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Gina:

Freshly brewed tea. Earl Grey, loose leaf.

Rain on the windowsills. The smell of library books. Escape into worlds greater than this.

Solitude.

Invisibility.

A quiet life. Maybe boring, but boring was never dangerous. Until I saw what I was missing out on. Who I was missing out on. The man who shattered my boring, safe life and lay it to ruin.

The man I'd been in love with since I was a teenager. Who I'd been invisible to since I was a teenager.

The man who just happened to be a world-famous rock star.

Sam:

Whisky. Neat. Leave the bottle.

Crowd of hundreds of people. No, make it thousands. All shouting my name. Live fast. Die...

Die? I'm too young, too famous and far too badass to die. Death doesn't happen when you stop breathing, it's what happens before that. Death is the monotony of life. The grave? Well, all the greats live there.

You're not a rock star until you die before you're thirty. The grave doesn't bother me.

Just the quiet.

That is death in the life of rock.

But then... her.

She'd been there all along and I'd been too blind, too obsessed with the fast, loud life to realize where the real Nirvana lay.

In the silence.

Even the grave couldn't hold me if I didn't get her.

And I'm a rock star.

And a badass.

And as stubborn as I am good-looking.

I know how to get what I want.

I also know how to kill anyone who gets in my way.

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Cat Imb || The Reading Cat || says

I received an ARC of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you Anne Malcom!

What a page turner! This book had me rooting for Gina and Sam the whole way. I loved how although this book was primarily about Gina and her struggles, Malcom also gives us glimpses of Sam in the first four years of the band. She demonstrates his struggles, and his demons.

This is a beautiful body-positive, soul-affirming, beauty is both on the outside and the inside, and beauty is not a mold you either fit in or not. It is everywhere, if only one chooses to open their eyes. I just had a flashback of me and my bestie walking around and just commenting on how attractive every female we encountered was. We still do it. All the time.

I mentioned above that Malcom shows us Gina and Sam's demons, but she also shows us the struggles of the spotlight. Of the constant judgement, and criticism accompanying it. In subsequence, this book was also about being comfortable in your own skin, about being yourself and not trying to be like someone else, another rock star, or follow the stereotypes. It was about breaking the prisons formed by those stereotypes; silencing the demons and those putting them there.

Another fabulously written Unquiet Mind book, although I'm not surprised, because it is Anne Malcom after all.

Paula D says

Gina and Sam's story touched my heart in so many ways. I felt like Anne Malcom was writing my story. Gina is me I felt her pain. I have never cried so much reading a book ever. I had to take breaks because it brought up so much emotion in me I had to breathe. I think many woman go thru what Gina did. I loved how Anne showed us how strong Gina was and she didn't even know it until Sam showed her. Sam I love him even being a rockstar and basically not living until Gina, made me think of my husband how he has help me become the woman I am today. This is a book I will always remember forever. Thank you Anne for showing me that I deserve the love I found and that I am a strong woman! 5/5 stars if I could I'd give it 10 *** I voluntarily reviewed an Advanced Copy of this book ***

Mae says

The idea of this story is amazing,

Nerdy girl with self esteem issues falls for hot high school boy who turns into super hot, funny, rock star.

Rock star gives her confidence all while dealing with action, drama, violence and suspense

Sounds amazing right?

We only get a glimpse at that amazing story line!

Instead of the gut wrenching, fascinating scenes, we get **monologues**

Long drawn out monologues, so long that you forget the conversation the characters were having. Split off into random tangents that had your eyes glazing over.

Those amazing, entertaining scenes? Yeah, those were either skimmed over or skipped completely!!

I was never given the chance to feel connected to these characters since 70% of the book was filled with repeated inner monologues, like can we have a conversation in here?

I loved Sam in previous books, but I never really got to hear his story... or any interesting parts for that matter.

Such a disappointment! I had to skim **a lot** towards the end. The only reason I made it, was the hope for an entertaining end. Instead it was like the author was like, *"whoops! Hit my page max, need to end this quickly and with as little detail as possible"*

I really hope Emma and Wyatt's book redeems this series!

Obsessive Book Whore says

OMFG! What a fantastic read!!! Sam and Gina are my heart and soul!

The beginning of this book had me feeling a little unsure of how this was all going to play out. I loved Gina's character. She was strong yet quiet. She had loved Sam from afar for most of her life. When presented with the chance to be with him, if even for one night, she jumped at it, although somewhat cautiously. They gravitated towards each other. Even when Sam was fighting it, he couldn't deny the magnetism.

I wanted to junk punch Sam so freaking hard for treating her the way he did. She deserved better than that and I'm glad he finally realized he needed to right that wrong. I'm just sad it took him so long and the events that happened to her in between.

