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December 1st...

A time to reflect and remember for Georgia, and also, she's decided, this year will be a time for change.

Starting with high emotion on the anniversary of the day that changed her life and ending on a loud, raucous and raunchy Christmas night, we get a little dip into the lives of some of the Carnage Series favourite characters.

This is book 5 in a series.

Carnage Book One. The Story Of Us.

Carnage Book Two. The Story Of Me.

Marley.

The Letters, should all be read first to best enjoy this short story.

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Shabby -BookBistroBlog says

Yes indeed, it took 17 years for Dec 1st to change, but change it did....for the better!!

I can't even begin to imagine being in Georgia's shoes. Or wish it on anybody for that matter. But what doesn't break us, makes us stronger *Ain't* it ?. If Sean hadn't died, Georgia might never have married Cam and we wouldn't have had the gorgeous, TDH Tiger to ogle over, would we !!

The story is very carnage , very tears unleashing, but bitter sweet and Happy-sad. Georgia finally realises , nudged by Maca , to let go of the past , she's been clinging on to, to honor Cam's dedication and her kids' love.

She's matured , relatively, is dealing with teen and their moods in the house , like a typical mother.

But I'm only their mum, no one ever bloody listens to me. The whole world thinks I'm some kind of superwoman who's battled on through tragedy to build an empire and become a world-renowned philanthropist. My kids and my dogs, though, couldn't give a monkey's about any of that and have very selective hearing when it comes to listening to anything I say. I sometimes wonder if they would listen if I stamped my feet and shouted, "Do you know who I am?" Probably not. They'd all be wearing their noise-reducing headphones and not hear a word.

I smother my snigger ,(karma baby!) Cause she is self confessed, selfish, whiny , stubborn bitch *aint* she (I can see Lesley fuming ?)

I loved revisiting the story and spending December leading to Christmas with my fave family, but my heart can't take no more crying. And I did cry. Mention of Maca is like a hook in my heart still. When pulled my heart travels up the thread , all the way up and back to 17 years ago (or 3.7 in literary years) to the beginning when i got slayed by lesley. No amount of tears I've shed will wash away the pain. I've shed enough to trigger global warming, trust me

It's strange NO book has ever effected me like this, EVER!

That's the mighty pen of Lesley that worked like a tattoo gun , etching this story permanently on our hearts. Phew **deep breath** .

I would've loved the story more about Georgia and ghost of Maca interaction , but then i'd be setting myself up for more slaughter , wouldnt i ?

I love you les, for writing this epic story and I love all the Looney Toons characters you created.

You say , five stages of grief -

Denial.

Anger.

Bargaining.

Depression.

Acceptance.

But now there's 6th. RECOVERY , and I hope every grieving widow has Tiger in her life. Rock Solid, Loving, Patient.

I love ya Lesley Jones, show us yo tits !??

4 G&S TWIMTB Stars

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jayne benn says

Love the Carnage family

Great little read from Lesley even though it was short she made me cry, laugh and swoon i just love everyone in the Carnage series, the excerpt at the end has got me all excited cant wait to read it i know its gonna be another heartbreaking read i can just feel, #TeamSean forever

Wil Loves Books! says

Nice Christmas Story!

I'm always up for more of the Carnage gang, wondering what they're up to and such. This was a little bittersweet though. So this is a must for the Carnage fan and a quick read. Oh, and I loved the preview of Paige's story, definitely intrigued!

Effie says

I don't know what other people have felt but this series really got under my skin. Took me a long time to recover but Lesley Jones just made my heart cry with joy.

Yes this is the Carnage closure I was waiting for and I couldn't have asked for a more perfect glimpse into Georgia's and Cam's beautiful family than what Lesley delivered. I was definitely a lover of our beautiful Sean but seeing Georgia move on is the icing on the Christmas cake I have eagerly been waiting for.

This series is raw, perfect and real. Nothing can compare to this style of writing. It hits you where it counts the most.... the torn heart.

Ria - Reading Is Our Satisfaction says

Christmas Perfection

Yep this was it, the ending we needed to see for Georgia.

This series has been one that has had me either laughing out loud hysterically or crumpled up in a ball sobbing my eyes out with my heart completely shattered.

This short has finally given Georgia the closure she has needed. It has also given us the insight into her

family that was always just out of reach, a small look at how her past has affected the lives of her children. As usual, Cam remains the strong loving man he always has been.

Just what I needed to heal a broken heart. Bravo Lesley.

FIVE STARS

Bloggers From Down Under says

** Review by Gayle from Bloggers From Down Under **

Again Lesley Jones has given us a beautifully heartbreaking read that left me in complete tears. Georgia is facing yet another December first which we all know is that day that she lost the loves of her life. For sixteen years Georgia has spent the day either a sobbing mess or a complete manic state. But on the seventeenth anniversary of the most traumatic day of her life, Georgia makes a stand to change her ways. It's time for Georgia to change the way the day is spent. It's time for Georgia to face the hurt and pain and remember the ones that she loved without the guilt that has consumed her for years. And why?

