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The calm before the storm...

I lived in the quiet stillness.

I felt the wind rustle, warning me, telling me to get out of its path.

But I didn't.

I never stood a chance.

A series of weather and road mishaps leaves me trapped in the middle of a blizzard with a complete stranger. In the back of a pickup truck. For forty-eight freakin' hours.

A stranger with long hair, tattoos, and rippling with muscle.

A stranger with an insanely sexy voice and a wicked smile that turned my insides to jelly.

A stranger who held me in his arms, calmed me, and then set a fire in me that I couldn't put out.

Storm lives up to his name. Beautiful. Dangerously inviting. Tumultuous. Dark. A clash of hot and cold.

He's used to getting everything he wants.

And now he wants me.

Some people chase storms for the beautiful thrill. What happens when the storm chases you?

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Floripiquita says

Lectura entretenida y ligera protagonizado por un rockero pelilargo y tatuado -que son mi debilidad y éste encima no puede ser más atento- y una chica del montón, que a veces te saca de quicio con su indecisión. El cúmulo de desgracias del principio es muy original, pero luego la trama se convierte en más de lo mismo. La familia del protagonista me ha encantado, padre rockero y madre escritora de novelas románticas, genial. Para pasar un buen rato sin más.

Sophie ****2 Greek Girls Reading**** says

****3.5 Stormy stars****

What happens when **two strangers get stuck together in a car because of a blizzard**? With just a blanket to protect them from the cold and snacks to survive? Will they kill each other or will they create a bond that will be hard to break?

"How can you have a beautiful ending without making beautiful mistakes?"

Evelyn drives one awful day because of her job and she has an accident, in which her car gets stuck in the snow. Storm tries to help her and when she finally accepts a ride from her only lifesaver they crash and get stuck in the dangerous blizzard, without a possible way to get out of there. An isolated place, no signal on their phones and they get stuck together for a few days, along with Storm's dog, Niko, surrounded by the thick snow. They feel like they're into a snow globe.

Evie has no idea that this handsome, dangerous looking stranger is actually a famous rockstar. Storm and Evie feel a special bonding by the time they have to separate ways, but Storm has set his eyes now on her and he won't let her go that easy. Storm is a character that you will love. He's going to make you swoon.

Evie will probably make you feel various emotions. Personally speaking, I thought at first that she acted childish and had me rolling my eyes at her words and reactions. She was also funny and sarcastic and I did laugh a couple of times though, so thumbs up for that. And she had some character development during the story, so I'm glad to say that she grew on me.

The only problem I had with this beautiful story, was Michael. (view spoiler)

"Sometimes, it's easy to slip into denial about what's going on in life. It's safer and easier to exist within the confines of what is comfortable than to venture out and allow yourself to experience new things that

might shake the foundation that has become your safety net."

Storm is a really original story in my opinion, well written, especially considering that this is a debut novel and with characters that make you feel attached to them. I especially loved the pets. Who doesn't love an abused dog and a deaf cat? I love that the **money from the sales will be donated on dog & cat rescue organizations.**

I loved his family members and I can't wait to read Asher's story. I wasn't interested so much in his cousin Vandal, until the revelation around 95% that made me want to read his story asap! I have a feeling that Vandal will break my heart, but bring it on!

Sophie "Beware Of The Reader" says

Why did I wait so long to read this one?

I had this book for ages on my Kindle and had never read anything from Carian Cole. As I was in the mood for some rock band love story, I remembered I had one stored... somewhere.

A famous rock star and a shy "ordinary" woman suffering from panic attack stranded in the blizzard, inside a car with a huge dog? Well it sounded promising.
And it was indeed!

I loved that story, easy to read with the right balance of romance, hotness and sweetness. The rock god was sexy as sin with a tattooed muscled body, he was a manwhore but ready to be reformed and he also had a heart of gold. Storm saved Evie from the snow, a real modern knight in shining ink and fell for the sweet woman. I loved how he acted with her, helping her through her panic attacks, taking care of her car, coming back when she was sick. Under all that ink, he was a real sweetheart!