He makes up for it infinitely. Sam is sweet, sexy as sin and protective in his love for her. I loved that he stepped up and went above and beyond to prove to her they deserve each other.

This book broke me into a million pieces so many times and put me back together again, cracks and all, every single time.

I absolutely LOVE this series and I can't wait to see what comes next!!

Hey book whores, if you want to follow me, you can find me here

Lily Garcia says

4 broken stars!

I've been dying for Sam's story since I discovered the Unquiet Mind series last year. Sam is so full of life, the joker, masking his pain with smiles, but it was all a front; he had a rough childhood and definitely deserved to be loved. To be honest I wasn't expecting Gina to be the heroine, but it was a pleasant surprise. They fit well together and even though he had his own demons to sort out and she had self-esteem issues, they were able to work through them and get their HEA. Sam was one swoony alpha who I loved. He made some mistakes, but redeemed himself. I'll admit that I struggled in the beginning because it had a lot of inner dialogue and it was a bit too slow for my taste. I wanted more from the last chapter, but I'm just greedy; I did love the epilogue though. I really hope that we get Noah's, Wyatt's & Emma's story soon. Can't wait to read more from this author.

Claypot_Reads - Michelle says

This is a 6 star read for me ????????????

This beautiful story really took me by surprise. Everyone knows how I feel about Anne Malcom's books and this one is no exception. It explores inner demons that many of us hide and does it in a way that left me as a reader feeling both empowered and a little fragile at the same time. This story has jumped into my top reads of all time. It is one I know I will reread many times and get something different each time.

Gina's character resonated with me in a way a character hasn't for a very long time. Her self doubt, her brave front, her steady kindness. Gina is a lot of women I know, myself included. Women that don't think they're good enough, thin enough, pretty enough. When in reality they are more than those things. They are one hundred times more. They just need to find the bravery to open themselves up - when society, media and often those who were meant to love them have broken them down.

“That’s part of it. Life. Being scared.... It’s f@&kn’ scary, babe. It’s unpredictable, it’s uncontrollable, and you only get to do it once.”

Sam makes Gina brave. He is someone I already adored from the previous Unquiet Minds books and that didn't change here. He was always a guy I wanted to have a night of drunken fun with, but I learned he was a whole lot more. His humour and his looks were hiding a man searching for what was always right there in front of him. Opening his eyes was a tough thing for him (I wanted to punch him at times) and finally truly doing it fundamentally changed him.

I laughed a lot in this story. Quite simply Sam is funny AF & Gina's witty dialogue (especially with Lexie

and Emma) is hilarious. It was one of my favourite aspects of the story and balances out the heavy side perfectly.

I also cried A LOT in this story - have your tissues handy. There are some very raw, honest emotions explored in these pages. I loved the imagery Anne used to paint a picture of each character's lives to illustrate how we live often reflects our inner fears. What we crave can scare us. Retreat or avoidance is always easier, not better, but easier.

For me this was a story of two people truly finding in one another what they didn't see in themselves. For Gina it was Sam's fun and bravery, for Sam it was Gina's quiet and loyalty. That's not to say they were incomplete or didn't have these traits themselves, but with each other they were not only complete but content. Truly and honestly happy

"Maybe you're here to make me live a little faster, and I'm here to slow you down just a little."

Ultimately it's a love story that is an honest exploration of people's fears and a real, genuine, warts and all love story - one that isn't always easy to read but oh so worth it. I mean real love isn't always perfect or simple but it's definitely worth it. Nothing in life is more important.

"Because that was what true love really was—an inconvenience, constantly informing, impacting and changing your path in a way you never could've expected. And it would ensure that your life was never your own as long as the other person existed and as long as that love existed."

So if you're looking for a story that will make you laugh, cry and think then grab this book. You won't regret it.

I received an ARC of this book.

Shez says

I love Sam, I love Gina...

I did not love this book though...it literally has given me a headache!

All the inner monologue on every little thing that's ever said...like for fuck sakes?!

The difference between this and the first two books...like wow?!

It's as if it's not even the same author?

It's such a shame because I've loved Sam throughout the series and was really looking forward to the book.

There weren't even any sex scenes to make up for all the rambling on and on.

I'm really looking forward to Wyatt and Emma's story and can't wait to see what Noah's book will be like, I will deffo be reading them, this book has definitely not put me off.

Caro Richard says

Firstly let me say I read this book with a smile on my face! A full on cheesy grin that turned into belly laughs in a few parts!

Now, if you have followed this series you will know Sam and you will have caught glimpses of Gina. And their story will knock your socks off!

Sam is Sam.....Gina is...omg she is everything. I loved that nerd!

