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Diane Lynch says

Once Burned (Firehouse Fourteen #1) by Lisa B. Kamps Lisa B. Kamps' Once Burned is a heartfelt and emotional start to the Firehouse Fourteen series. Michaela (Mike) Donaldson and Nick Lansing were high school loves, an accident in high school tore them apart changing both their lives forever. Ten years later, Michaela is a firefighter and Nick is a school teacher, brought back together to develop an education program, but working together is not so easy.

Lisa B. Kamps does a great job with her character development. It is interesting to see how the same accident impacted both lives so differently. Nick did a pretty good job turning his life around. He understandably felt horrible about what happened. He tries to do what is right. I think it is noble that Mike becomes a firefighter, so she can help save lives like hers was once rescued. It is ironic that she likes to drink as much as she does.

I appreciated the concept of feeling invincible when you are young and agree unless you meet someone affected by the situation it has no impact on you. When I was in college, I became friends with a number of people that were on the wheelchair basketball and track teams. The majority of them were hit by drunk drivers. Knowing them, made a huge impact in my life. Just like I think the situations in this book would do the same for the high-school students whom Nick teaches. The presentation at the end was well-done and full of impact.

This story was a bit out of my normal read, but I really enjoyed it. It moved me, especially toward the end of the story. Once Burned would make great required reading for high-school students.

Complimentary copy provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Ambrosia says

Started off kind of frustrating. Mike/Kayla has a lot of issues (legitimate and understandable, but annoying nonetheless). But the story picks up speed. The author did a nice job of showing how Nick had changed and why - without just telling us. In fact, the memories are realistic in the sense that they're not clear, thorough and chronological. You have to piece the story together.

Unfortunately when I was finally enjoying the story, it ended. Just like that.

(Also, the author kept misusing the verb "effected" when she meant "affected." Pet peeve of mine.)

Brenda Hairston says

True life,

Not my normal read but nice. A true romance filled with tragedy, growing up, forgiveness and happy ending. A good read.

Coco.V says

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Merry Jelks-Emmanuel says

They had a bright future ahead of the until one reckless night ruined it all. Torn apart they go their separate ways one becomes a firefighter the other a teacher. It has been ten years and a fire of all things bring them back together. Is this fate and will Nick have a chance for redemption? This is a touching story that draws you in.

Mollien Fote Osterman says

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Review:

Not what you were expecting. The hunky firefighter is a female. Michaela Donaldson (Mike) is a firefighter. She does her job a little recklessly. She parties hard, and is happy living her detached life. Her friends are her fellow firefighters. Nick Lansing was the bad boy in high school with a substance abuse problem. Now he is a respected teacher of all things. A series of coincidences, or maybe it was fate, has brought this high school couple back together after 10 years. What a fiery reunion it is.

The plot has Nick trying to win back his lost love. The girl that he almost killed 10 years ago. He has changed over the years, but is it enough to get Mike to forgive him. Mike just wishes that Nick would leave her alone. She doesn't want to remember that awful night that almost killed her, or the fact that he left her. She has scars both physical and mental, but she still craves him.

There is a strong chemistry between Mike and Nick. It is something deep and raw. The pacing of this story is pretty fast paced. There was an emotional ending. With good character development.

I loved this story and can't wait to continue the Firehouse Fourteen series where we learn more about Mike's best friend, Jay Moore.

Review Copy of Once Burned provided by the author Lisa B. Kamps and Tasty book Tours, for an honest review. Reviewed by Mollien from Alpha Book Club

Kym says

Emotional second chance love story involving Michaela (aka Kayla/Mike/Mikey) and her first love, Nick. Without giving the story away, regardless of how one feels about the subject matter, a lot of this story

surrounds forgiveness - by both parties. While sometimes bittersweet and, at times, hard to reconcile Michaela's behavior, in the end this is a sweet story of forgiveness and redemption.

Bec_BookMagicReviews says

Michaela Davidson and Nick Lansing were the happiest of couples, until a reckless decision changed both their lives, and ended any chance they had at forever after. Or so they both thought, when a fire to Nick's residence brings Michaela back into his life. Except she's not ready to forgive nor forget how much Nick hurt her. At least not until they're forced to spend time together to work on a drunk-driving campaign to educate high school students.

