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**The man who saved her is also the man who destroyed her... or is he?**

Seven years ago, I decided I wanted to be a fighter. Marcus Roma showed me how.

Six years ago, my parents died in a car accident. Marcus Roma picked me up off the ground and held me until I could stand on my own two feet.

Five years ago, I fell in love with him.

And then Marcus Roma disappeared. No warning. No explanation. Just gone.

Yesterday, he came back.

And now I have to decide who's telling the truth, and who's lying. Who wants something from me, and who wants...

Me.

If I guess wrong, I could lose everything. I need to think clearly. But Marcus makes that impossible. Marcus makes me weak. Marcus makes me want, in a way I've never felt before.

Marcus Roma will make me fall. The only question is—will he be there to catch me this time?

*LIE TO ME is a new adult / adult contemporary romance novel about truth, lies, and redemption. It is not intended for readers under the age of 18.*

## **Lie to Me Details**

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## From Reader Review Lie to Me for online ebook

### Paula says

I can honestly say that *Lie to Me* had me right from the start and held me captive until the last page. The story begins in the present tense, with flashbacks of Harlow and Marcus' past woven within the story. Told in alternating POV's between Harlow and Marcus, I was taken on an emotionally charged and achingly hard journey.

Harlow Chase was out looking for a new job when she suddenly sees a man from her past, Marcus Roma--her first love and the man who shattered her heart. Harlow met Marcus at the gym seven years ago, where she talked him into training her to box which led to them becoming very close friends. Her parents died a year later and Marcus was the one who helped her through her heartbreakng grief. Marcus did everything possible to make sure both Harlow and her brother, Dill, were taken care of and, during this time, their feelings grew stronger and eventually they confessed their feelings of love towards one another. But then, out of the blue, Marcus picks up and leaves Harlow behind with no warning and no explanation, even though he had his reasons – reasons he was forbidden to tell Harlow. When he left, he went to work for Alex Wolfe, his godfather. Marcus did Alex's dirty work as a fixer, who fixed problems for Alex, legally or illegally, it didn't matter as long as the problem was fixed.

Lost without Marcus, Harlow does some regretful, self-destructive things during the five years he was gone. Her world was shattered when he left, but Harlow finds a way to move on with her life, even though she never truly got over Marcus. Seeing him again brought back bittersweet memories from before and it still makes her angry and resentful that he abandoned her. Harlow's feelings for Marcus are incredibly confusing and complicated. She hates him, but she loves him at the same time.

*"This is the man who broke me. This is the man who kept me going during the darkest time of my life and then disappeared. This is the man who made me. And I hate him."* - Harlow

Harlow doesn't know why Marcus left, but she suspects he's back in town because of Alex Wolfe, the man behind the development that is tearing down her old neighborhood and causing her problems. This puts Marcus in a situation where he must make a choice between Alex Wolfe, the man he feels like he owes, or Harlow, the woman he never stopped loving and would do anything for. The choice has never been clearer. Harlow has always owned his heart. Now he must find a way to gain Harlow's trust again without revealing why he left. There are consequences if Marcus tells the truth. So, he must find a way to prove to Harlow that she's always been the most important thing in his life and make things right between them again.

I love beautifully damaged men, which is why Marcus captured my heart right away. I love how relentless he was in his pursuit to win Harlow back. The boy Harlow once knew is no more. He's now a man who has come back edgier, darker, rougher, bigger, and sexier. Marcus is a force to be reckoned with and doesn't take no for an answer. The things Marcus does for Harlow and the things he says to her... it was no wonder Harlow found herself weakening around him. Marcus has always been Harlow's kryptonite. But she's still very angry and frustrated with him and with the fiery chemistry between them, this led to some very passionate and intense sex scenes. Yet, even though she gave her body to him, she still wants the truth before she can give all of herself. Because if he leaves her again, she's scared she won't survive the second time around. So, before they can be happy together, they have a lot of things to air out and get past. There are some soul bearing scenes between these two that absolutely slayed me.

