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Close To Falling is a captivating, second chance romance about tragedy, adolescence and unconditional love.

Having witnessed her parent's murder Maddie's once happy existence is turned upside down. River's father was sentenced to hard time, giving him no other option but to live a life he didn't choose.

With both of them tossed into the same foster home, they develop feelings for one another, but Maddie makes poor choices leading to a daily struggle of addiction and River's never been one to follow the rules. He makes a tough decision to help save the girl he loves, but he may be the reason she falls.

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Patricia says

Going into reading this book I wasn't exactly sure how I would feel about it, yet needed to see what this author had going. After finishing it, I am so thrilled I had the opportunity to get a copy from the author for an honest opinion. It was outstanding!

Three children, two boys and one girl from different backgrounds and families are taken in and cared for by Frankie. Things aren't always easy but with Frankie's guidance these three become a family. Yet from start to finish there has been something special between River and Maddie B. We follow their struggles and growing affections throughout the story. At times I found my stomach in knots and with a feeling of despair. Not all of this book was easy to read. There is a lot of pain in so many ways. Yet, I was entranced. I had such a hard time letting go when I needed to stop and live my life before I could pick up the book to continue.

Maybe I take too much to heart but the author conveyed the emotional turmoil and passion in this story with such conviction you can't help but feel anxious, weary and drawn in. I was terrified to continue after a certain part of the book, afraid of what the outcome would be. But I continued on and am so thankful I did. It touches base on some rather strong issues and truth be told in today's society they need to be addressed.

The story flowed so smoothly with three very different characters, a man who had a heart that made me smile and the author added in a few secondary characters that will also capture your heart. I don't think there is anything she could have done to make this a more perfect story. I highly recommend it!

Charlie ☆ WLTB Blog ☆ says

What an emotional book My heart went out to Maddie, I know how addictive drugs can be as I have a member of my family who has gone through this, this story is well written.

Maddie was nine when her Parents were killed in an armed robbery and she watched the whole thing, then her life was turned upside down being tossed from Foster home to foster home, that is until she is placed with Frankie....

But Bad teenage choices she turns to depend on drugs to cope and numb the pain she feels.

In this foster home she meets River he is a bad boy but he will do anything for her she means well but sometimes it doesn't always work out the way he wants them too he sees Maddie struggling with the drugs even though she tries to hide it from him... as he is her new addiction

I loved the way River is with her you can tell he loves her so much

He takes a job which ends up with him getting sent to prison. and Maddie turns to drugs again. so bad she walks out on everyone.

When something happens that she ends up in rehab.
She gets better although she struggles daily with the addiction.

9 years into the future and Maddie is in a better place. Until River turns back up in her life but can she fight her feelings that have never died between the 2 of them.

"Life is a story," I say thinking out loud, Each person has their own beginning, middle, and end."

Do they get their HEA you will have to read to find out? I really enjoyed this story. And I love Paige writing and can't wait for more by her.

Robin Parrish says

15 stars

Maddie, River and Landon for one reason or another have come together under Frankie's roof as kids. Frankie raises these three kids the best he can. And although there is no blood connecting them, they are truly a family. And they start out doing normal small town kid stuff - going to parties, drinking, weed, and a pill here or there. Maddie has one flaw that the other two don't. She becomes an addict, to pills and at the same time she and River discover they have an undeniable connection. River does everything he can to help her overcome her addictions, even acknowledging that he is one of them. This is their journey growing up and consequences of their choices. This book will break your heart. This book is amazing.

I read this book in four hours in one night. I became attached to these characters so so quickly. Ms. Horne's writing style makes it so easy to connect with these characters and the plot. I am an angst queen. I love it. A general problem I see in today's novels is simply angst for angst's sake and it does nothing to push the plot or develop the characters. Angst has to be realistic and believable. And true angst comes from the characters internal struggles, almost to the point where the writer makes the emotions a character. Ms. Horne doesn't have to spell out the emotions for the reader she actually makes you feel them with her characters. A true sign that she has developed the characters from the first page and in my mind this ability separates the good from the best.

