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An ER physician and a paramedic must heal the most painful affliction of their lives?their own broken hearts.

A seasoned paramedic and former soldier, Angie Cullen has spent many years helping to put people back together again. But her battle-tested heart is no match for the devastation of discovering that her partner has been cheating on her with the wife of ER physician Dr. Victoria Turner. When a car crash exposes the infidelity one evening in the ER, Angie and Vic find themselves unlikely and wary allies as they attempt to pick up the broken pieces of their lives. While each holds the remedy to the other's broken heart, can Angie and Vic trust enough to love again?

*From the best-selling author of *The Candidate*, *By Mutual Consent* and *Delay of Game* comes an unforgettable medical romance about finding love again in the wake of a shattering betrayal.*

## **Heartsick Details**

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## From Reader Review Heartsick for online ebook

### Lex Kent says

3 1/2 Stars. I have always been a fan of medical romances, so I was excited to get my hands on this book. I also liked that this book had a different take than we normally see when it comes to infidelity. I found myself absolutely hooked into this book from the beginning, which I always appreciate. Things got a little bumpy towards the later parts of the books that cost this to lose a half star for me, but overall I enjoyed this read.

Dr. Victoria Turner and paramedic Angie Cullen, share at least one thing in common, heartbreak. On the same night that turns both of their world's upside-down, they form a bond of circumstance. Can they help each other heal? And what happens if feelings start to become involved?

Infidelity as a main storyline can be hit or miss for me, pending on how the author handles it. I thought Richardson did a good job and was even very realistic at times. This book focuses on the two people that were cheated on and what they have to do to heal. Also, the bond they form going through the same shared experience. For me personally, this was an infidelity story done well.

The romance is on the slower burn side which I think makes perfect sense considering what the characters went through. It was nice to see their relationship slowly develop through stages. You could clearly feel the connection the two of the shared.

Where the book hit a snag for me, it got a little too angsty. Not in the typical way you might think, but more in the push and pull way. We should be together, we shouldn't. We should take this to the next level, we shouldn't. Can we make it as a couple? Yes, no, yes no. And it was happening with both characters. One would be on the right page, but the other wouldn't. And just when that character came around, the other pulled right back. So much internal struggle, both worrying about the same sort of things over and over, that the characters inner minds almost became too similar. Angie is starting to sound just like Vic and visa versa. It got to the point I was doing a little hair pulling and yelling "just get together already!" I'm all for some drama to make a book more interesting, but Richardson could have easily taken half of this push/pull stuff out and I would have rated this solid 4 or more star book.

If you are a medical romance fan, chances are you will enjoy this. Even with the problems I mentioned above, I still liked this read. Just be prepared for some angst especially when it comes to inner turmoil. I look forward to whatever Richardson writes next.

*An ARC was given to me by Bella, for a honest review.*

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### Joc says

Starting a romance novel off with both characters suffering a betrayal is a challenge for both the reader and the author because you have to get them through loss and damaged esteem to baseline of normal emotions before contemplating any kind of involvement. And you have to do it with a sense of realism if the HEA is to be believed. I think Richardson succeeded. Vic and Angie discover, in a brutal way, that their respective partners have been cheating on them.

Nobody really wants to be reminded of how crappy a break-up is so *Heartsick* is not easy reading for a lot of it. I enjoyed both characters and liked that they were given different experiences in their respective

relationships and that their grieving processes were divergent. (view spoiler)

This is a good read but not without angst.

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### **Gaby LezReviewBooks says**

'Heartsick' is a medical romance about a double infidelity that ends up with both betrayed women meeting and forming a friendship. Their initial bond changes eventually to something deeper that they can't deny. But in order to move on they both need to overcome their fears first.

This is a well written book by seasoned author Tracey Richardson. Its theme of infidelity is hard to tackle in a romance book but she does it well. The characters are well rounded and, most of the time, credible. However, my issue with this book is that the plot twists and turns tend to stretch a bit too far. Having said that, it's an enjoyable read.

Overall, a good romance read. 3.5 stars.

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### **Pin says**

Heartsick is a slow-burn medical romance with some of my favorite tropes on the one hand, and some I do not like that much on the other hand. The protagonists are two likable women brought together very suddenly and quite shockingly by mutual infidelity of their partners. A plot already seen in lesfic, but with big potential for a great drama. Richardson is a seasoned author, and she made an interesting story of all that. Not as good as her last offering Delay of Game, which is one of my favorites of this year, but still a very good one and above average in many regards. My biggest objection is that the plot is stretched in places because of the "will they or won't they" conduct of the main characters. I prefer a slower pace in romantic relationship building, but this was a bit too slow and too hesitant for me.

If you like Tracey Richardson's writing style, it is highly likely that you will like Heartsick too. If you have never read any of her books, this can be a good start.

3.75 stars

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\*A review copy of this book was provided by the publisher.\*

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### **Sandra says**

Heartsick starts with a heartbreaking moment when Angie and Vic found their respective partners not only in the same car accident, also in the same car, where they shouldn't be in. They realize in a worst case scenario,

that the loved ones are cheating on them. This is a tough beginning for a romance and hard to bear. To start with that much infidelity and cheating is a challenge, but Richardson did a good job.