**“Jesus. So. Fucking. Beautiful.**

***My world goes from black and white to color, from dead and dull to alive and intense. It's almost too much, like my entire nervous system clicks on at once, every never firing at maximum capacity, telling me to get the hell over there and claim her.” - Marcus***

What I loved the most about *Lie to Me* is how very intriguing this book is as the story slowly unfolds, which managed to evoke a massive amount of raw emotions inside me. It was easy to become fully invested in Harlow and Marcus's love story; one full of love, regret, loss, redemption, and forgiveness. What they go through over the years was sad and painful yet beautiful and passionate at the same time. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough. I'm super stoked to read the next story in Chloe Cox's Redemption series.

Rating: B+

Heat: Hot

-- *A Romantic Book Affairs Review*

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**Jackie Kiwibooknerd says**

**\*ARC Courtesy of Author\***

Firstly a huge thank you to Chloe Cox for a copy of her latest book.... You Rock!!

Secondly I have loved all her previous books, but can I just say that she has simply outdone herself this time. This is without a doubt her best book yet and that is saying something.

The story of Marcus and Harlow is so beautifully told, that you cannot help but feel their heartache and emotions throughout the book.

We first met Harlow in *Savage Rhythm* (Club Volare book 6) when she lent Molly her car at one of Declan's concerts. (This is a stand alone book, which can be read without reading the Club Volare books)

In this book we meet up with her and her brother Dill again and this is where Harlow's story begins. This is a book about second chances and about forgiveness and redemption.

Marcus is a wonderful character and I could not help but fall in love with him....Definitely book boyfriend material.

Great, Great Read which I highly recommend. You will simply fall in love with both Harlow and Marcus without a doubt...

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## **Elizabeth (Liz) says**

Lie To Me was a breath of fresh air in the New Adult/Contemporary Romance genres!! This story had a legitimate city vibe to it, which I totally fell for. The characters were fully fleshed out and explored. They were fascinating, relatable and likable. They had sexual chemistry that just wouldn't quit! The emotion was real and honest, and yet it wasn't so overdone that it ripped my heart to shreds and then proceed to riverdance on the remains! All of this was done by Chloe Cox with a truly unique 'voice' and style, which made this book pop, sizzle and REALLY stand out!!

Readers may be familiar with this author from her USA Today Bestselling Club Volare series, which is erotic romance and BDSM-lite. From the beginning, I knew this NA/Contemporary Romance series was going to be a big departure for her, and I could feel that it would take her way outside of her comfort zone. That's part of the reason I'm so excited to share with everyone that Chloe Cox TOTALLY nailed this book in every major way! I absolutely love, love, love watching—witnessing—an author stretch her (or his) talent and try something new. For me, it's how I know real talent and ability versus luck. Those readers who love this author's erotic series, please give this new series a try as well. I think you'll still find that it's super sexy, but it's also so much more than that!

Lie To Me was told both in the past and present, and I really admired the way that Chloe Cox handled this. The scenes from the past helped to build and form the foundation of Marcus and Harlow's relationship in the present, without question. Those scenes provided needed depth and richness to both the characters and the storyline. It truly brought Marcus and Harlow to life. And, frankly, I just flat-out loved reading about their youth.

Time passed, as is its nature, and Marcus and Harlow were separated for years. That brought the story to the present, and Marcus reappearing in Harlow's life. The big, immediate question for Harlow was why. Why had Marcus suddenly reappeared? Truthfully, and of far more important consequence, the real question that needed to be asked was why Marcus had left in the first place. The story finds its stride with both characters trying to avoid asking and answering that question, and then, finally, Marcus and Harlow laying themselves bare to one another.

Lie To Me grabbed me immediately, from the first page. There's simply something unforgettable about Chloe Cox's style. That 'voice' of hers definitely stands out among all of the New Adult stories and authors flooding the marketplace. I can't wait to see what she does and where she goes with book number two!!

5 Stars!

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\*Review posted on blog in November for author's blog tour\*

### **0rigin3l says**

Where to start? You know how you have that favorite pair of jeans that fits just right and you buy the same brand, same style and the same size but they don't fit the same? When I was lucky enough to receive an ARC of this book and saw that it was not a BDSM-erotic romance that I've come to know and love from Chloe Cox. With that all being said I decided to give it a try. Let me just say how glad I am. I loved this book and could not put it down. Harlow (Lo), what a girl. I could feel her struggles and her pain. I was proud of her for overcoming her obstacles and standing on her own and taking care of her little brother Dill. Enter Marcus and I felt her battle, the battle between self preservation and wanting someone so much it hurt. I forgot to mention the heat factor, there is some hot chemistry between Marcus & Lo and I really enjoyed following their story. I also loved Shantha what a great friend and now I can't wait for Brison's story. Well done Chloe Cox, well done!

