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Same book, new cover!

Holly Sinclair is happily married to the love of her life, Gabriel. Young and in love, Holly hopes to have their first child soon. Of course, Gabriel wants to wait till Holly's health is restored, much to Holly's dismay. She feels perfectly fine. So what if she just woke up from an eight-month coma? So what if some of her memories are missing? She remembers Gabe and that's all that matters, right?

That is, until HE enters her life again . . . she forgot about HIM.

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Ilene says

My first by the author but definitely not my last.

No one really likes to hear about abuse but this book did it well. Holly may have suffered abuse but she just didn't take it, she eventually fought back and left.

The way Gabriel and Angela acting when Holly came out of the coma, I thought the abuser was Gabriel. He wasn't, he truly is a Boy Scout. He may have decided Holly but it was really for good reasons.

It was a sweet and different story, difficult at times.

Kathleen says

Every once in a while a book comes along that tugs at the heart strings, for me that book is I Have People.

Holly Sinclair has awoken from eight months in a coma after a traumatic accident that caused her extensive injuries, in fact the doctors considered her recovery a miracle of modern science. She has amnesia and the only memories she has is that of her loving husband Gabriel. Frustrated with the missing pieces of her memory and her inability to recall what happened to her, Gabe recreates their dates in an effort to make new memories and a fresh start for their relationship. But things aren't always what they seem: an attentive Gabe and best friend Angela are holding back information on the traumatic accident which causes Holly to become suspicious and when she does regain her memory of the accident, the shocking revelations changes everything.

I Have People is a poignant story of love, hope, domestic abuse and redemption. Author Taylor Dean weaves an emotionally charged tale about one woman's life story and how she recovers from a traumatic experience to discover the warmth of being loved and having people who really care about her. Written in the third person narrative, the author draws the reader into the life of Holly Sinclair as she recovers from a traumatic experience of domestic abuse. I was fascinated with the progression of Holly's growth: from her naivete when she awakens from the coma, to her frustration at her memory loss, to the recovery of her memory and strength to stand up for herself. You can't help but feel for Holly and what she's been through, her story will take you on a roller coaster ride leaving you emotionally spent.

Author Taylor Dean does a wonderful job of thoughtfully writing about a very serious and sensitive issue that unfortunately does occur in some domestic relationships. The storyline is told in the present day with a flashback to two years prior, and the intriguing twists and turns keeps the reader engaged as Holly's story unfolds. With realistic and complex characters; engaging dialogue and interactions; and various settings and a multi-layered storyline that is rich in detail and vivid descriptions, I Have People is a powerful and compelling read.

I Have People is an amazing story that will bring out all the emotions, and will stay with you long after the words have been read.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of the book from the author in exchange for my honest review and

participation in a virtual book tour event hosted by Reading Addiction Blog Tours.

<http://jerseygirlbookreviews.blogspot...>

Melanie says

I loved this book! It starts out as a nice, sweet love story, even though you know there's something that's being kept from Holly. After Holly wakes up from an 8 month coma, Gabe is so careful with her and works hard to re-create their life before she went into a coma. Her best friend, Angela, is also there to help her out but neither of them will tell Holly how the accident happened or jog her memory--they tell her she needs to recover her memories on her own. She is happy and life is perfect and then HE comes into the story and there's a different tone. His name is Cal and he's likable enough, at first, and then reveals his true self after they get married. I really felt for Holly as she was humiliated by Cal over and over yet hung in there and acted like nothing was wrong. She tried to convince everyone she was clumsy and it got harder to make up stories as time went on. As she learns more about his dark secrets, though, she realizes that she needs to leave asap. I was frustrated that she didn't just leave but understand why she wanted to wait. At times it was hard to read how Cal treated Holly and I thought Taylor Dean did a great job of describing the abuse, where you could feel Holly's pain, without being too graphic. I'm so grateful that I have never personally had to deal with domestic abuse and I know that there are worse stories out there than Holly's and hers was hard enough for me to read.

Taylor Dean has addressed the fact that the cover looks so happy and cheery but the book deals with the sensitive issue of domestic abuse, and the overall message of the book is a great one. I also love the title and it's a bit of a roller coaster for Holly as she realizes she has people that care about her to wonder if they really have her best interests at heart after all.

Once Holly's memory returns, she has a hard time believing that someone as wonderful as Gabe would give her the time of day, and one of my favorite conversations is when he says, "...You were the victim of a very sick man. Listen to me, you can take a precious jewel worth millions, dip it in mud, leave it dirty and stained, its beauty spoiled, and underneath it all it will still be worth millions. Cal took advantage of you, but it doesn't change your worth." I loved Gabe from the beginning and he gets even more wonderful once you learn the entire story.

