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Fourteen years ago, my life changed forever.

My sister disappeared. That day I was selfish. That day I chose myself over her. And that day, I lost everything.

Including Nikki Walters.

She's the girl I've loved my whole life. She's gorgeous. Caring. Every single thing I've ever wanted but denied myself. She was my sister's best friend, and I destroyed any chance of keeping her.

When her safety is threatened, I have a second chance to do the right thing. But as soon as she moves in, I want her in all the wrong ways.

All it takes is a brush of her hand, and I'm losing all control.

The fire between us is only burning hotter.

But neither of us saw what was coming.

And it just might be Nikki Walters who destroys me in the end.

The highly anticipated sexy, suspenseful stand-alone second-chance romance from NYT Bestselling Author, A.L. Jackson.

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Megan♦*Steamy Reads Blog*♦ says

“After all this time, he continued to remain possessive of me. Keeping me under his guarded watch. As if I were a child he needed to protect. As if he’d forgotten everything we’d been through together.

What we’d almost been to each other.

I’d made the mistake of falling for him a long, long time ago.”

Lead Me Home is book three in the **Fight for Me** series and the one I have been anticipating the most. I absolutely loved this emotional story of second chances; the ups the downs and all that occurred in between. I am a huge fan of A L Jackson and a massive fan of this series, but I just did not anticipate the feels and emotions *Lead Me Home* would evoke from me. I was quite complacent and prepared to finish the **Fight for Me** series in a formulaic sort of way and then... BAM... I was brought to my knees in a tailspin of emotion and heartbreak, but with that came the ultimate hope of a second chance.

Ollie has had a heartbreaking, earthshattering past full of loss, sorrow and pain and it was all laid bare for the world to read. I felt his pain and heartache with every consuming turn of the page and wanted nothing more than for him to finally see the light at the end of his dark tunnel. I wanted him to ultimately learn to forgive himself for past choices and actions which had changed his life forever.

“He was an enigma. A veiled mystery. A cliffhanger waiting to be written.”

If there is one person who has always occupied Nikki’s heart and soul, it is Ollie. Nikki has been there side by side with him through it all; all of the pain, all of the loss and the all-consuming guilt Ollie has been enduring. Nikki has also been struggling, trying to deal with her own heartache and pain over the same events that have irrevocably altered and changed their lives. Nikki has seen firsthand how Ollie has changed and there comes a time when you can only help someone for so long, before you have to let them go, in order for them to help themselves.

Nikki has watched Ollie delve deeper into the dark side for so many years now. She loves him so much and she too has endured this tortured road he has taken, but she just can’t watch him beat himself up anymore, it has become too emotionally draining and just too hard. This spiral revolves around the fateful night when Ollie’s sister, who also happens to be Nikki’s best friend, disappears. They can never change that devastating event, but perhaps they can move forward, begin to heal and live for the future.

“Tears filled my eyes when he pressed his forehead to mine, and a confession fell from his mouth on a low moan,

“I miss her. I miss her so much. When will it stop? When will this feeling ever go away?”

Even through everything Nikki and Ollie have endured over the last few years, they still had such a profound connection and intense physical and emotional attraction towards each other. No amount of time and suffering could prevent these two from being drawn to each other once more. Ollie’s need to protect Nikki at all costs, and their undying love was still burning bright.

Lead Me Home was an emotional and intense ride that I devoured from start to finish, with A L Jackson’s signature beautiful storytelling and carefully crafted characters you can’t help but fall in love with. This story is about love, loss, heartbreak, guilt, the power of forgiveness and faith that true love will shine once more. If you’re anything like me and love you’re second chance love stories, then I cannot recommend this one enough. Ollie and Nikki’s beautiful love story is sure to melt your heart.

Bev says

3.75 stars.

Loved the story, but oh man Ollie drove me nuts with the constant pushing away. He really hurt Nikki over and over, and she deserved so much more than that.

Jennifer Kyle says

4.5 ??

KAS says

5 Forever and Ever, You and Me! Stars

What an engaging ‘friends to lovers’ second chance romance!

Best friends since grade school, Ollie and Nikki’s love and lust for each other runs deep, but an unfathomable tragedy from the past has been standing in their way, has kept them apart for fourteen years.