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### **Maria11 says**

Ms. Cox knocks it out of the ballpark again. She gets better everytime! It dragged a little at the start but then it jumped right in. Interesting twists and of course HOT loving!

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### **J says**

5 years ago, Marcus walked out of Harlows life. No explanations, no goodbye.

Harlow has been dealing with the fall out since. How can the one person who was her sole strength through her most hardest time, just walk out.

Marcus was her rock, and bought her back from the dark place her life was heading. 5 Years on the one man who saved her, has the power to destroy her just by being back.

Marcus left to save the one thing that was real in his life, Harlow.

*“Some decisions haunt you, even if it was the only decision you could make at the time.”*

Now he is back, not ready to face the questions of what he had to do. But to fight for his only real again. He is determined to have her back while save her at the same time.

Harlow finds herself between struggling to trust Marcus and feeling the intense pull they have with each other. He is the only man who has held her heart. But trusting him again, falling too far again could ultimately break her.

*“I have always been his. I will always be his.”*

While Harlow fights their chemistry and Marcus tries to hide the truth, can they find a happy ending? Can Harlow trust Marcus to not destroy her again?

*"I am who I am because I found you. Because you let me love you."*

I did enjoy this book, I sank into it really easily at first. I was definitely loving the first couple of chapters. However I must admit, I did get frustrated with some of details constantly repeated, but maybe that was mood at the time. I found myself skimming when Marcus would rehash the same scene as what we just read in Harlow's POV. I found for me it took away from the experience. I can't really explain as normally I would really enjoy details. It did take away from being a 5 star read.

There are some squirm worthy sex scenes, a bit of mystery and danger. This is a book about second chances and about forgiveness and redemption.

4 Stars

Buy it  
Read it  
Love it

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**Natalie says**

**4.5 Stars**

I don't think I have ever, and I truly mean ever, felt the kind of love and passion between two characters like I did in *Lie To Me*. It was overwhelming and raw and so beautiful.

Harlow loves Marcus, she really really loves him. He means everything to her. He is all that she has left after the loss of her parents and is the only one that is able to pull her through her sorrow. Marcus loves Harlow, she makes him a better person, she grounds him and makes him whole. Ignored by his mother and hated by his father, Harlow and his boxing are the only good things in his life. They love each other with everything they have but one day, with no warning POOF, Marcus leaves her. No explanation, no goodbye, just gone. Harlow is devastated and angry and sad and confused but she still loves him.

Five years later Marcus is back and Harlow is still angry, sad and confused but she also still loves him and he still loves her and I love them and this book.

*"Something about his eyes and remembered, tender touch unlocks something inside me. I feel my own eyes water, and I know it's a lost cause. I know. Now I know. I am his. Not just my body. All of Me. I have always been his. I will always be his."*

There is more to the plot – drama, secrets and lies, hot sex and at some points the direction the story took

was fairly predictable- but honestly this book was all about the emotional connection for me.

The memories and back story of Harlow and Marcus were such a huge part of the book and that is what I loved the most. I loved getting to know them and seeing where they started and how their love grew. The heartache Harlow went through at the loss of her parents, her fears over now losing her younger brother Dill had me feeling the same thing. The way Marcus comforted her and took care of her just did something to my heart that I can't even explain.

This was the first Chloe Cox book I have read and she definitely has a new fan. I highly recommend you all give Lie To Me a try, you won't be disappointed <3

***"He makes me feel safe. And I make him whole. And together, we're finally what we're meant to be."***

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### **Kassi says**

Flounced. I really hate to do this because I actually do like the storyline, but I couldn't overlook the writing style. I hate the fact that the author writes in first person narrative like a journal entry and her over usage of "You." It bugs me like crazy because it was hard to connect to the characters when you're continuously getting asked rhetorical questions. Also, there would be times when the characters would go off on a long tangent of a "flashback," cutting off the present scene and when the flashback is done,,,I'm left asking myself "so what occurred before the flashback?" because it was THAT long. It would have read better if the author devoted a "past" chapter to a significant flashback.

Even though I couldn't finish this book, I am still going to look for spoilers to see how the story unfolds. It's just too bad that I wasn't digging the writing style!

