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Six months after we last met Carter Reece and Isaac Brannigan, they're still very much in love. Moving in together, moving forward, life for these two is great until some life changing events occur.

Isaac has a frightening setback and Carter's world starts to unravel. Things become even more complicated and start to change for both men when Isaac's new colleague enters the picture.

As Isaac struggles for what he really wants, it might just cost him what he needs the most.

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Jen says

[made that crack about Paul - ooooooooh son, I canNOT believe you went there!! (hide spoiler)]

Bev says

Thank goodness I've managed to get back to my 5 star NR Walker rating, much better than Blind Faith in my opinion, and an amazing book given what the author has had to go through in recent months.

This is not going to take long, rave reviews have already been done, so I'll just say thanks to the author, and pretty please, when can we have a story about Mark??

◆*Arianna◆* says

Isaac is finally starting to allow himself to love and allow himself to be loved, he learns good things like love, are worth the risk. Carter wants to move with Isaac, but Isaac doesn't want to be a burden, he doesn't want Carter to see how much he struggle. Although Carter loves him exactly how he is, Isaac wants to be 'normal' for him, he wants to be able to see.

"I'll never be able to see you."

I took his other hand, holding both in mine. "You do see me. No one has ever seen me like you do." I lifted his hands to his face. "You know me, you see me, like no one else."

"Not through my eyes."

"No," I agreed quietly. "You see me with your heart"

Everything is changing for Isaac and Carter when Isaac new colleague, Joshua enters the picture. I don't want to give anything away, so I will tell you only this – no cheating!!!

Carter is the same sweet guy and Isaac is the same independent stubborn. Sometimes he was so infuriating. There were a few times when I wanted to smack him in the face.

I really liked the storyline, way better than the first book in the series, it really kept me intrigued because I wanted to know what's happening with that douche, Joshua. My heart broke for Isaac a few times, but for Carter too.

With more angst and drama than the first book in the series and with a big, sweet HEA, this book was pretty

good.

Exina says

Through These Eyes kind of ruined the first book Blind Faith for me. The story digs deeper into Carter and Isaac's relationship and personalities, and it is ugly. (It's not Carter whom I'm talking about, though.)

Their relationship is very unbalanced. While Carter is amazingly loving and understanding and caring with Isaac, Isaac is hurtful, insincere, and selfish. **Blindness is not an excuse for everything.**

The story is about a relationship crisis of the two of them, and this crisis has many causes. One of them is an (view spoiler), and though it is valid and realistic, his behavior is so outrageous that even (view spoiler) couldn't make me feel sorry for him, or sympathize with him. And I really didn't like how easily things were solved at the end. Oh, and the airport scene... How cliché!

The repetitive writing style exhausted me: almost all the humor is based on the banters between the characters. It can be funny, sure, but after a while it is simply irritating.

There were some sweet and funny moments, that's why the two stars. But overall I'm disappointed.

"He definitely knows we're together." I smirked at them. "Last weekend when he was here, I made sure I took my shirt off in front of him so he could see love bites all over me."

Carlos shook his head, but Hannah laughed. "Really?"

I laughed and nodded. "I even had fingernail scratches down my back."

Hannah clapped her hands. She seemed genuinely proud of her brother. "Oh, my God. Isaac's an animal."

Carlos was smiling now. "Lucky Carter's a vet."

"I'm gonna have a shower and go back to bed," Isaac mumbled, his voice fading as he walked down the hall.

"Well, I'm gonna..." I said, looking around, not sure what I was going to do.

Mark pushed me in the direction Isaac just disappeared. "Jeez Carter, your half-naked, gorgeous boyfriend just said 'shower and bed' in the same sentence... do the math."

Originally posted on my blog.

Heller says

I had issues going into this with Issac and not really liking him from the first book. I warmed up a bit by the end of Blind Faith and honestly it took me a while to warm up to him again here.

I had to put the book down because he was pissing me off and oddly I eventually ended up reading this one backwards. I needed assurance that Carter was being treated respectfully by Issac because it bothered me that much. An odd way to go but it worked for me and when I could connect emotionally with Issac I felt better going through the stages of his attitudes and harshness.