What a riveting, fast-paced, highly emotional read Ms. Kamps has penned, encompassing the second chance romance trope, a heroine burying herself in work and using alcohol as an escape to deal with her past, and a hero that is willing to do anything to obtain the heroine's forgiveness; even if that means exposing his deepest regret to his students. I really liked how it started with Michaela's fellow firefighters being worried about her, and then quickly figuring out her recent bad mood stems from Nick coming back into her life.

As for the dialogue, it was well-written, powerful and emotional as both the main characters have to come to terms with the past. Can they overcome what happened between them? Can Michaela forgive Nick? It seems she's the one making all the mistakes this time around -- while Nick is trying to turn his life around -- which is proven by the emotions and reactions from the heroine's side. No wonder her friend and partner in the fire department is worried about her.

I really liked both characters, although Michaela did annoy me at the beginning. Her way of dealing with her past by drowning her sorrows made me feel sorry for her. However, she's strong, brave, hard-working and I could fathom her anger towards Nick. Yet, despite what the hero did, I thought she was being unreasonable by avoiding discussing their past. Especially when it was dragging her down more and more with every encounter between them. However, in saying that, I'm glad her firefighter partner Jay forced her to face the truth before it was too late. Because that moment did a lot towards healing her bitterness.

While Nick, he's done so much to change his life around. No longer does he act without thinking like he did in the past. Hurting Michaela really gave him the kick in the teeth that he needed to make something of his life. He's gone from the stereotypical bad guy doing everything wrong and getting into trouble, yet, now he's a wonderful teacher. Determined to teach kids that the choices they make in high school can impact the rest of their lives, if they're not careful. Honestly, I felt sorry for the hero. Because seeing how much Michaela is still hurting after so many years affects him just as much as it does her, which is proven through the dialogue and his narrative. How can he forgive himself for the past, if Michaela hasn't forgiven him?

Hot sex scenes spice up the pages, and although it felt like Michaela was using the hero the first time they jumped into bed together, the moments illustrated how much this pair still loved each other despite the pain that caused their past relationship to fall apart. I liked how Nick continued to prove himself to her, despite the fact that she continued to push him away. And the way he forces her to face hard truths did wonders towards healing her, which was what she needed to be happy.

Overall, I really liked this story and I can't wait to read future books to come for this series. Especially because I want to learn more about Jay, Michaela's partner in the fire department since he was such an enjoyable secondary character. The way this story ended had me cheering for this couple. Nick revealed something major that Michaela never expected, which makes her realize that she can forgive but never

forget, and paves for a second chance at love. I would highly recommend Once Burned by Lisa B. Kamps, if you love second chance romances or stories about love, loss, healing and forgiveness.

Bookish Addict says

This is such a sweet (it does have fire) second chance story between Kayla and Nick. I'm glad they got their second chance to love each other again, the person each have become, and to forgive. It was a little dragged on with Kayla going on a self destructive path for 10 years since the accident and refusing to admit and submit to her emotions. Overall it was a great read with lessons to learn.

Teresa Derrick says

Something to think about.

Mikayla had been the victim of Nick's drunk driving. The book takes place at least ten years after the incident and is suppose to pick up on their lost love. Though I don't agree with the message behind her forgiveness the book is well written.

Rita says

I liked how the book tried to deal with the issue of drunk driving and the long term impact it can have in your life. The author did a credible job for the main male character but I was disappointed that she glossed over the mental issues the main female character faced. More could have been done about why she drank so heavily and then more should have been done to explain how she was suddenly mentally fine about the whole situation.