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### **Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says**

Emotional blob covered in chocolate and tears...

I am a Chloe Cox fan and I think I will like anything she writes. Lie To Me is different than her previous books, it's deeper with raw emotion. I felt the fear, the pain, the sexual chemistry, but most of all the love. Harlow's world was shattered when the love of her life left her without explanation. She has been trying to put the pieces back together for the last five years when he suddenly reappears. When they see each other again the sparks fly. The feelings are still there, the flame never went out, and now it's stronger than ever. But Harlow doesn't know why he left, or why he's back. She wants to trust him, but can she? Who's responsible for the recent "problems" she has been having? Is he involved? Is he using her feelings for him to get what he wants? I have to confess that it's Marcus that captured my heart. He's a big, muscled fighter with a ripped eight pack. He uses his fists to intimidate others and he's not afraid of anyone. He fights hard and he loves hard, but it's receiving love that he has trouble with. He's one of those beautifully damaged men that I am so drawn to. He doesn't have a good family background. He's still trying to earn the approval from family that should love him unconditionally. Will he take the wrong path in his desire to gain the approval of those that don't deserve his loyalty? Can he fight his way back into Harlow's heart? Will he be forced to give up everything to have her back in his life? Is it too late for them to have a future together? ❤?

Favorite quotes:

"Take me to Judge Judy, I don't care."

"Thank you for letting me love you."

"I am who I am because I found you."

"But some of them are just stealth moments. Some of them just sneak up on you when you least expect it and change everything."

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## **Fab Fun & Tantalizing Reads says**

I absolutely ADORED Lie to Me by Chloe Cox. I laid in bed all day on Sunday and didn't put this down. The story truly put me under a spell, trying to predict the outcome, but not wanting to reach it. It's the story of two broken people and the only person left that truly loves them is each other, even if one of them is in denial.

**...I run away from it as fast as I can, like it's a deadly siren's call, like it represents a black pit of emotional fuckery from which I just know I will never emerge.** - Harlow

From the first chapter, meeting Harlow (Lo) I knew I was going to love it, and as I devoured the pages until I reached the final page, there was no doubt about it, I did. I really really did.

**"You are my everything. You're the reason I learned how to laugh. You're the reason I learned how to be strong. You're the reason I learned how to be good. I am who I am because I found you. Because you let me love you."** - Marcus

Lie to Me is told in dual pov – which is one of my favorite things EVER – hearing events from both sides. It wasn't at all boring or repetitive for me. I adored the characters, the descriptions, the writing style that kept me captivated and gradually led me to discover their past. How they met. What went wrong. Why it went wrong. And if it could ever be fixed...

**This is the man who broke me. This is the man who kept me going during the darkest time of my life and then disappeared.**

**This is the man who made me.**

**And I hate him.** - Harlow

Throughout the pages we meet Harlow Chase and Marcus Roma. This pair had been through a lot during their friendship, until one day the unthinkable happened. Marcus disappeared for 5 long years, and left Lo hurt, angry, disappointed, broken, lonely and insecure.

**My heart is thudding against my ribcage, each beat threatening to crack the thin veneer of stability I have erected around me and let it all out: all the tears, the heartbreak, the grief. The loneliness. The lust.** - Harlow

When Marcus appears one day out of the blue her internal struggle begins. To lust? To love? To forgive? To trust her last remaining tie to her parents to the one with the power to take it away? He has a huge task ahead of him and I'm not just talking about preventing the redevelopment.

**Jesus.**

**So. Fucking. Beautiful.**

**My world goes from black and white to color, from dead and dull to alive and intense. It's almost too much, like my entire nervous system clicks on at once, every never firing at maximum capacity, telling me to get the hell over there and claim her. - Marcus**

Both Lo and Marcus battled their own ups and downs and harbor their own secrets from their time apart. Can Marcus get back the girl he can't live without? And can Lo forgive Marcus for deserting her even though he's the only one to have ever made her feel loved and safe?

**For a second I'm her again. I'm feeling what she feels. I feel warm and happy and light, the grief peeling off me in waves, leaving only relief behind. I feel happy, and I feel safe. Just for a second. It's like looking through a window on a beautiful day. - Harlow**

Let me tell you about the sizzling chemistry. Wowza, these two have lust crackling in the air surrounding them. I could feel Lo's need oozing from the pages.