This book kept my interest from the first page and didn't slow down. I highly recommend this to anyone that enjoys reading about second chances and finding real and lasting love.

Content: I personally consider this a clean romance but will alert you that there is some passion involved (but no details)! And there's some swearing (but not much).

To read Taylor Dean's guest post on The Worth of a Soul, check out my blog: Mel's Shelves

♥?Melanie says

What a pleasantly surprising read. I really enjoyed this book even though at times it was a bit hard to read. The life Holly lived was heartbreaking. Being able to see Holly grow, trust, love, let go and live was wonderful.

Great book and highly recommend.

Brandy Corona says

I think I'm going to start a Taylor Dean fan club and become President because she has seriously become one of my favorite authors of all time. I inhaled I Have People like there was no tomorrow! Once again, Taylor did not disappoint me at all.

I don't like to give spoilers BUT this book does deal with an extremely sensitive issue of physical abuse in a relationship. It hurt to read certain scenes, I won't sugarcoat it. Taylor delivered a very raw and painful story in I Have People. She did it with class though, and she kept the main character Holly a little naive in the beginning but matured her into an intelligent woman who does the SMART thing in the end.

I just kept thinking how I would feel if I didn't have my people in my life. How lonely and cold that must be for people who aren't lucky to have families like most of us. I felt so sympathetic towards Holly and rooted for her and Mr. Sinclair the entire time during the flashback.

This is a beautiful love story but it's also a LIFE story about what is important to an individual, what means the most to them. I was so happy that Holly finally found her 'people', because she truly deserved it!.

This is a beautiful story and deserves to be read immediately by all! You will not regret it! Bravo Taylor, great job!

Charity says

Had me gripped from the very first page!!

This was my first Taylor Dean read. However, it won't be my last! I usually steer clear of romance novels, and read suspense, mystery, etc. This book was WONDERFUL! It has romance , suspense/mystery. Kept me awake for two nights!!

Linda says

From the very first word I loved this book. It was such a powerful story about love, abuse: both mental and physical and Taylor Dean did a wonderful job. I truly felt like I was right there with Holly and wanted to knock the crap out of Cal. He came off as so loving and wonderful but when his true colors started showing Holly was there for him to treat anyway he saw fit. I loved Gabe so much and Angie too. Both were there for her even when she had no idea that they knew. Gabe was the most wonderful loving caring kind handsome understanding man and he loves Holly so much. She never had a family, never had anyone, so the name I Have People really fit this book perfectly. I loved every single page and felt so sorry for Holly for what she went through and so happy for her when she did find true love and a best friend in Gabe and Angie. It is a story that will definitely stay with me for a long time and no one ever has the right to judge someone who stays in an abusive relationship unless they have walked in their shoes or know someone who has. This book hit my heart for personal reasons. I had a best friend who was in an abusive marriage, only she did not make it. He killed her and now is spending the rest of his life behind bars where he belongs. But her son is without him mom. He is grown now and her parents raised him. It is sad that he never got to know his mother, she

was a wonderful young woman who did not deserve to die at such a young age. So yes I loved every page, every word of this story and if one abusive woman can read this and get the courage to get out then that will only make it that much more special. Thank you Taylor for such a heartwarming beautiful story. I loved it and would give it way more than 5 stars if I could.

Darlene says

Now, that's unusual, you might be saying. Dar is giving a romance novel five stars. Yep. I am. That is because this is a cautionary tale of what all those romantic ideals can hand those who are blind in their love for the romantic partner. Notice, I said partner. Notice I didn't just identify this as a fem issue. I realize that there are relationships of all kinds where one partner uses the other for a punching ball physically and or mentally. That is NOT love, folks.

Let me take a moment out to warn those with PTSD who have been in bad relationships, this book does have triggers. Even so, if you can live past them there are lessons to be learned here. Granted the outcome is much better than most real life situations might have. It is fiction after all.

BUT climb into the mind of the intelligent yet emotionally unstable young woman, Holly Sinclair. That is what Taylor Dean, the author, did quite well. I, personally, recognized many of Holly's thoughts. These are the thoughts romanticized in many young adult/romance novels. They are angsty. At least Ms. Dean gave Holly a narrative of conflicting thoughts that rationalize both the healthy thoughts and the not so healthy ones. That gives the person who may be going through this additional thoughts to play out in their own minds. Remember, survival is more important than dead or maiming done in the name of 'love'.

The most important lesson of this book is in the title: I Have People. The most important thing a person who is being abused needs to know is that they have people. To go find help. Pride be damned. Safety is more important. And though the women's shelter was an option in the book that was tossed aside, I have known friends that gained a lot by going to the shelter and learning new ways to live their lives.