Evie was not the kickass strong heroine I usually root for but she was very endearing. She is always doubting herself, does not see her own worth and she is a "good girl". She is faced with a moral choice as she has a boyfriend but feels attracted to Storm. She does not want to be "that girl": a cheater. I must confess I wanted to tell her to make her choice sooner in the book but at the same time, I understood her fears and I really don't know how I would react in her stead (fortunately, such dilemma never happened to me and I hope it never does). It's always easy to judge but when faced with the ordeal, we might very well be surprised with our reaction.

I also loved the side characters, Storm family as I see all their potential for other interesting and spicy stories.

The best news is I've another book of two from this series already waiting for me on my Kindle. Praise for book sales!

So if you love romances happening between sexy rock band members and ordinary girls, something easy to read and very enjoyable without too much angst, I would recommend this one.

Note for the "no cheating allowed" readers (view spoiler)

Jenn says

I enjoyed this story- for the most part however, I didn't like the cheating elements. Even though I'm not a fan of cheating, I still read the entire story as I wanted to know more.

At times I felt like Storm was younger than 30. I thought for sure he was bipolar at times, too. He definitely liked to be 'in control'. Even though he could be aggravating, he was definitely very blunt and I think he really tried to be sweet, caring - which was definitely out side of his comfort zone, when trying to get the girl who captured his heart.

I think that Evelyn should have cut her ex out of her life much sooner. Though I understand her reasonings. She was an alright character for me.

Over all- I liked the story for some humor, the basis of the storyline, and seeing how the story would evolve and resolve. I also liked the good side of Storm and his family.

However, due to the BDSM nature of book two, and the way older chick for book three's hero, I won't be continuing on with those in this series. I'm definitely intrigued by book four and will move straight to that one. Though, I feel like book four's idea was taken from a show where couples meet for the first time at the alter - who were paired together by match makers. They marry and live together for a time frame and at the end of that time frame, they decide if they will stay together or divorce. We shall see how book four goes.

Christine says

[The heroine has a boyfriend of 12 years. She claims to love him, but has an orgasm while grinding herself with a stranger - the hero she

Alp says

I loved this book!!! 5 Stars isn't enough! 'Storm' had me enthralled from the very start and held me tight until the end. The story was so lovely and sweet.

What would you do if you found yourself trapped in the backseat of a truck, during a blizzard, in the middle of nowhere, with a gorgeous tattooed stranger for 2 days? Hmm...

Storm was an amazing guy! He was so hot, so sweet, so easy-going, and so caring. He immediately became my all-time favorite hero because of his honest straightforward personality. I loved that he knew he wanted Evie and he never stopped fighting for her love. He was more than ready to show the world his strong feelings for her. Storm, you blew me away and ruined me for other rock star heroes! You're now officially my new book boyfriend! (Hahaha)

Evie was adorable although she was a bit annoying. She was so scared to come out of her safe world. Around the middle of the story, I felt a little frustrated that (view spoiler) but I understood her. I knew she couldn't

just simply walk away from 12 year relationship, to jump right up into the arms of a man whom she barely knew. Moreover, her boyfriend didn't do anything wrong, except for the lack of care! (view spoiler) But later, she gradually realized that there was no passion left between her and Michael. Eventually, she found the courage to move on, to make a change, and to choose the only man who could light up her life.

I loved how Storm and Evie's relationship developed from two complete strangers to friends who cared each other, and finally deeply in love. They were so perfect together!

This one is exactly my type of book, such a wonderful romance story. Reading it brought joy to my day. Highly recommended!

I'm moving on to 'Vandal' right now!

Lisa says

Read my review at Sinfully Sexy and enter to win a signed paperback, swag or a giftcard.

3.5 Stars!

"Sometimes, the right person comes along at the wrong time, and you have to just trust fate and hope it leads you in the right direction and it all evens out."