Because Sean needs and wants her too?
But how can that be when he's been gone for so long?
How can Georgia know Sean's wants and needs?
And where does this leave Cam?

A beautifully written heart-felt and all consuming read that again brings us all that much closer to the Carnage family, and reunited with the family that has changed us all. Simply perfect.

5 stars

Melissa says

I am such a fan of this series . This was such a heartwarming look into how Georgia is doing , how everyone is doing. You HAVE to have read the series to understand don't ruin it for yourself . We get everyone and I've missed them. We get closure , it's hard it's emotional and it's beautiful. Oh the fun they still have! I'm not surprised! I'm looking forward to what's coming we get a little sneak peak. Thank you for this I'm like an addict I'm already wanting more.

Charlie ☆ WLTB Blog ☆ says

Great to be back with Georgia and gang again.
Short and sweet read but just loved being back with them. and yes I did cry I not sure I will ever get over this story.

Loved hearing from them all again.. can't wait to see what Lesley brings us next.

A Book Lover's Emporium Book Blog says

So wonderful to meet up with such loved friends; yes I know it's fiction, but to me the Carnage guys are friends and loved ones.

This is a short novella, with a Christmas theme and boy does it pack a punch for such a short story. As always Lesley Jones writes from the heart and blows you away with her characters and writing style.

A treat and must read for all Carnage fans; thank you Mrs. Jones.

Tammi says

Has to be the most emotional short story I have ever read! But not sure my tears will ever stop for Sean and Georgia. I loved seeing the gang and seeing G dealing and taking herself to a better place in her life and handling her memories.

Oh my the glimpses we got of the next book!! I am not so patiently waiting.....

Amber Carper says

A little taste of heaven for the holidays

Absolutely love Carnage. The lot of them feel like family now. Every peek into their lives leaves you wanting more. Reading a book you love over and over is like going home. Carnage is just that. This little taste of Christmas feels like home.

MJ says

I love that Lesley Jones wrote this surprise short story. Her Carnage series is one of my favorites and for her to give us a peek into the present lives of this crazy crew could not have been more wonderful.

I just adored the fact that none of them have changed one bit with Georgia being at the crux of this insanely loving family once again. They are all there for her on the 17th anniversary of the biggest loss of her life. But with her Tiger in Cam being by her side and her siblings, best friends and offspring taking turns making her smile and angry all at the same time, this is one raucous reunion. And yet it is Cam who steals the show more than once, showing their family and the world just how much he adores his wife. The man is one sexy beast, no matter his age and Georgia is one lucky woman and thankfully she knows it.

As a springboard for what is to come next with Georgia's niece Paige in the next book in the series called The Definition of Insanity, the wild times will continue since this spawn is way too much like her dear Aunt. Let the madness commence!

5 sighworthy stars!

Teresa says

Another short story in the Carnage universe. It reads like an extended epilogue featuring the whole gang in 2014 and with a teaser for Paige's story at the end. Since I've been in such a Carnage high all week, I immediately went looking for this book (The Definition of Insanity) to continue my overdose, but while it was planned as a release in April 2017, I found that it is not available yet. Oh, well. Now I will have to find the author's newsletter to register for release news.

I have loved this series. It will be difficult to forget.

Garden Of REden says

Jacque's Review

If you are a true Carnage fan, you will love this book! You will immediately be thrown back into the world of Carnage and as with every one of these books, you will be reminded why you fell in love these characters! This crew has so much love for each other! It could be seen all over the place in this story. I don't know how Lesley scrunched so much into this short story. It had such an easy flow to it that I never put it down. I was immediately pulled me in and had that infamous Carnage squeeze put on my heart within the first couple pages!

I am such a huge fan of the Carnage story that they will never get old for me. I love any additional Carnage books that Lesley puts out for us readers! If you have followed the Carnage saga, this is a must read. If you haven't started yet, you really must! These are some of the best books I've ever read!!!

Nicole says

Loved!! This Christmas novella with the Carnage family felt like coming home. I will never tire of these characters and it made me so happy getting to glimpse into their lives now. My only complaint was that it wasn't a little longer. Lesley Jones is an exquisite storyteller and as always her words are easy, flowing and well written so I can focus on the story. And the prologue OMG I'm going to bust waiting for Definition of Insanity.

A word of caution to folks new to Lesley's world you MUST read the Carnage series (including Marley and the Letters) before reading A Different Kind of December.

PS As much as I love Sean, I will always be Team Cam. As always, he is G's rock; loving, supportive, understanding and her Tiger. <3