Meanwhile, for the rest of us who have relative safety around us, BE THE PEOPLE. As those around Holly notice and gracefully befriended her and drew her into safety. We need to be that kind of friends. Don't hide from this situation. Do what you can to help make the abused person safe.

What I didn't like was the lack of help for the abuser. I know he chose his own way, but we need as a society to find ways to recognize these people and bring them to re-education in places that keep others safe from them while they get the help they need, nonnegotiable help.

This is a social issue. The book should bring up discussion. Even so, it was a very good book that I couldn't stop reading. It was well after 5 AM when I was finally able to go to sleep. The other caution. Smile. From about 50% in make sure to give yourself a chance to take care of yourself. It gets heavy!

Oh, I won this book initially in a contest held by the author. I picked it up on Smashwords then promptly forgot I had it. Sorry. Then I saw it as a freebie on Kindle. Picked it up. And to show how mixed up I really am, I read this on my MoonReader Pro because I could use its text-to-speech on my tablet in the dark. Soon I will be able to read these on my new Fire which has that feature. Can't wait for that to get here! Anyway, the book is \$2.99 on Smashwords and \$3.99 on Amazon. Well worth the price! Sorry, Ms. Dean, for getting to it so late.

Terri Baldwin says

I received this book free from the author in a giveaway. I loved this book. It's really hard to explain anything about the book without giving crucial elements away. I know that this book hit extremely close to home for me, which made it all the more poignant. I laughed and cried along with Holly with every turn of the page. I understood her fear, and remember making the same internal rationalizations that she did. This is truly a fairy tale told in modern context!

Holly awakens from an eight month coma only to find out that she is missing memories for her life. Her husband lovingly recreates memories for her and gives her back her life... or so she thought. Things aren't always what they seem. When she finally does remember what her mind shut out, earth-shattering revelations complicate everything.

I highly recommend this book. Holly is a very strong and wonderful lead character, and the people in her life are detailed beautifully. These characters became very real to me very quickly, both the good ones and the bad. This was a book that brought out every emotion in me, sometimes all at once!

Dani C. (Paulette's Papers) says

I Have People is an emotional journey of a young woman named Holly Sinclair. She was in foster care all her life because her mother couldn't stay clean long enough to take care of her and she never knew her father. As soon as she turned 18 she was released from foster care with no family or friends to go to. Because she doesn't have anyone, she becomes the perfect target for domestic abuse.

I don't really want to say too much more about this wonderful story because I don't want to give anything away. What I will say is that I totally admire Holly's character. While I have personally never dealt with the types of situations she went through, I can completely see how and why she does the things she does.

I recommend this book to any woman. I think it might even help some who find themselves in a dangerous relationship with someone. I smiled and cried and I will defiantly re-read this book one day!

Jessica's Book Review says

DNF. Just couldn't get into the characters or story. I'll try to pick it up again in the future.

Sherry Fundin says

I can't help but eat up Taylor Dean's books, like the M & Ms that I love. She makes me so tense, sitting on the edge of my chair, racing through the pages. An amazing writer. She can tell a story that makes you hold your breath, as you wait in suspense for the tale to play out.

"He'd finally killed her," went through her mind as her body struggled to bring her back to the land of the living.

“I have people, people who care about me. You two are my favorite people.”

Eight months of her life gone, but now Angela, Gabe and Holly were together. She knew they were keeping secrets, but the amnesia and her physical therapy kept her so busy, she would forget about pursuing it.

She had risen from the dead, like a modern day Lazarus. She had to learn to walk again, and she mixed up words, becoming confused. The amnesia had stripped her of memories of herself, but the memories of her love for Gabriel were still there.

She would awake in the night, alone and afraid. She knew something wasn't quite right, but couldn't figure out what it was. She wanted Gabriel with her, but he insisted on sleeping separately until she recovered.

Gabriel was doing his best to recreate their dates. She thought he was trying to help her remember. He made her feel like a princess, made her feel safe, warm and happy. She couldn't keep her hands off him, so strong was the love she felt for him.

When she awoke in the morning, the first thing she thought of was Gabriel, the first thing she said was his name.

They got married, went on a honeymoon and bought a new house to begin their life together. She thought that life couldn't get any better, except for her desire to have a child.

Gabriel kissed her goodbye as he headed off to work. She noticed a car parked across the street, but quickly forgot about it. She went to the grocery store and saw it again.

That night, she answered the door and the glass she was holding dropped, shattering at her feet. She knew the evil looking man at her door and the memories of HIM came rushing back.

5 STARS – Would Buy It For Them (lol)

I think I spent more time deleting what I wrote, than actually writing it. I did not want to give the book away, so it was very difficult to figure out what to tell you. This book may not be for everyone, but I feel everyone should read it. Sometimes all it takes to make a difference in someone's life, is to let them know you care.