Still not a favourite character by far. I think I understand him more and that really allowed me to let myself enjoy the story. A rough start but I loved Carter so I was happy for him and with how this played out in the end.

I really want Marcus' story though. He's a scene stealer.

Gigi says

Re-read November 2015: Just a great, great book to visit again! I loved it just as much the second time as the first!

Even better than the original Blind Faith, if you can believe it. N.R. Walker digs deep into Issac and Carter's relationship in this one and *rips the reader's heart to shreds* with a shitload of angst. But in the best way, because the HEA payoff was absolutely worth every tear. I just fucking loved it!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!!!

This review is also posted at Gay Book Reviews

Jilrene ♥ says

So many feels. I cried. I felt all the pain and all the love. These guys are believable. Loved it!

Cory says

So some friends of mine here were all like 'you're a huge loser because you haven't read this series yet' and I was all like 'shut up'...but now I agree with them. I was a huge loser because for some reason I hadn't read this N.R. Walker series when I know how fabulous a writer she is. What was a waiting for?? What was I to do except read all three books this weekend...DUH! Let me just focus on this one for right now.

Hope is a powerful thing. It sometimes makes us lose objectivity because we want something so badly. The absolute worst thing about hope is when the person you love the most starts to kill it with questions and doubt.

This book tests the new love between Carter and Isaac and I thought it was a brilliant story. I felt for both Carter and Isaac as the plot was unfolding. I could see both points of view and it tore at my heart when things weren't going so great between them. It was hard to see Isaac treating Carter poorly at times, but I think he was aiming his temper at his dwindling hope, but Carter was just the easy target.

I thought the ending was great. Again, I loved Mark and Hannah (and Brady and Missy). HUGE N.R. Walker fan and this series just reinforced that feeling!

Gina says

OMG This book! Isaac...Oh Isaac I could just hit you, and then hug you hard!!!

Ok I gotta tell you last night when I finished this book I laid in bed happy, mad and happy again...And then this morning the first thing I did was text my BFF Macky (good thing she is 5 hrs ahead of me), I had to talk about this book.

In this book, Carter and Isaac are together and getting closer. Isaac is still having his bad attitude and biting, cutting remarks but Carter sees them as getting closer everyday. then.....something happens that sets in motion events that pull Carter and Isaac apart. And this is where I could just hit Isaac hard! OMG OMG!! Instead of reaching out to Carter he just pushes him away and away....and then hurts him some more. At this point i could not stop reading, nothing and no one could stop me!! I had to see this to the end before i went to bed. This was so painful and heartbreaking to let it wait till morning!!! OMG OMG!!

But understanding what Isaac has been through definitely helped me not throw my kindle across the room. I think Carter has the patience of a saint and i doubt I would be as understanding. And Isaac's sister, OMG I love this woman! Pin a metal on her chest, she loves her brother and is so devoted to him, nothing Isaac does lessen her love for him. And thank god we have the comic relief in Mark, Carter's ever faithful and loyal friend, and a complete hound dog!! He gets his own story and I can't wait to read it! YAY!

And then the end....OH SWOON!!! I wish you could see the smile plastered on my face just thinking about the end....

onto book 3!

Macky says

I am such a happy bunny at the moment. I'm doing happy dances and smiling to myself like a loon! And its all because I've finally finished this amazing book and because I can go back to giving N.R a true no holds barred 5 star rating that I couldn't quite give to 'Blind Faith' (I gave it 4.5* but rounded it up). I hated doing that because N.R is one of my fave authors... So technically all her books hit the big 5 for me....no make that 10!

I'm not going to do rehashes of plot because I think everyone should discover how great this story is for themselves, but I will say that Isaac is just as heart stoppingly gorgeous, exasperating and stubbornly set in his ways as he was before, Carter is still sexy and a saint in so many ways, just as endearing and lovely, Mark is fabulous and I desperately want to get my chops round hisstory!! And Hannah and Carlos plus their brand new arrival are still two of the best supporting characters ever in a m/m romance and Joshua (boo hiss) does not disappoint in his ability to make you want to kick his arse from here to Timbuctoo if it means getting him out of Isaac and Carters life , damn the man! My god did his actions have me on pins towards the end....