Guilt and hurt consumes their present and threatens their future.

? "It doesn't matter how many years go by, it feels like it was yesterday. Feels like I'm stuck there, and I'm never gonna get out."

? "I was there with you. But you wouldn't let me be there for you. You wouldn't let me stay."

? "Couldn't let you stay there because you didn't need to be in the middle of my mess."

? "You know it's true, Ollie. You can't erase the fact that I was there with you. That we were together. That I'm every bit as responsible as you."

Ollie, is a gorgeous, overbearing, tatted, alpha male with a heart of gold. He takes being protective to the nth degree. His sex appeal oozes off the pages!

Nikki, is a beautiful, confident woman with a bright and bubbly personality. She has a real stubborn streak and she drives Ollie crazy in need for her.

This is the third book of this series, and IMHO is the best of the bunch. It is written in dual POV, and interspersed throughout are chapters taking you back in time which ties everything perfectly together as to why Ollie and Nikki's past is so integral to the storyline.

I loved the wit and the the bantering. I loved how they struggled to reconcile past mistakes and explore being a couple. I loved their combustible chemistry. I loved the angst!

Yep, I do believe I loved it!!

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

4-4,5 stars

Such a beautiful story!Ollie and Nikki took me to an intense and emotional journey!I loved their story, it has everything I expected and even more!

I feel that this story was a little bit different from what I have read from this author and make it so good!It wasn't an easy read, it's a heartbreaking story.I have so many feelings for Ollie and Nikki.They were so intense and their love story was powerful.

Overall, I really enjoy this one!It took me days to write a proper review, if you are looking for an intense story then you definitely read Lead Me Home.

A.L. Jackson says

I hope you love Ollie & Nikki's story as much as I loved writing it. It is intense and sexy and filled with so much emotion. I'm so proud of it.

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??English / Português

4 "fly, fly, dragonfly" stars?

??Oh my heart!!!! Why do you do this to me A. L. Jackson?!!!! I knew that was coming but ??*oh my God!*?? it didn't make it any easier to read it. I enjoyed this series so much. All?..?T?he?..?F?eels!!!

I love, love, LOVE when an author can make us believe that that characters are really in love. And man!! They were. Ollie and Nikki was just meant to each other. So much hurt, and sad about their past but it didn't for a second make that love less? for? one another. ?Now ?I wish for a love like that. ?*dreaming*?

Like the other books, this was heartbreaking, emotional but also full of the best kinda of love you can read about. I enjoyed a lot. ??This was? the ?first series? I read from this author. And I can't wait for what is to come.

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* An Arc was provided by the author. Thank you!

English / Português

4 "voe, voe, libélula" estrelas

Ai, meu coração!!!! Por que você faz isso comigo, A. L. Jackson?!!!! Eu já sabia o que estava por vir, mas *oh meu Deus!* saber disso não facilitou em nada a leitura. Eu adoro essa série. Senti tanta coisa com ela!

Eu amo, amo, AMO quando um autor consegue nos fazer acreditar que os personagens estão realmente apaixonados. E, gente!! Eles eram muito apaixonados. Ollie e Nikki foram feitos um para o outro. Tanta mágoa, e tristeza com o passado deles, mas não fez nem por um segundo que o amor fosse menos um pelo outro. Agora eu desejo um amor assim... *sonhando*

Como nos outros livros, foi comovente, emocionante, mas também cheio do melhor tipo de amor que você pode ler. Gostei muito. Esta foi a minha primeira série que li dessa autora. E mal posso esperar pelo que está por vir.

* Arc fornecido pela autora. Obrigada!

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Paige says

4.5 “Fly” Stars

Ollie is *sigh* I love him! Lead Me Home is my favorite book in this series. I’ve been waiting for this story since the very beginning. It’s poetic, emotional and heartrending. Ollie and Nikki have years of heartbreak and strife between them and yet no matter what separates them - an intangible thread ties them together. And when Nikki needs Ollie, he’s there and he’s not going anywhere. If only his heart would let her in.