Jen says

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This was a story filled with a lot of strong emotions, as it should because I honestly would have felt the same way Mike/Kaley did upon seeing Nick again. While it's clear that he's riddled with guilt over abandoning her and I understand his reasons behind it, what I don't get is why he never made any move to make amends within those ten years. In this day and age, it would have been easy enough for him to locate her if he really wanted to. What he chose to do was to go live his own life without ever looking back, even if he did claim to have never forgotten her. I think it's this decade-long inaction with regards to the one girl that he loved that made me hesitate going all in emotionally. I mean, good for him for cleaning up his act and getting help, but I thought that part of the process of rehab is owning up to past mistakes with the people they've hurt the most. Yes, Nick did that, but only because he was already confronted with his past.

While I was a bit iffy when it came to Nick and Kaley getting back together, I did like how the topic of

alcoholism was tackled in this book. It played an important part in Nick and Kaley's story, and that scene involving the high school seniors who were supposed to listen to a presentation about the hazards of drunk driving was a heartrending and poignant one. I was waiting, though, for Kaley's own penchant for drinking to be given a stronger resolution, especially since she was playing it off as nothing more than a leisurely thing for her to do. Even with what I considered a couple of hiccups in the book, this was an overall good read and the kind of series starter that leaves me curious about what else may be in store as the series continues. I'm thinking Jay Moore, Kaley's partner and best friend, may be up next, but whether it does turn out to be Jay's story or not, I'll be looking forward to reading it. Four stars for Once Burned. ♥

Alicia says

****.5 "Once Burned" (Firehouse Fourteen, #1) by Lisa Kamps

Lisa Kamps uses the Jaws of Life from the very beginning of the novel and opens it up so that it draws the reader in from the very beginning. She keeps filling it with so much oxygen and life, that the reader never wants to put the novel down.

The characters are so well written that the reader is living and breathing with them. They are relatable, flawed, strong, weak, accomplished, confused, and so much more. They are me, you, and all those around us.

It is easy to understand Michaela/Mike's feelings: confusion, anger, loss, forgiving or not so forgiving, questioning all kinds of things in regard to what is reality now and what she has hung on to from the past -- an old pattern and/or means of coping.

We can understand where Nick is coming from. Unable to forgive himself, still caring for Kayla despite the decade that has gone by, his own confusion in other areas of his life, his need to understand and to push, yet knowing pushing too hard could lead him into a backdraft, so to speak.

Jay is a dependable, level headed and an amazing friend. He is the water to the fire. He is there when needed, calls Mike out on her behavior, is convinced he will forever be a bachelor, puts himself on the line despite knowing things could blow up at anytime. We all need a friend like Jay in our lives. The voice of reason, the best friend, the person we can count on through the ups and downs, and the one with the water hose to wake us up or put out the flames of negativity, life, and everything in between.

This is a story of firefighters; friends; lovers; second and third chances; forgiveness; moving forward or staying locked in the past; of the heat within us and that surrounds us...and our choices as to whether we get burned...or not.

"...the last sliver of coldness deep inside her melted and disappeared. And was replaced by something so precious, it filled her with a heat that would warm her forever without fear of ever being burned."

Stacey Timmons says

I liked this book. The story had potential but some parts just done my head in. Especially Mike (Kayla/Michaela), she was bitter and a bit of a hypocrite, with the drinking. Yeah, I do believe she had a problem, considering that's all she seemed to do or at least think about when things got tuff!! I understand what she went through was horrific and she did have justified anger but to hold onto it for 10 years, that was

just bad on her part.

I like Nick. He has suffered with his guilt for 10 years and still she's hell bent on adding to his punishment! He can never forget it forgive himself. But he has tried to move on from it.

Plus they've been in the same place for at least 5 year and only now they're bumping into each other? Yeah, don't believe it!

Karen Durant says

Michaela (Mike) & Nick were high school sweethearts until an accident in high school tore them apart changing both their lives. Now 10 years later, Mike's firefighter & Nick's a school teacher, brought back together for an education program. Easier said than done. Mike's reason for becoming a firefighter is to save life's like hers were saved. Nick never stopped loving Mike, but will she finally forgives him? Will they get their HEA? This was a really good book that shows what sometimes happens when youngsters think they're invincible with no care in the world. There can be tragic consequences... Besides recommending it to everyone, i would also tell parents with teens to recommend this book to them.