Lastly the animals still add their cuteness, perhaps not quite as prominently as before but you still want to hug and pet them and theres another arrival - this was a little poignant moment.

Truly romantic, sexy and full of delicious angsty moments that pull you in and keep you on the edge of your toes - but not in a gloomy way - I was left feeling delightfully satisfied and of course nicely weepy in that girly crying way that as females (and some males, no sexism in my reviews !) we thoroughly enjoy - what's that all about- really? Lol.

The ending is perfect and this time so was the book. Big love Ms Walker. :D

Alina says

I hate to be a party pooper, but unfortunately I didn't like this book at all.

I really liked both Carter and Isaac in the first story and although sometimes Isaac wasn't an easy character to like I still sympathized with his plight and I felt so sorry for him at the end when he tried to prove himself, but ended up in the hospital, it was a humiliating experience I didn't think he deserved. But in this book Isaac just pushed all my limits and I kinda hated him by the end and I wanted Carter to just move on and find someone else, someone who'd be less ungrateful and egocentric.

The whole thing with Josh was extremely frustrating. I was so pissed on Carter's behalf, because Isaac's cozy relationship with Josh drove me crazy. I mean he asked Isaac out in front of his boyfriend, so I think it's entirely justified for the said boyfriend to dislike him to put it mildly. And still Isaac was blind (no pun intended) to Carter's reaction or he just didn't care enough and was so enamoured with Josh, that he kept inviting him over and chatting with him constantly, smiling and laughing with him, while he bristled and treated Carter like dirt for every little wrongdoing. I was so angry when Carter's been happy when Isaac so much as smiled at him a little when he got out of the car, but he's been laughing with Josh when Carter returned home and Carter didn't hear him laugh in days. I know at the end Isaac said it's never been 'like that' with Josh, but I still see it as a betrayal and if Josh didn't turn out to be a con man, who knows where their relationship with Isaac would have gone. It certainly seemed to me he has a lot more in common with Josh, than he's ever had with Carter, who looked like an odd man out for the most time. We didn't have Isaac's pov and I still have my doubts. For such a big built up I'd like to see a more definite resolution.

The relationship between Carter and Isaac became too one-sided for my liking. It's like Carter was the one doing all the loving (again no pun intended) and Isaac just accepted it. It's like Carter's whole world revolved around Isaac and he's been dancing on his tiptoes around him all the time. It was too much even bearing Isaac's disability in mind. And when shit hit the fan I really thought Carter was absolutely right, I mean there's so much fraud and crime going on it doesn't take much to fool even an able-sighted person, so how could he not worry about Isaac? I don't think Carter did something awful, which he needed to apologize so

much for, and the amount of pain and heartbreak he went through has been too much for me. I wanted for him to just forget about Isaac and fucking move on and stop calling him and leaving the humble voicemails.

And at the end it was resolved just too quickly and easily and not at all satisfying for me. Apparently the whole thing with that operation in Argentina was just because Isaac wanted to be able to see Carter. He hid it well, I'd say, because I'd never think that, judging by his behaviour toward Carter during the whole story. I'd like for Isaac to do a lot more groveling for all that grief he's caused to Carter and Hannah. This small sorry just doesn't cover it and it reminds me of all his little sorrys he's been saying to Carter in the beginning of their relationship.

The sad thing is that after all that drawn out affair with Josh and Isaac's hideous behaviour, his hurtful words and Carter's long suffering I just stopped rooting for them as a couple and the whole HEA with a couple therapy, new house and the rings just didn't cover the previous mess for me and prevented me from enjoying the story. And I feel like it spoiled the first book for me too, as I wouldn't want to re-read it now, knowing what happened later.

I'm nervous about the sequel to my favorite Breaking Point now, since I just don't want to see things go that bad for Mattew and Kira :/

Nik says

Dear Isaac. I love you. I hate you. You have shown me all the ways stubborn isn't just a word but, an attitude.

I wanted to junk punch you multiple times in this book but, by the end you really pulled it together-- thus the I love you.

Another really great read by this author. I wasn't sure what to expect based on the blurb but NRW really put me through the ringer on this one. It was the same great Carter and Isaac together but now we are 12 months in and we get to see them more settled together...and then shenanigans ensues.