Nikki is the life of the party. Ollie is the dependable big brute. They have the same circle of friends and yet there is an ocean that separates these two former best friends. When Ollie’s sister disappeared over a decade ago, everything they thought they knew was broken. Now that Nikki needs somewhere to stay, Ollie knows there is nowhere else for her but in his home. As they spend time together, the thread that binds them pulls tighter and tighter until neither can deny it. If only they're brave enough to accept the past and be open to the future.

This story opened Ollie and Nikki not only to each other but to the reader. There was so much hurt, loneliness and depth to be explored and when all was revealed my heart was both broken and mended as these two who were obviously meant to be found their way back to one another.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book.

DJ Sakata says

My Rating:

4.5

Favorite Quotes:

My attraction to him was so intense I wondered how he didn’t taste it in the air.

Human emotions were such tricky little things. They could be fleeting and fast, forgotten before we gave ourselves time to ponder them, or they wiggled their way in, so deep that it was impossible to imagine they hadn’t been part of us all along.

Lily was looking at me as if she were chipping pieces of me away and labeling each one as evidence.

I think that’s what missing someone means. They’re missing from you, not just from your life, but from your heart. And nothing, no matter how hard you try, really works or fully functions because you’re missing that piece.

My Review:

Add another heart-squeezing, steamy, and angst-filled romance to your TBR, as it was well worth the anguish; and the mystery that has plagued me all through this well-crafted series was finally, finally, yes finally solved as to what happened to Sydney. I was flailing more than usual for fear this book was going to be a total angst-fest - as the characters were in constant conflict with themselves as well as with each other for over two-thirds of the book. Oh, the agony! That much angst is just – tedious torment for me. Thank goodness Ms. Jackson tossed in some amusing testosterone-fueled banter between the well-bonded and tightly-knit he-men, steamy sensual scenes, a well-woven mystery, and a sexy, filthy talking, and cranky lead character that I could forgive anything for. Written in my favorite dual POV, I got past my pet peeve and sighed with satisfaction on reaching that delightful HEA.

Betul says

****ARC provided in exchange for an honest review****

"I had always belonged to Oliver Preston. The problem was, he'd never fully belonged to me."

I had been looking forward to Ollie's book since the moment I met him in *Show Me the Way*. I love second-chance and friends-to-lovers romances. There is just something about two people coming together again, who have so much history that will link them together forever. Nikki, has been in love with Ollie since forever however after the disappearance of Ollie's sister, he has been closed off to any woman. He doesn't feel like he deserves to move on and be happy, so he keeps his distance from her. Nikki, continues to love him from afar and tries to be satisfied with being just friends.

"She was a carrot dangled in front of me like a tease. Always right there, always just out of reach. A connection I couldn't keep but wanted more than my next breath."

Even though Ollie keeps his distance, he still is aware of Nikki. He always watches and protects her whenever he feels like she needs it. After blaming himself for not taking care of his sister, he doesn't want to fail Nikki. The attraction is there, and at moments Ollie is weak and can't resist the pull towards her. He is jealous when he sees her with other guys, however Nikki isn't up for him acting hot and cold towards her. She doesn't want to be involved if she can't have all of him. I loved that Nikki stood her ground and had her limits. She doesn't want to be used by him whenever he needs her.

"I'm so lost, and I don't know if that vacant feeling is ever going to go away. Only thing I know is when I'm with you, it doesn't feel so vast."

Lead Me Home is my favorite in the *Fight for Me* series. I loved that there was a bit of mystery/suspense aspect to the story, and I thought it was done really well by the author. I hope she will write more suspenseful books. I also loved that she included flashbacks to when Ollie and Nikki met, and the strong bond they had from the start. This book also had a couple of very emotional moments, which I read teary-eyed. It was also great seeing what all the previous couples were up to. *Lead Me Home* was a great contemporary romance and I can't wait to see what Amy will have in store for us next.

"I don't want to be your duty, Ollie. I can't be a sin you're trying to make amends for."