**The physicality of this man, and my attraction to him, removes all sense from my brain. I feel like a zombie, or like I'm hypnotized... - Harlow**

Pick up Lie to Me to discover family secrets, sexy times, heartbreak, determination and bucketloads of swoooonworthy moments that have you rooting for this family. Decisions will need to be made. Only time will tell if blood is thicker than water. Fall in love with Harlow, Dill and Marcus today.

**He's kissing me like he's dying, like he's been lost at sea and now by some miracle he's been found. - Harlow**

“Lie to me.”

“This story didn't make my heart sore, or have me giggling, it didn't make my eyes leak and it certainly didn't have me rooting for every character.”

That was a lie ♥

Bravo Ms Cox...

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**Jennie Wurtz says**

First I want to say that I received the ARC in exchange for an honest review and I am extremely grateful to have been given this opportunity.

I am a Chloe Cox fan; her Club Volare series is one I love, so I was pretty sure I was going to love this new book as well. Lie To Me is different from her others. It is NA/Contemporary; it is NOT Erotica at all. This is one of the reasons I really enjoyed the story. We met Harlow Chase briefly in Savage Rhythm, and I could not have imagined a better story to be written for her. Marcus is her first love, her first everything but he left her without explanation, without reason five years ago. Now he's back in her life and while she fights her feelings at first, Harlow quickly realizes she cannot live her life without Marcus being a part of it. The

chemistry they have between them is so incredible, so deep. And I don't just mean physically, although yes, there is sex and it is hot, I mean emotionally, spiritually, they have chemistry that ignites their souls. They are as connected as two people can ever hope to be, their love for each other is just that strong. I just finished this book about ten minutes ago and I still have tears on my face, which were there for about the last 15% on my Kindle, as well as several times throughout the story.

Lie To Me is told through both Harlow and Marcus's points of view. This gives the reader insight into each of their minds, allowing the reader to learn about their deepest thoughts and fears, as well as secrets they are keeping from each other. There are feelings and emotions that are so strong and so scary for both of them that they have chosen to keep them locked inside for as long as they can. As the story unfolds, we begin to understand why there are secrets and why at one time or another they just could not be revealed, until now. This is what I really loved about this book. Harlow and Marcus spend a great deal of time reflecting on the past in their thoughts; this is how the reader learns all about their relationship, from the very beginning. Through flashbacks and memories, Harlow and Marcus share with us their joy, their pain, their laughter, their tears and most importantly their love and commitment to each other. The depth of their feelings, their greatest fears. It's all there in the story and so the reader is taken on quite an emotional ride. There is humor, there is angst, there is sadness, there is anger and finally there is joy and happiness where two characters thought there might never be again. I am not a lover of angst, although I know it almost always is necessary in some form or another, and in this case there was a lot of it at one point in the story and I came close to slamming my Kindle down and walking away; I wasn't sure if I could handle what I thought was coming. But instead, I took a few deep breaths and just kept going, and I made it through pretty much unscathed. And I sure am glad that I did because on the other side of that angst I found the joy and the HEA I was looking for. These two characters both had incredible challenges to overcome, and huge life-changing decisions to make at a young age. They had to go with what they felt was best at a time when they didn't quite fully understand the consequences. But that is what made them who they are. They both acted selflessly, although at times felt they were being selfish in how they went about their lives.

At first as I was reading this book, I kept thinking that something was missing. I was interested in the story but it hadn't yet grabbed me to a point where I couldn't put it down, which is something I of course always hope for. What I thought was missing was dialogue. There was some but for me at first I thought there just wasn't enough. Then as I continued to read and really got into their minds, I realized the dialogue was actually perfect. They had so much intensity of emotions going through their heads, so much worry and fear, that they didn't spend a lot of time bantering back and forth. At times they just needed to feel close, to hold each other without talking or even saying a word. And that was just perfect.

I really enjoyed this book and I thank Chloe Cox for giving us these wonderful, caring, and loving characters. I hope to read more about them in the next book, and see how their life has turned out. Highly recommend this love story.