I think what a lot of writers fail to accomplish is connecting their readers through emotion instead of events. In this book, there is no doubt that River loves Maddie and is only trying to do his best for her. There is no doubt that Maddie loves River, but there is no doubt that Maddie cannot help her addiction. And that is the way it is in real life. You never know which love story will prevail, the one between the people are the love story between the addict and their poison of choice. This author has you on the edge the entire time. Just like the addict.

I am an avid reader. And I always joke when people ask me what my favorite book is. While I can't name one, there is a small group that I can say touched my core. I can now add Close to Falling to that small group.

Tracy Wilkin says

When tragedy strikes, Maddie B's childhood as she knows it, is over. She struggles with 2 addictions, both of which, have the potential to destroy her. River lets her go to save her, and that continues her spiral down to the absolute bottom. The fight leaves her when River abandons her, and the oblivion the drugs give her, is

just too much to ignore. What has she got to fight for?

This story of Maddie and River was at times, so difficult to read, as the issues of addiction are so real, and this could be anyone's story. My heart constantly broke, I held my breath through many parts, as she just kept making bad decision after bad decision, and I was then filled with a sense that all would be ok and they would conquer their demons together. They fought the hard fight, and although it will never end, they will face what they can together.

This book was heartbreaking, yet beautiful, despite being a tearjerker for me. An incredible read that will be in my thoughts always. The strength that Maddie has, and the determination that River shows in not letting her struggle alone, is so stunningly captivating, I will treasure it as one of the best books I have read

Lynn says

I leaned back against the wall behind me, and more tears fall as I roll my head and look up at the flickering light.

My eyelids flutter open, and I move my toes. The room comes into view, and I hear beeping.

"Tell me this is forever. Tell me you're not going to break my heart."

"Because we are family, and that's what family does."

He gripped mine like he was trying to keep me from falling, but I knew all it would take was a strong wind and I'd be heading toward the floor.

"Maddie, Landon calls after me, and I turn back around. He stands and walks over to me. Wrapping me in a hug, he whispers into my ear, "Go check on River and don't fall down." He kisses my cheek and I walk out.

I just recently found this author. Her new book, If I'd known.... I read that, and it was not my cup of tea. I am addicted to reading. I scrolled on her amazon page, and seen she had other books. I downloaded them free with kindle unlimited. And I am so glad I did.

This book is very addictive. It pulled me in from the beginning. I could not stop reading once I started. And I loved the way it ended..

River and Maddie, went through so much. This is powerful writing. this book had love, hotness, and so much in between. And I enjoyed every word of it.

I highly suggest reading this book! This is the type of book, I will be bragging to my family and friends about.

River, Maddie , Landon, Frankie and all the other characters, I fell in love with all of them! I want more. I loved the ending. I hope this author writes more on the other characters. It would be nice to read on Fisher, and Landon.

I just want more.

This book is powerful, vigorous, fierce, intense, breathtaking, awe-inspiring, magnificent, wonderful, amazing. I could go on and on.

I really enjoyed this book. And if you come across this book. Down load it. It is a very powerful read. Such a remarkable read.

I liked this book, Maddie and River went through so much. And were so in love. And over came every obstacle life threw their way. And came out so much stronger! Maddie and River is a very passionate, lovable couple. River is the perfect boyfriend. They both made their mistakes, but together fought through them all. Well written. Addictive plot. perfectly written. I would not change a thing!
I will check this author for new releases even though, I did not like If I'd known. I really loved this one. I do hope this author writes more deeper, erotica, contemporary romance. more my liking. lol And I really enjoyed this one!

Laura Langworthy says

I really enjoyed this book! It was full of angst, love, friendship, and touched on the struggles of not only the person who is struggling with addiction, but that person's loved ones as well. I read this book in 2 sittings and was sad when it ended (but in a good way)! I really enjoyed reading about River and Maddie B; 4 stars!

Paige Smith says

After undergoing a tragedy that no child should have to endure, Maddie B. is sent into foster care, ultimately ending up in a house with two foster brothers, Landon and River, and a foster dad named Frankie. It is here that she learns the real meaning of family for her new way of life, but as Maddie grows older, she gets sucked into the world of drugs. She becomes more dependent on the drugs and less dependent on her foster family.