Karen Mc says

Second-chance romances where soulmates find themselves together again are MY KRYPTONITE, and A.L. Jackson's words are my soul-slayers and heart-hitters. Together, they are unstoppable! A.L. Jackson wrote such a HEARTBREAKING and HEARTWARMING second-chance romance—the perfect story for Ollie and Nikki, and my favorite in this series—that I don't think I can write enough words to accurately describe how *LEAD ME HOME* made me feel. **UNEQUIVOCALLY MOVING and UNRELENTING, *Lead Me Home* is a FORCE OF FEELS and I felt its force hit my heart like that of a thousand winds.** Push and pull went the book that bled angst; push and pull went my heart, a heart that bled for every word. **SO INTENSE. SO IMPACTFUL. SO INSPIRATIONAL. SO IRRESISTIBLE.**

After meeting Ollie earlier in this series, I knew his and Nikki's story would be the hardest to tell and the most heart-rending to read, this slow burn of the beautiful beast and his stunning sunshine. He's broody, protective, devastatingly handsome, and all alpha. Ollie's story GUTTED ME. Wrenching pain for his pain. This big, beautiful, blue-eyed beast OWNED ME. ALL OF ME.

He was an enigma.
A veiled mystery.
A cliffhanger waiting to be written.

Nikki, this gorgeous gal and splash of sunshine, I adored her! Her story shattered me too, and her ability to light up the darkest situation wowed me. One powerful and inspirational heroine.

This girl was a wave getting ready to take me under. And I didn't think she'd ever let me up for air.

I didn't have to read but a few words to know that this book was going to break me. ***Lead Me Home* didn't just break me; this devastatingly beautiful book ANNIHILATED ME! *Lead Me Home* led me around by the heart where I was the earth and it was the sun, pulling me toward every word. A force of feels. I FELT EVERY ounce of sweetness, smolder, swoon, heartbreak, hope, and happiness. I FELT this hero and heroines' story as if it were mine. I felt every emotion in a story that MEANT AND MEANS THE WORLD!**

"I will ruin you, Nik. We both know it."

“You ruined me a long time ago.”

Each word a spark.
Each spark a feel.
Each feel on fire.
Word for word.
Tear for tear.
Feel for feel.
ALL THE FEELS.
OH DID I FEEL!

”I would kill for you, Nikki. Die for you.”

THIS Robin Hood romance-like line MELTED me into a puddle. This knight of a hero SLAYED me with SWOON. So much swoon! Sweet sigh. A man willing to kill and sacrifice for his lady is the definition of honor and hero. SO MUCH SWOON!!!

”How am I looking at you.”

“Like I mean something.”

“You mean everything.”

A STUNNING and SOUL-SHATTERING second-chance romance of survival, salvation, and slow-burning love, *Lead Me Home* will claim your heart in a tale with a heartbeat of its own. *Lead Me Home* tugged my heart from the very first page ... CLAIMING IT ... CLAIMING ME. The lyrical-like *Lead Me Home* sang to me like a heartfelt country ballad—so full of sweetness and sorrow—so full of heart and soul. My heart is still stuck in this story—my sunshine and my storm—an emotional journey I didn’t want to ever end.

The man who had wrecked me.
The one who had saved me.

LEAD ME HOME, HANDS DOWN, IS A TOP 2018 & LIFETIME ROMANCE! A.L. Jackson paints a

passionate, poignant, and stunning story of epic love in *Lead Me Home*, the kind of love that lasts a lifetime, the kind that sparks the soul where you feel everything. Bravely tackling tough and sensitive subjects in *Lead Me Home*, A.L. Jackson masterfully shines light on the dark and ugly so healing can happen after heartbreak. This tale of tides—highs and lows, and pushes and pulls—sank into my soul, pulling me under, where I was drowning in emotion, an emotional eclipse that brought my senses to life. *Lead Me Home* led me and my emotions EVERYWHERE in a story that was and is EVERYTHING.

”It’s always the one who causes the biggest commotion inside us who leaves the biggest mark.”

????? devastatingly beautiful ‘dragonfly’ stars

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Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4.5 STARS

Oliver Preston was armor and stone. Bitterness and venom.

Broken fragments. Shrapnel waiting to bust. He was the bullet that pierced right through the center of me.

AL Jackson sure knows how to sucker punch her readers with some feels. And while I felt like the entire series has been leading up to this conclusion for me, nothing could have prepared me for the potency of emotion it brought. Each book in the series focuses on a different couple, but I highly recommend reading the previous two books to truly appreciate this one to its fullest.