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## **Sue says**

### **Lie To Me**

I received this ARC for an honest review and here it is folks. When I was reading one of Chloe Cox's previous books "Savage Rhythm" I remember thinking first of all that this woman could write some hot stuff and she really knew how speak to a woman's heart (and fantasies). Secondly, I was shocked that an older woman (like me) could really enjoy a book about a rocker involved in the Dom/sub world and I was pulled in and wanted more.

Enter "Lie To Me" (the story of Harlow from Savage Rhythm) and right from the start understand that this is NOT a BDSM book but a VERY different kind of love story and seriously one of THE best things I have

read in a while. I was smitten from the first few pages when Harlow Chase runs into Marcus Roma...the love of her life who walked away without an explanation 5 years ago. From that point forward we are caught up in a devastating but passionate love story filled with mystery and deception as Harlow tries to stay away from the one man who can both break and save her, while he fights to re-claim her trust and the love they once shared.

Harlow is struggling to take care of and raise her brother Dill while dealing with pressures from a man named Alex Wolfe whose motives and relationship to her and Marcus we find out later in the book.

The story is told from both POV's alternating between the past and present; both Harlow and Marcus revealing the tragedies and losses they each suffered in their pasts and the fight they now face headlong together to find a much deserved future together.

“No matter how angry she is at me, no matter how much I deserve it, it won’t change how we feel together.”

~ Marcus~

This pretty much sums up what motivates Marcus to keep trying to make Harlow understand why no matter what he is keeping from her, it will never change the enduring love they feel even after a 5 year separation.

“I want to know I can have him, but that I don’t need him.” ~Harlow~

Harlow meanwhile throughout the whole book faces this universal struggle that many women face...that feeling of wanting someone SO much it hurts like hell, but never letting them know you might actually really NEED them because that makes you weak and vulnerable.

I will admit, I cry a lot in movies and sometimes, a book might make me tear up or get a lump in my throat. I honestly think I might have sobbed a little...ok a lot...from about a third of the way in until a part of the book that starts in the kitchen and moves (after an intense scene) to the bedroom. I do not want to post any real spoilers here except to say that Lie to Me really rocked my world at this point and the next few chapters were so beautifully written that I had to stop for a minute and catch my breath. THIS book is what makes reading about family and relationships and deep, everlasting love worth every moment spent between the pages. Her descriptions about what a real panic attack feels like told from Harlow's POV were dead on and the inner dialogue about how it feels to be so fragile that you almost want (need) to die to make it go away, were heartbreakingly real.

This book is able to be read on its own without having read Savage Rhythm...no cliffhanger and for that I am thankful...although there is room for more stories about some of the other characters in the book.

I was so honored to get the chance to experience this story and am astounded at the wonderful new direction Chloe Cox's writing has taken. If I could give this more than \*\*5\*\* stars...I would. Enjoy =)

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## **BookWhore - The Book Vamps says**

Chloe Cox's Lie to Me is the perfect blend of angst, misunderstanding, doubt, trust, and above all, love. Meet Harlow. At about 23 years old, Harlow has had life throw her a couple of sucker punches and she still manages to get back up, if not stay standing; all part and parcel to the swoon-worthy ass-kicking Marcus Roma including half of the sucker punches.

Harlow has spent the last 5 years trying to move on from Marcus' unexpected and unexplained departure while trying to raise her genius 11 year old brother, Dill. Having buried her parents six years earlier, she's all the family Dill has and she works her ass off to give him the life he deserves...then one rainy day, as if a mirage, Marcus is there...and she runs. When Marcus left he, thoroughly wrecked and ruined her. Yet, she

can't trust the feelings that he stirs up in her. So she runs.

This time Marcus chases. Making himself a fixture in her life, Marcus is determined to prove to Lo that he never forgot about her, never stopped loving her. Even if it means taking on some connected people. Even if it means taking on his dad. He can't tell her why he left. Not if he wants to keep her safe.

OMG...I feel like I can relate to Lo a lot.

Let me be clear: I think of myself as a rational person, albeit one sometimes beset by irrational feelings. ~ Harlow

No, shit. That sums me up perfectly. And I loved how their stories unfolded and how Lo was all woman with weaknesses and strengths one could respect. She was real. She was admirable. She fights for what she believes in, she is an amazing mom figure while still playing big sister, and she's damaged. Hell can't begin to describe the life she experienced when Marcus disappeared. She wasn't the fighter she was with him. Maybe because of him. I'd definitely consider her a modern day superhero damsel in distress. :D That makes me smile.