Storm by Carian Cole is book one in her series entitled *Ashes & Embers*. This is a great debut novel that had me smiling, frustrated, giddy and happily sighing. It's about taking a chance, stepping out of your comfort zone and no longer playing it safe. Sometimes it takes a tumultuous storm to rip us from the safe bubble of comfort we have grown accustomed to. It is then up to us to determine whether you seek shelter once again or begin to dance in the rain.

Evelyn is on her way to a business meeting having to drive through a snowy blizzard when she loses control of her vehicle and ends up crashing into an embankment. With no cell service and no way of determining exactly where she is, Evelyn is stranded. That is until a mysterious and huge stranger with long-hair comes to her rescue. She is reluctant to accept any help from him despite his assurance that he can get her safely out of the blizzard and into a warm shelter seeing that his cabin is close and he was on his way there. Unfortunately, they never make it to the cabin, at least not right away. The pair get into another accident leaving them stranded in the blizzard with nothing but a blanket, a big goofy dog and some food. All they

can do is wait it out.

Storm Valentine is on his way to his cabin for a much needed reprieve from his crazy life. He wants to a break, even if it will only be for a few days. When the car in front of him slides off the road and crashes, Storm can't just drive by without going to the person's aid. What he did not expect was a sassy, spit-fire who has no idea who he is and is giving him attitude despite the fact that he is rescuing her. Fate has other plans and the two of them end up stuck in his truck riding out the snow storm. Storm and Evelyn spend a couple of days together often goading one another but also opening up and letting the other in. When it is time for Evelyn to return home, Storm can't help but want more with her. They both feel a strong connection to one another. The question becomes whether Evelyn is willing to give Storm a chance?

The first part of the book, being stranded in the snow storm, was great. Evelyn's reaction to Storm was so comical.

"Excuse me...Are you wearing eyeliner?"

He rolls his eyes and shrugs. "Never mind that. Let's just go already." He puts his sunglasses back on.

I can't let it go. "Are you some kind of cross-dresser or something?"

"Fuck to the no."

"Maybe he's a Twilight fan? Good lord, I hope not."

After Evelyn goes back to her real life and Storm returns to his, they continue to be friends even though Storm wants so much more. At this point Evelyn did grate on my nerves. She was so hesitant about everything and I hated how she was so blind to the truth. I did understand her reluctance to get involved with Storm at first, especially once she discovered who he truly was. However, Storm proves himself over and over again and Evelyn still ends up doubting his feelings and his intentions toward her. I did want to drop-kick her a few times.

"I just knew, sitting in the truck with you in my lap, that this was it. I figured we were either going to die together back there or get out and be together forever. I don't question feelings like that."

Storm was a wonderful character that had me swooning right from the get go. He knew what he wanted and he was very honest and direct. I loved that. I also admired the fact that he let Evelyn get there on her own. Sure there were moments where he had to nudge her in the right direction and show her just how profound their attraction was for one another (*"I want to fuck you stupid and watch you come undone and then fuck*

you back together again.”); but, Storm did leave the decision in Evelyn’s hands. She ultimately had to be the one to decide if she would take a chance on a relationship with him.

“How can you have a beautiful ending without making beautiful mistakes?”

This entire book is told from Evelyn’s POV. I did enjoy that but I would have loved to get a few chapters in Storm’s POV. He was such an intriguing character and I would have enjoyed getting into his head. Also, going into this book I had no idea that Evelyn had “an obstacle” in her way when it came to being with Storm. I did not mind this angle; however, I wish that the resolution would have occurred much sooner in this book. I would have loved to see Storm and Evelyn together for a lot longer. It definitely would have cemented their relationship in my mind a lot more.

All in all, *Storm* was definitely a great read that I thoroughly enjoyed. I am excited about the rest of this series. Carian Cole introduced some very intriguing characters and I can’t wait to see them get their story. I would certainly recommend this book!

***An advance reading copy of *Storm* by Carian Cole was generously provided to me in exchange for an honest review.

Maria ♦ *Steamy Reads Blog* ♦ says

Trying to catch up on some good oldies that were recommended to me :) No review, so sorry, guys. SO busy T.T

Jamie *Gypsy Smut-a-teer* says

“Sometimes, the right person comes along at the wrong time, and you have to just trust fate and hope it leads you in the right direction and it all evens out.”