I had always belonged to Oliver Preston. The problem was, he’d never fully belonged to me. I owned his gazes. His protection. His regret.

Ever since you learn Ollie's heartbreaking past, you're left craving for this man to finally have some light in

his life. Nikki Walters has been in love with Ollie for as long as she remembers. And he's been her biggest heartache almost just as long. *Lead Me Home* details their full connection, starting from the time they were just children, leading up to the tragedy that changed both of their lives, and all the ways it ripped them apart in the aftermath.

He was an enigma. A veiled mystery. A cliffhanger waiting to be written

After years of heartache and hope, Nikki is done taking a chance on Oliver. She can't settle for the little scraps of himself he has to give and she refuses to stop her life right along side his. Oliver is a shell of the person he once was, refusing to move on and blaming himself for the tragic disappearance of his sister and Nikki's best friend. While the events of that night inevitably changed every person in their group of friends, no one took it harder than Ollie. And while he knows he has nothing left to give Nikki and she deserves more, when a mysterious threat appears, he knows he'll stop at nothing to protect her. Even if it means being faced with their undeniable connection that has only grown through the years.

This girl was a wave getting ready to take me under. And I didn't think she'd ever let me up for air.

This was definitely the most emotional book in the series for me, and it was most definitely my favorite. I adored Nikki and Ollie together. Even when Ollie was too blind to see what was right in front of him, he didn't stop fighting for her. And I loved how solid and determined Nikki was when it came to him. She doesn't take any of his bull, but she's still there for him. She still cares. As you get a closer look at the potency of their connection, you fall harder and harder for them. I loved their push and pull. I loved their chemistry. I simply loved everything about this couple. Their light and their dark, their love and pain, their tragedy and happiness.

My whole life, all it took was a glance from you, and I knew I was exactly where I was supposed to be."

Lead Me Home was a poignant, emotional, and unforgettable story of loss and pain. It was a story of an undeniable love and heartbreak. It was beautiful and the writing was stunning. I love AL Jackson's way with words. The woman's writing is lyrical and almost poetic. I couldn't imagine a more captivating conclusion for a series that has grabbed me from the very beginning.

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Sabrina says

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I feel like I've been waiting forever to get Ollie's story but that wait was so very worth every slow moving minute. *Lead Me Home* proved that I was right to love Ollie and Nikki and seeing their struggles up close, not just as secondary characters, was heart wrenching. I thought those brutally emotional moments added so much to the story though and they really showed that these two were perfect together.

The previous books did a really great job at leading up to this conclusion for Ollie and Nikki but I was so not prepared for it to be so emotional. Ollie's pain was laid right onto the pages and it killed me to watch him go through that. The loss of his sister was a hugely defining moment in his life, and also something that was keeping him away from the woman he really wanted. Nikki had her own pain over Sydney's disappearance that she was dealing with in her own way. She never gave up on Ollie though, even when she told herself she should, and I really liked that about her character.

There was also some suspense thrown in that kept this book even more intriguing than it already was. It was written into the romance really well and added a lot of depth to the story. I think it let the book end on a really good note and mended my heart after these characters broke it right in half.

Overall, this book was emotional, and captivating, and just so sweet it could give you a sugar rush. It's a definite must read, and even though it could be read as a standalone without spoilers I would recommend reading the series in order so that you can experience the brilliant way A.L Jackson led up to this conclusion.

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Tijuana *Book Twins Reviews* says

Another amazing and emotionally charged read from A. L. Jackson.

It's no secret that I love this author's words. Her prose is exquisitely beautifully. Her stories are brilliantly plotted and delivered in a manner that simply takes my breath away.

Lead Me Home is no different. Ollie and Nikki's story is a new top favorite!

Their history and the bond they shared with one another growing up made this book pack an even stronger punch. From start to finish, I was completely captivated and could not put it down. If you looking for a larger than life, take charge, alpha male AND a feisty heroine who drives him to the brink of madness, this one is definitely for you!

Highly recommended!

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Bibi says

Pretty turn of phrase (aka purple prose), angsty plot, insubstantial story, and characters to whom I simply couldn't connect. Further, the writing style of single sentence paragraphs became annoying after the first chapter. Obviously, it's me and not the book.