And of course, her knight-in-not-so-shining armor is Marcus, even if she can't see that yet. He's living through hell discovering just how badly leaving Harlow with no explanation affected her. It's painful to see his guilt, and I just knew the reason was going to be a good one. I knew it. Getting there was a good read and I found myself reading into the wee hours just to finish it. At one point, Kelley texted me and asked how I was liking the book. I explained:

I think I really like it...I mean, I do, so far. I just feel like a lot is riding on the ending. I'm either going to be sporting a shit-eating grin or be ready to choke someone.

The verdict is out. I had a shit-eating grin for hours after finishing *Lie To Me*. I can say that I would re-read this book. Amongst everything else, their sex scenes were deliciously angsty. I love the push and pull when it comes to sex and the fight between brain and body.

Lie to me. Tell me this book is good.

Don't have to...this book was awesome!

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### Christine says

A copy was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you.

***"It's been five years since he dropped out of my life with no warning, no real explanation, five years since he just left."***

Where do I start with this review???

I loved it. I loved the characters, I loved the story, I loved the romance.

***“Lie to me.”***

The characters say “lie to me” when they want the other to tell them the opposite to help them get over their fear or concerns. I loved those scenes.

***“Lie to me. Tell me I won’t have to love you for the rest of my life.”***

The intimate scenes were intense and hot, but it was not about sex. You felt the connection. You felt the need.

Marcus Roma left Harlow 5 years ago without an explanation. Suddenly he shows up and he wants Harlow back. But there is a reason he left Harlow 5 years ago and that reason \*sigh\* can I just tell you I could not love Marcus more. That man. And Harlow...how could she trust and take back the man that left her without a word five years ago when she needed him most. When she finally got custody of her brother after her parents died? Life had not been easy for Harlow in those five years that Marcus was absent. But Marcus was a man who knew what he wanted and did everything to get it. He was going to fight to get back what he lost all those years ago. So protective, so alpha; I loved that man. I did not want to miss one word written in the story. The flashbacks were told at a perfect pace from the characters. I felt like the author truly thought out the story, the plot and the characters. There were no dull moments in the story.

I never read anything by Chloe Cox before. WOW. Her writing blew me away. I noticed more and more it is hard for authors to pull off the whole dual POVs in books. Sometimes when authors write dual POVs, there is no suspense; the story loses its intensity. Not in this book. Chloe Cox does an AMAZING job. She switched the POVs at a perfect pace.

***“Nothing will ever be as beautiful as you, like this.”***

When I started this book, I could not put it down and when I was “forced” to put it down, I thought about the characters. It was beautiful, it was sad, it was everything. Marcus was so protective and loving and Harlow was everything I love in a heroine; loving, caring, protective, unselfish...a good person.

***“I wish to God it wasn’t you.”***

I am finishing this review and looking up the next Chloe Cox book I am going to read. Loved this one. Highly recommend to everyone who loves a great love story.

P.S. I can’t wait for Brison’s story.

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**Roksana says**

**3.7 stars...**

I honestly don’t know how to feel about this book...it has some many things that I love to read: The entire

focus on the Hero/heroine relationship, emotional depth, build up to the romance and a strong feisty heroine and a strong alpha male...Some things the hero says are so romantic and profound....I just have such hate and love for this book...BUT.....

It was also emotionally draining and at times I wanted to have a break from it! I also did not like the fact the hero slept with another girl whilst having developed feelings for the heroine...it really cheapens the romance for me..I know the hero was a messed up/tortured man and did not know how to handle his feelings and there was an air of honesty about him..still I did not like the fact he was so scared, but did not mind to have sex with another woman. On defence, they were not together as a couple, but, for me, its cheating...if a guy has feelings for you and wants you ..that's a betrayal of his own heart and the person he has feelings for! I really do blame the author for that..why would she put that cliche? These couple really loved each other deeply and cared for one another, so I don't understand the appeal to cheapen it like that? Where they have not gone through enough shit in their life? Why that punch? I like my Hero to be only devoted to his woman..no matter the crisis, he is not about to stray from her, but ALLOWING NO OTHER WOMAN BETWEEN THEM! Marcus really loved her and he redeemed himself, but I like my heroes one woman only and heroine for one man only.

Safe Gang: (view spoiler)

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