When I was offered this ARC I was so excited!! I mean two strangers trapped in a vehicle during a snow

storm?? Come on....All I could think of was the forced cuddles and different "ways" to keep warm.....Am I right?!?!?!?

Evelyn is on her way to a business meeting in the mountains when she loses control of her car and wrecks out in the snow. Luckily for her, there was a man in a truck right behind her who saw the wreck and is there to save her and give her shelter during this horrible blizzard. His cabin his right down the road and even though she will ultimately miss her meeting, she'll be warm and have food and can ride out the storm. However, fate had other plans and they never make it to the cabin, making Evelyn and her newly found "friend", ironically named Storm, trapped in a truck in the snow until the snow trucks find them, which will be when the blizzard is over.

So, I grabbed this sucker up pronto and started ASAP!!! My very first opinion of Evelyn was, "OMG, this girl is soooo annoying. I totally feel for this guy who's going to be trapped with her." I mean seriously, being trapped in the actual snow sounded more fun. She was mega uppity and snotty. COMPLAINED NONSTOP. But when they get to talking in the truck both parties end up showing a more relaxed, open side to themselves and they end up having a connection. A connection that Storm is not exactly ready to let go of and Evelyn just wants to deny.

If you didn't get it from the first paragraph, I'll say it again, I LOVED THIS STORYLINE!! I mean, how different than the average romance book, and so many possibilities. STORM, ~Sigh~, he was, my gosh, I almost don't have words for him. Like every girls fantasy guy, for sure. And patience of a Saint, I swear. Unfortunately, Evelyn is probably not every guys fantasy girl.

"How can you have a beautiful ending without making beautiful mistakes?"

I will admit, by the very end of the book she seemed to have grown up. But it took so long getting there. She had no self confidence, which I guess was due to the fact she had been with one man since she was 14, and that man never gave her any compliments, hell, he barely spoke to her. But she constantly doubted herself, doubted Storm, which I sort of get,...(view spoiler) but he did prove himself over and over.

"You can't see the stars unless you go out in the dark."

I think the main thing that I was disappointed in, I'm not taking away from the book, was just not expecting, was the actual blizzard part. I guess in my head, this relationship starts, develops and then maybe is made ever lasting right after the storm. What I mean is, in my head the whole book happened in a truck in a snow storm. That's what I wanted anyway. HOW FREAKING EXCITED I was for that. It ended up being just a few chapters of the book and then the rest of the story takes place after. AND, I wasn't prepared for a "love triangle". I don't know for sure how much I classify the story as that, because her boyfriend was the biggest ass ever, and I kept wondering why the hell she was with him to begin with, not to mention staying with after Storm, but for the sake of what a love triangle is, she did have a boyfriend and had another on the side. I know I have friends who hate triangles and refuse to read them so I think a heads up is warranted.

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Overall, I really did love the story. It has a good twist, I wasn't really expecting, though when you look at the cover it's not a huge leap to figure out. I did want more of the blizzard, but still enjoyed the book and STORM. I can't wait to see what happens with the rest of the guys, especially Ash. :D

♥? Dorsey aka Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

3.5 Rockin' Stars!!

Storm and Evelyn meet during a blizzard when Evelyn loses control of her car and gets stuck in a ditch and Storm saves her. Later they both get stuck and learn a lot about each other during their confinement. Storm is very cocky, yet sweet with a tragic past, he's very sexy and can pretty much have any woman he wants and he wants Evie, Evie makes him feel like himself. With Evie, he can give up the rock star persona he has to show the world. The only problem is, Evie is in a long term relationship (12 years) with her live-in boyfriend. She's at a crossroads and doesn't know what to do... Storm is relentless in his pursuit of Evie as he tries to prove to her that he is the man for her.

“Sometimes, the right person comes along at the wrong time, and you have to just trust fate and hope it leads you in the right direction and it all evens out.”