An amazing story of life and how the people around us can help us overcome the bad in our life and enable us to rise above it.

taylor dean can weave a story that will keep you on pins and needles. As Holly remembers, tears form in my eyes. The suspense and anticipation of what is to come, makes my heart beat faster, my palms sweat and chills run up and down my spine.

To write about domestic abuse cannot be easy. The fear and terror a person experiences as they are being terrorized by someone they love and trust, must be one of the worst things that can happen to a woman. taylor dean handles it with style and grace.

Gabriel is a boy scout. Squeaky clean, kind, gentlemanly, helps people, courteous and polite. He doesn't even curse, helps her put on her coat.....pulls out the chair for her.

He would pull the chair out.....

“You need to learn to fall gracefully.”

“Why do you always hurt yourself? You’re so damn breakable.”

This is another roller-coaster ride, compliments of Taylor Dean. The range of emotions she covers go from heaven to hell, and everything in between.

I can’t remember if I received this book in return for a review, but it doesn’t really matter. I want to read anything and everything she writes and I will always review it. So, stay tuned for more.

Taylor Dean

Laura Thomas says

From the synopsis and the prologue you get what this book is about, or do you?

Yes, it’s about domestic abuse, about spousal abuse. A tough subject to write about.

Taylor does it as gently as she can. You read about the abuse Holly suffers at her husband’s beefy fists. The physical and emotional terror he inflicts.

You also read about Holly’s courage, her spirit that rises up when she’s had enough.

She awakens from a coma 8 months later and the first thing she says is “Gabriel.”

Where is her angel, her husband.

This is where you discover you don’t quite know where the story is going.

There is a mystery to be delved into. One that Holly’s husband, Gabriel, and her best friend, Angela are keeping hidden from her.

On several occasions, Holly catches them whispering when she enters the room.

I was waiting for her to get mad, to finally yell at them to tell her what they were hiding from her.

She knows they won’t tell her. Insisting she must remember on her own, when her mind is ready.

At first I thought she gave in too easily. But the more I thought about, I could see where she was probably terrified to remember. She knew it would be painful.

One scene I really liked was where Holly was explaining about her imagination and how it worked.

“Well it goes something like this. I’m in the elevator, staring at the back of a woman’s red coat, and I begin to think that maybe I should paint my living room wall red which leads to thinking that I really need to vacuum the living room, which leads to wondering what I’ll do this weekend.....” I’m just like that! My mother always told me, I think too much.

I adore Gabriel. He really is the boy scout Angela accuses him of being.

And who wouldn’t want a friend like Angela. She’s sweet and funny and a loyal friend. I’d like to read her

story. And I'd like to get to know her pack of brothers too, especially Dimitri.

Maybe we'll here from these characters again.

Until then, I urge you to read i have people. You'll cry, you'll laugh, you'll want to kick someone, but most importantly, you'll want to hug someone.

You'll want to hug "your people."

5 Stars for i have people

While I received this book to review, I went ahead and bought it so I could read it on my kindle. I have most of Taylor Dean's books as paperbacks and will soon be adding this one to my bookshelf. Her covers are beautiful and when I love a book I have to be able to hold it. I'll be adding more of Taylor's books to my shelves as she releases them. Each and every one:)

Julie says

She did it again. Loved this book and the unique story.

Shelly says

Most of you know how big of a Taylor Dean fan I am and this book was no exception and it's totally not because I have a quote on the back of the printed copy! I loved this book, but not quite as much as Lancaster House. This is one of those books that I can't really talk about too much for fear of spoiling so I am going to keep this review brief.

At the beginning of the book I had a little trouble with how Holly spoke to everyone. I felt like she came across as really artificial, but as the story unfolds you realize that there is a reason why she is acting this way. Holly is so naive in the beginning, but she grows tremendously during the course of the story. There were times that I was so frustrated with her for the choices that she was making, but her situation is so real and as you are reading it you can't help but hurt for her.

This was a hard book to read because of the subject matter, but Ms. Dean does a wonderful job handling these scenes. Readers should be aware that this book does deal with domestic abuse. This isn't an issue that I have dealt with on a personal level, but I believe that the issue is handled well in this story. You feel for Holly deeply and you will root for her to make better choices. At it's heart this is a love story and has a great element of hope. It's wonderful to see that moment when Holly realizes that even though she started out alone she really does "have people".

I can never say enough about how great a storyteller Taylor Dean is. She writes stories that tug at your heart and make you feel no matter what genre. I highly recommend all of her books if you like wonderful, heartfelt stories with great characters and clean romance.