Her foster brothers love Maddie, but it's River Dawson that sees more in Maddie. Once the two become closer, River sees the hold Maddie's addiction has on her. Doing what he can to make her better, he takes on a new job, only to have circumstances come between them. You'll have to read the book to know what happens.

Fast forward nine years, and Maddie and River meet up again. The love they once shared is rekindled, and River realizes he can't live without her. Is Maddie's love for River just as strong?

Close to Falling is an emotional ride jam-packed with love and how it is affected when addiction takes over. You'll cheer for Maddie, fall in love with River, and end the book with a sense of exactly how hard addiction is to overcome for those who suffer from it.

Paige's writing style is great, and her character development places you alongside these characters just like you're inside the story with them. With a cast of secondary characters that are supportive and witty, take a chance on Close to Falling. You'll soon discover that you have found a new author to love.

Lisa says

What a heartbreaking journey of an addict and losing everyone she loves at a young age. I think this book is more reality and that is sad. You kids that party and then the addiction continues.. Bad choices separated Maddie and River for years. She would have a relapse and that broke my heart after all she went through to get clean. This time she has her loved ones to help her. Such a well told story.

Dayna R says

This author was a new to me and just hearing her talk about her books had me buying all of them. This story was heart wrenching and perfectly written.

Tracy says

This author can definitely wield some powerful words. Heartbreakingly beautiful in so many ways. It was kind of like a feeling of going on a journey with 3 strangers that you fall in love with immediately. Each background is different but hauntingly sad all the same. Even in the darkest of times , happiness can be found. Friends and family stick together . This author has quickly become one of my favourites. I get sucked in from the very first page and cannot look away. River and B's story was incredible and unique.

Richelle Robinson says

I normally stay away from books that deal with addiction since I had a parent who was an addict. Something about this book just made me want to read and I'm so glad I did. This author is new to me and I really enjoyed this story. Maddie B and River (love this name) grew up in the same foster home. They've always had a connection from their younger days. They finally get together and they get dealt a crap hand. River wanted to be the man he thought Maddie needed and want to provide a certain lifestyle by any means necessary. Everything is fine until River gets arrested. Once this happens you see how hard it is for Maddie to cope. Her addiction consumed her and it was so sad seeing her wasting away. Maddie suffers so many set backs in this story but River was always there for her and never stopped loving her! I loved the love he had for his girl and how he stopped at nothing to make her better. This story shows how addiction doesn't just effect the addict but also their loved ones. My heart broke for Maddie and I just wanted her to get better. I am so happy I found this author and I enjoyed this book very much. Anyone who knows someone who suffers from addiction can definitely relate to this book.

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Alexandra Lambrou says

This was an emotional roller coaster. Maddie, River and Landon are siblings. They are all held together by Frankie who has tAken all 3 in because they all have their own story that makes them in foster care. River and Maddie B have their own story. Starts with the jealous protective River story. You know they want eachother and they are great with eachother. They hide it so no one has anything to say about it. They were happy and loved eachother. Now add the drugs. Maddie has a drug problem and River is the only one who

has caught on how bad it really is. He tries to help in all ways he can to get her to stop. When he gets a job to get money for them to have a great life it gets harder for him to help her as much. Then when River gets arrested for drug trafficking and goes to prison for 6 years their relationship goes to hell.

Fast forward 9 years and you just see how much their love has still been their for eachother. Maddie is still struggling with her drug problem after there's a death in the family but now River is back to help.

They have just grown up and moved on from the past. They still love each other and want to be with each other but they will try being friends first. You can imagine how well that turned out. Then add in a pregnancy and a miscarriage and the struggles that brings too.

They are a strong couple who fight with eachother all the time but don't want anyone else and that makes them perfect for eachother.

I love River and Maddie. You will too after you read this book.

Lisa says

4 1/2 stars

Close to Falling is completely different than Paige's previous novels. It departs on a journey that hits you straight in the heart.

"I've got scars so deep, they no longer appear on the surface."