I really liked this book but I have to say I don't like cheating.....at all!! Which is reflected in my rating, had Evie resolved her relationship with Michael before physically and emotionally getting involved with Storm I would have upped my rating. Though I have to admit Evie drew compassion from me, her circumstances with Michael and her past is not happy one. I had the impression she was a lost soul doing her best to live and survive by holding on to the now.

“I think most people settle for what is safe at least once at some point in their lives, but a person who suffers from anxiety or depression will almost always run away from goals, dreams, and new life adventures to avoid the possibility of feeling anything new and somewhat scary. It is better to live with the known than face the unknown.”

I enjoyed Storm & Evie's banter and there were many great secondary characters, I'm definitely looking forward to reading their books.

Sleepless Readmore says

4 #TakeMeToTheCabin STARS

The old "*cabin in the woods*" story.

I **wonder** how many *psychos* have used that line.
It seems to be the **basis** of a *horror* movie or *creepy* novel.

Evalyn and Storm ♥

Look *I'm* not leaving you **here**.
I don't ~~know~~ if its cuz *you* hit *your* **head**,
or if *you're* just mentally **unstable** .."

I will give you all of me
Just leave your lover, leave him for me ..??

Okay. I was not expecting that! I thought they were going to be **trapped** for most of the novel. However, this was a *good* surprise .. also very **complicated**. It was absolutely **hilarious** at times and I was like yelling at my *iPad* "YES .. ME TOO EVALYN" because like her I would definitely accuse the **stranger** of being a *sociopath* BUT the only **difference** is if *Storm* was stuck with **me** it may ~~tempt~~ **tempt** him to become **one** .. *hehe!*
The **rest of the story** was like a *tennis match* .. it kept on going back and forth and wasn't getting anywhere with that being **said** .. you still couldn't put it down. I like the *writing* and I love reading novels by **new authors** .. thus I'm *looking* forward to **jumping** into the next one!

But if I can't have you I want this life alone
Spare you the rising storms and let the rivers flow ..??

Just ... **please**, *Storm*. Don't hurt *me*.
I'm so **scared** to be with *you*,
but *I'm* even more scared to **not be with you** .."

Evie ... *I* will not hurt *you*.
Yes, *we'll* **fight** and annoy each other.
I'll probably be an **asshole** sometimes when
I'm tired or **pissed** off about something

... but I will not screw **this** up .."

Storm Carian Cole

- *Sleepless, Readmore. Twitter*

Mari?ina says

I'm so happy with this book! Refreshing and different from other books of the same genre, this rock star love story, will take you for a good spin and hopefully trap you inside its romantic blizzard.

Storm, Evelyn, Niko and Halo, kept me great company while reading, and i had a blast, mostly on the first 2/3 of the book. It was amazing reading it curled up in my cozy and warm nook.

Their unique meeting and their adorable and sexy time together, had me rooting for the couple right away. So the story starts with Evelyn driving in the middle of nowhere after her GPS sent her in the wrong place. But of course she totals her car and then a sexy stranger runs to her rescue..

Storm, the sexy stranger, wanted only one thing, to hide from everything for a long weekend on his cabin, but that is not gonna happen when he rescues the feisty, stubborn girl who was driving in front of him.. A girl who has no idea, who he really is..

But the rescue will go a little askew. And they will end up in the backseat of Storm's car, for quite some time. And that's where all began.

The book sends clearly a message that you can start over, no matter what happened to you, and that we need people in our lives who love us, for our real self, not just because we or they are a security blanket. In fewer words don't be afraid of the change. In a sweeter note, a portion of the book's earnings will be given to animal rescue organization. Now, how amazing is that..

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BOOK

- The beautiful, customized snow globe he gave her, was incredible.
- I loved their fur kids, Niko and Halo.
- I didn't like Michael from the first moment..
- His family was great.
- I can't wait for Vandal's and Asher's books.
- Amy is very a supportive friend.
- It needs a little editing. Nothing over the top though.