Slowly, after the first shock, Angie and Vic are bonding over a tentative friendship. The big question is, can they help to heal each other or are they constant reminders of their failed relationships?

The author made a good job on showing, how different the two of them deal with the loss and betrayal. I also liked how the two looked at themselves and their roles in the failed relationship, which sometimes can be really hard when you have to admit, you too had to take a part of the blame for the infidelity of the partner. They had to deal a lot with uncertainty and doubts. And then with the guilt as the feelings slowly change into something more than just friendship.

The chemistry between Angie and Vic is there and you can sense the growing feelings for each other. The romance is slow burning and that's perfect for this story. The main characters are good people and very likable, also Angie's family are great supporting characters. Maybe the push and pull could be a little shorter but overall it was a good book.

It is an enjoyable medical romance despite the tough beginning. I liked it very much.

My rating 4 stars

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### **Endlesscribbles says**

Liked the story but didn't like the narrator.

Rating: 3.5

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### **Netty says**

Oh dear.....

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### **Agirlcandream says**

A nicely done medical romance. I loved the double infidelity scenario and enjoyed watching Angie and Vic work their way through their anger and feelings of betrayal to a reluctant friendship. That they would eventually fall in love was a given, it just took a while for the two women involved to move past their personal demons and acknowledge their attraction.

3.5 stars

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### **Loek Krancher says**

#### **A great unique lovestory!**

Two broken hearts. A break up process means going through a hard time and the road to recovery is very

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long. But what if these hearts collide? Can they put their past behind? Are they ready to put things in perspective and move on? I loved how the author described the emotions and how she created beautiful characters who captured my heart. A well-crafted story and highly recommended.

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### **Rach (Les Rêveur) says**

This was such a beautiful yet heartbreaking story.

When two women are brought together by their cheating spouses they begin to heal together. What neither of them expect is to find an attraction that is not connected to the emotional trauma. With time and support Victoria and Angie start to need and love each other in ways they hadn't imagined.

This was such a sweet story of heartbreak turned friendship turned love. I knew I'd enjoy the story from the get go because it's a Tracey Richardson book but I was really drawn to the characters over and above the storyline it's self.

I liked that the book took its time and didn't rush the feelings of the characters as it could have felt to sudden otherwise. I also enjoyed how the characters were an unlikely match... I seem to enjoy the whole opposites attract theme in my books.

At times I felt there were too many 'will they, won't they?' moments and not enough time building on the characters relationship. In saying that it was a beautifully written story, one that I look forward to reading again very soon.

4 stars

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### **Marilyn says**

I always enjoy Tracey Richardson's writing, and this book is no exception. The book begins with a big emotional punch as the two main characters discover they have been betrayed by their partners. I liked the story of their healing, and the side characters were good.

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### **Mirtha Siblesz says**

#### **Very good book!**

Tracey Richardson is one of my favorite writers for a reason. She never disappoints. This novel is as good as all her other novels. It hooks you from the start. The angst Vic and Angie went through from the start because of Brooke and Karen was intense. Their growth as individuals and as a couple was well done. Overall, a well written novel and looking forward for future novels from Tracey.

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### **Alexis says**

I've been meaning to read this book for a while now but kept putting it off because i'm generally not a fan of anything involving cheaters. That might explain why my stomach was in knots the first few chapters as both Vic and Angie had their worlds turned upside down.

Misery loves company though and Vic and Angie soon bond over being thrown into the same heartbroken boat. What I really liked about these women was how different they chose to deal with their anger, sadness, mistrust and general view on how best to move on with their lives.

Throughout the book they both struggled with their changing feeling towards each other and the subsequent guilt that comes with that. Other topics like how long to mourn a previous relationship, forgiveness and even possible second chances are also issues that they are forced to deal with and I love that they sometimes have conflicting views on how best to face these challenges.

Though Vic and Angie have good chemistry together there is a weird case of insta love. I say weird because for me personally it didn't feel like enough time had passed for them to consider a new relationship with each other. However the way the book is written it feels like a lot more time has passed. There were several moments I caught myself thinking "wait it's only been a few days?" because it felt like a few weeks might have passed.

The book definitely has it's issues but it was an overall good read with a really mushy ending. **3,75\***

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## **Margaret says**

Detailed score: 3.25

I'm sorry to say this was meh. Meeeeehehhhhh. All the way through.

The characters are two dimensional— we never really get more than a superficial insight into why the character's original relationship didn't work or really what attracted them to each other (a big thing was made of them both liking books). Gets tell not show in quite a few places and gets bogged down by unnecessary scene descriptions. Plus two of my pet hates: preaching through the book about a topic of interest to the author (ptsd) and unrealistic therapy scenes (and there's lots of both).

It's always easier to capture the negatives— despite what I've said above, I didn't hate this book. There's an ok enough story buried in there.

Overall: Points for trying and ok enough but I'd wait till it's on sale.

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## **Alealea says**

I read one half yesterday and liked it just fine.

But this morning it was grueling getting back into it. The drama and interactions fed me up. I don't know if there is a quality drop at midpoint or if I had a moodswing but at the end it was a relief to reach the last page...

The story is pretty standard and the main characters had good chemistry at first.

I wish there was more depth to the cheater characters. Here they are so obviously the bad ones when they could be humans, not perfect but not criminal either.

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