Maddie makes a lot of bad choices. She soon becomes dependent on drugs and the addiction takes over her life. The only thing she's more addicted to is River. The problem is, his reckless actions break him apart from Maddie. She turns to the one constant that helps numb her feelings... drugs.

Years later, Maddie is clean and making something of herself. That's when a ghost from her past makes an appearance... River. Can they make it work this time? Or are they doomed to repeat the past?

"Sometimes, to understand a person's present, we have to go back to their past."

When Paige reached out to me about reading her newest book, I said yes, without even reading the blurb. Her previous novels haven't let me down, so I knew this one wouldn't either.

Close to Falling is different and I love that Paige went down this road. It's raw and ugly at times, but this one is about the journey. It's about reaching rock bottom and clawing your way back up. The topic of drug abuse is always a tough one. To tell it from Maddie's point of view, couldn't have been an easy task. You see lots of books tell it from the POV of a loved one, but not always from the view of the person going through it. Paige didn't cut any corners. She put it all down on the pages... the good and bad. You see the gradual decent that Maddie makes with her life, then how she slowly puts the pieces back together.

Paige P. Horne's writing has grown so much. I loved this one and I can't wait to see what she writes next.

Liv says

4.5 Stars

I like that this book shows so truly the ugly side of life and that nothing is as easy as we would like it to be. We constantly have to fight and we should enjoy the good things in life and try to focus on those in hard times to help us get through them.

I liked this book a lot when I started reading. It was intense though it was a bit slow for me. I couldn't really get into the story at first and couldn't figure out where it was going.

We get thrown into Maddie B's world where she is constantly seeking the feeling of being numb in order to stop her pain. She wants to forget and doesn't want to feel anything. We get to know her story about her drug addiction and learn about her feelings for this special bad boy Raven.

I began loving it at 50% when we get to know Raven's POV in between Maddie's and I soaked it up like a drug. I loved him a lot more since I got a glimpse into his world. He was a bad boy as a kid and also had some tough times to go through, though he turned out a really good guy. I love that he knew B so well and cared so much about her.

It's a tough story to read about Maddie's struggles in life. She is a drug addict and struggles to stay off of pills though life isn't always easy and when it gets tough it becomes harder to stay clean. River is another addiction of Maddie she can't get enough of.

This book kept me on edge because I hoped so bad that Maddie's story turns out good. There are a few ups and downs and my emotions were thrown around. The epilogue was well chosen to end this story and I absolutely loved it.

The Story:

Maddie's parents got killed when she was still a kid. After a few foster homes, Maddie finally comes to live with Frankie and the kids Landon and Raven. Maddie gets a second chance with this family though she struggles through life.

After a while Maddie and Raven get closer and they fall hard and fast for each other though when Maddie's best friend Cali offers Maddie a pill, Maddie takes it without questioning. While Cali uses here and there, Maddie gets addicted and can't stop at one drug at a time. When life gets tough for Maddie and Raven she lets herself fall deeper into it.

The pills help her deal with the pain. They numb her. Will she ever get off of them? How could she handle the pain without them? Does she even want to stop using at all?

Thoughts:

I like that this book is so much different than the others I read from this author. I loved them and I knew that this was also going to get to me and will have a special place in my heart.

I liked the characters even though I couldn't really relate to them. I knew people which took drugs but not like Maddie. I can only imagine how hard it must be to get off of drugs and stay away from them.

I enjoyed the story a lot especially because it could have been a real life story. It wasn't like unimaginable stuff happened and it wasn't about pink and glitter. It's about the hard stuff in life and how you handle what's thrown in your way. And it shows so perfectly that you are stronger with friends and family surrounding and

supporting you.

I'm a person like Maddie when it comes to the hard stuff though. I want to run away and be alone. I prefer to swallow the pain and tough stuff without talking about it with anyone. I rather keep to myself and suffer alone. It may be the wrong way, but it's my way. So maybe I do relate to some parts of Maddie's character in this book.

-- I received an ARC of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review. --

Paige P. Horne says

Here's what you need to know about this book

1. It GOT A NEW COVER
 2. It's a story about a second chance romance
 3. It's about addiction
 4. It's one of my favorites, that I've written
 5. River Dawson is hot, so be careful you may fall in love ;)
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