- I loved how real and normal Evie was for most of the book. I wanted her to keep making sarcastic comments. That's an element i missed towards the end.
 - It reminds a little of the Stage Dive series. But only in the theme.
 - Their first time, having phone sex was very intimate, i felt like an intruder..
 - For a first book, this was excellent.
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Yiota Misiou says

Εδ? και καιρ? ψ?χνω να βρω αυτ? το βιβλ?ο που θα με κ?νει να μην θ?λω να το αφ?σω απ? τα χ?ρια μου. Αυτ? που θα με κ?νει να ξενυχτ?σω γιατ? ?χω αγων?α για την συν?χεια. Εκε?νο το βιβλ?ο που εν? θ?λω να φτ?σω στο τ?λος σαν τρελ?, δεν θ?λω να τελει?σει. ?να βιβλ?ο που θα με π?ρει μαζ? του 100%.

Ναι, το Storm ?ταν για μ?να μια μεγ?λη, απ?στευτη και υπ?ροχη ?κπληξη. ?νωσα μοναδικ? διαβ?ζοντας το. Ξεν?χτησα για να φτ?σω στο τ?λος και τ?ρα που τελε?ωσε θ?λω κι ?λλο.

Storm λοιπ?ν το 1ο βιβλ?ο της σειρ?s Ashes and Embers που συστ?νω σε ?λες τις φ?λες μου που διαβ?ζουν ερωτικ?s νουβ?λες. Προσωπικ? σ?γουρα θα διαβ?σω και τα επ?μενα της σειρ?s.

Εξ?λλου ε?ναι γνωστ? πως αγαπ? τα βιβλ?α με Ροκ σταρ, τατου?ζ, μηχαν?s, σ?ξυ αρσενικ? που αγαπ?νε με π?θος, δεν φοβο?νται να εκφρ?σουν τα συναισθ?ματα τους, αγων?ζονται και φυσικ? κερδ?ζουν.

Παραμ?θια και ρομαντικ?s αηδ?ες ?σως πουν μερικο?. Ναι θα συμφων?σω, αλλ? εγ? γουστ?ρω και τα παραμ?θια και τις ρομαντικ?s αηδ?ες και γ'αυτ? τα διαβ?ζω ?λλωστε. Γι'αυτ? και ξετρελ?θηκα μ'αυτ? την ιστορ?α, αγ?πησα τον Storm και την Evelyn. Και γ'αυτ? δεν πρ?κειται να πω τ?ποτα παραπ?νω...

Διαβ?στε το !!!

Libby Harrison says

Can we pretty please stop the cheating in so-called romance books?!

~*~Princess Nhya~*~ says

Now this one started off rather bumpy for me. I was not feeling the heroine, *Evelyn* AT. ALL.. She worked my nerves something terrible. I was praying this got better cos she just came off as really judgmental & way too naive. Qualities I HATE to see in a lead heroine. But she wasn't naive in a clueless way. I think I could have dealt with that better.

She was more naive in like a *I've chosen to bury my common sense & instincts in the sand for the sake of my sanity. And though you've actually lived & experienced more than me, you still don't know more than me-*

type of way.

Yeah. Nerve. Wrecking.

But thankfully by the 45% mark she got way more tolerable to me. And eventually I came to respect & really like her. It was at this point that the story started to move along & actually take shape as well. And her interactions with *Storm* were way more interesting. Entertaining, sexy & heartfelt.

Storm I must admit, is a sweetheart. A *sexy* sweetheart. I do so love him. And I felt for him. He broke my heart & caused me to cheer for the sheer strength in him when it came to battling his demons. Allowing himself to feel, love, & grow. It was beautiful.

But like I said in my review for *Lukas* No one else in this series will **EVER** capture & hold my heart like *Lukas* does. He's ruined me for any other guy here! LOL

So I was on the fence about reading book 2. After reading book 3 first, and now book 1, I think I must now give Vandal's story a try.

Though I've read these out of sequence, I do think this book was a decent intro to this series. So based on books 3 & 1 alone, I would recommend this series.

Happy Reading :)
