, not much else came out of the whole storyline with Junior and Beth's death so that left us with the hot mess of Jack and Laurel (which tied up a little too nicely). Was I happy the couple worked through their troubles to find a HEA...sure. But in the end, if you're going to dangle these secondary storylines that could alter the course, give us some conclusions that made it all worth while.



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## **Cheryl Whitty says**

At the end of the last book Jack suddenly turned up in Portland at Laurel's mother's old house. Suddenly everything is resolved will the case, come home with me. We all know that there is more heartbreak to come Laurel had been a basket case on her birthday, ended up sharing a bed with Isaac while drunk thinking she was in bed with Jack. We can all see how this is going to play out. Cassia actually doesn't go the usual route of Laurel being pregnant by another man.

I was pleased that both parties realised they both had a part to play the marriage break up. They both had therapy to learn to live without Junior and Beth.

This one cleared everything up, and we had happy ending for all. This is a must read for all fans of the first two books

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for honest review.

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