Some authors have a hard time revisiting characters. Whether its giving us a fresh look at the same couple or maintaining continuity from one book to the other or just keeping the characters consistent but, NRW did it and did it well.

A truly enjoyable read.

Up next is Mark's story right?!?! ;)

Susan says

Check out my interview with the author N.R. Walker over at <http://loveaffairwithanereader.blogspot.com>...

4.5 stars

DAH!!!! I loved THIS BOOK!

I was a fan of “Blind Faith”, book 1 in the series. NR Walker has fast become a must-read for me.

Book 2, “Through These Eyes” is even better!!! Carter, our patient and adoring vet, is even more amazing. Isaac, our blind and stubborn teacher, is even more temperamental, but even more lovable in his vulnerability. And the reader is treated to their LOVE for each other growing even stronger and richer.

And then shit hits the fan! And right as I’m settling into my dream mansion in BLISSVILLE, all hell breaks loose and I’m finding myself BAWLING and my heart BREAKING and I’m FREAKING OUT!!! IT HURT!!!!

I won’t spoiler any of the details, but it’s no secret that NR Walker knows how to write a sweet HEA. This one was hard-earned, it was painful getting there, but THANK GOD she kept true to her strengths.

I love Carter and Isaac. Dare I say it? I WANT MORE!!!!

Karla says

3½ Stars! Another beautiful story about Isaac and Carter, not as good as the first book, but still quite enjoyable.

I seem to be in the minority with my rating on this book, most people loved this one better than Blind Faith, for me it was the opposite. My problem here was that the dialogue and scenarios were repeated one too many times. However, the underlying theme in the book, low-life’s preying on those who are at disadvantage, was very well done. There are those with absolutely no morals whatsoever, and that they would bring false hope to someone and steal not only their money, but shatter their dreams, makes me sick.

I’ve seen many people with disabilities from birth say they don’t miss what they never had, but if you had something and then lost it, it’s a much harder cross to bear. Isaac could see at one time, and even though he’s been without sight for nearly two decades and has adjusted well, there are times when it cuts to his core. He becomes an uncle when the lovely Hannah gives birth. He can touch little Ada, smell her, but his longing to be able to see her touched me so deeply it brought tears to my eyes.

“Isaac, baby, you okay?”

He shrugged.

“Isaac?”

He sighed into my chest. “I’ve been blind for almost nineteen years...” He trailed off.

“And?”

“I mean, I’ve always wanted my sight back, but there’s only been a handful of times when I’d have honestly killed to be able to see.”

Oh, Isaac.

I tightened my arms around him and kissed the side of his head. “And today was one of those days.” It wasn’t a question.

He nodded against me, and his voice was quiet, “Just once, ya know? If I could see her, just once.”

Wow...break my heart why don't you! The author has an amazing ability to allow the reader to feel along with the characters, so much so, that at times I felt like I was suffocating.

Gosh, I just loved Carter, but sometimes I wanted to smack him for allowing Isaac to be so cruel to him. I found it hard to accept that after a year of Carter's devotion and undying love, that Isaac could still think Carter thought of him as a burden. He has trouble believing this man that literally has brought so much joy into his life. Carter has to reiterate over and over again that Isaac's blindness is a part of him, and no matter, he loves him unconditionally. Hence, the scenarios I was speaking of playing themselves over and over.

Hannah has a bigger part in this book and it was a joy to see her again, along with her wonderful husband Carlos. Also Mark, who doesn't love Mark, with his over the top comments and his crazy ways?! What a character, and he's the most devoted friend to Carter and now to Isaac too. I would love to see N.R. Walker write a book about him. He so complex and would make for an interesting read.

I enjoyed the dramatic ending and then the sweetness that followed. I think Carter and Isaac's story played out nicely in the first book, Blind Faith, and could have ended there, but I'm grateful to the author for allowing us back into their lives. They will remain forever in my heart.

Once again thank you to Susan for recommending this series. Now tell me my friend what book should I move onto next?

Catherine says

***** 4.5 Stars *****

I still want to punch Isaac in the face 90% of the time, but this book was one giant feels-fest and I loved it (big, melodramatic Hollywood ending and all).