Note: underpants often make me laugh. You know, big ones, small ones, some as big as your head....but if you don't laugh as much as I did at #pantsgate then you are dead inside!

Annette Brignac says

I was lucky enough to receive an ARC of Broken Shelves. This absolute perfection is the third book in Anne Malcom's Unquiet Mind series. She has yet again created a world I wish I could escape to some days! Sam & Gina's story rivals the great love stories. A lighter story, filled with love, humor, and some drama. It's guaranteed to make you feel everything. I HIGHLY recommend this beautiful story!!!

B.E.Love says

After getting Killian and Lexie's story I couldn't wait for Sam's, we saw that Gina really liked him back in high school and we also saw how very different they were so I couldn't wait for their book. At Lexie and Killian's wedding Sam and Gina ran into each other, Gina still carried the flame she had since high school but Sam had no clue who she was just that she was a beautiful woman he had to get to know. That night was like nothing either of them had experienced and then Sam got scared.

Gina has done everything she could to maintain her life so when a student's angry father puts her in harms way Gina finds herself at home healing from this traumatic event. Never in a million years did Gina ever think she would open the door and find Sam. Sam ran because he was scared, what he didn't plan on was Gina being someone he couldn't forget or get off his mind. He knew she was special and different but in the light of morning he convinced himself he was stronger than his feelings. Now a year later and not able to move on Sam runs back to the only girl he can think of.

Gina is still hurt from what Sam did and wants nothing more than for him to leave but Sam won't give up and has no issues using his charm to get the girl he never should have let go. No matter what it takes Sam is in it for the long hall especially making sure his girl is safe and never scared or hurt again. And Sam will do anything to make sure that happens. Being persistent pays off when Sam convinces Gina to give him another shot and Sam is determined to not blow it but to show Gina who she really is to him and how much she means to him.

But life isn't always easy especially with a world famous rock star and an angry ex there's bound to be issues. Gina is used to her quite tidy life and Sam is used to living his life to the fullest and beyond. With all this swirling around in their lives the one thing that matters is the love they have for each other and making sure it lasts even if others have very different ideas.

I knew I would love this book from the beginning lets jus get that out there right now. I it's Anne Malcom and I love this woman, she is brilliant and an amazing storyteller. She creates these worlds I get wrapped up in and these characters that I fall in love with and root for and feel like I know them. So I knew this one

would be beautiful, not to mention we already have gotten a taste for Sam and Gina. Yes I knew I would love this book.

I have to admit Sam is not the guy I thought he would be, yes I knew he would be hot and a great hero but Sam is so much more he's possessive and utterly in love with Gina. He dotes on her. Quite simply she is his world and nothing including his music will due once he has Gina. Both Sam and Gina are a little damaged they have both suffered but they both are stronger and amazing people. Gina has created this safe space that became so safe she stopped living and Sam comes in and makes her not only live her life but want to live it. He gives her courage and that's a beautiful thing. Gina is strong in her own way but I love seeing her become strong in this book. She's kind and perfect for Sam giving him the quiet he needs.

From the very beginning I was hooked on this book it's one I have anxiously waited for and from page one till the very end I didn't want to put it down or for this book to end. I can't recommend this book enough. We get to see previous characters and future characters making me excited for what's to come as well as some characters from other series, which is something I have always loved. Don't walk run to your computer and buy this book you won't be disappointed.

*For anyone wondering this book can be read on it's own, even though it's book 3 but I do recommend reading books 1 and 2 first just because it's Lexie and Killian.

**Thank you Anne Malcom for this Beta/ARC book

Karen says

Broken Shelves.

Anne I ♥️♥️♥️ this story so much & Gina's struggles were so real to me. You have no idea. Gave me goosebumps.

Sam OMG drool. What can I say but I'll have to read it again to absorb his every impact & detail.

I wasn't able to put this book down, literally I spent my entire Sunday out back reading it while I watched my husband potter around his orchids & gardening.

Pria & Garth. Love that couple. Want to see more of them.

Soooo when do we get the next one. ?

Jennifer says

*** I received an ARC of this book for the purpose of my honest opinions. All opinions are my own and I have received no compensation. ***

I did not think it possible for me to fall in love with another character from this author.... I was so freaking wrong! Sam is so intoxicating and I get all tingly thinking of him lol. He sees what he wants and goes for it but Gina isn't what he is used to and doesn't take his rock star attitude when he throws it out.

I loved Gina! She may have her issues, she may have been with a douche, but she is a kick ass character and has an amazing attitude! I love how she isn't afraid to tell it like it is lmao.

There was a quote of sorts I have to throw in here because it stuck with me so much.

"Didn't all the great love stories have obstacles? Didn't every single great couple have to go through almost unbearable amounts of pain in order to be together? Wasn't it the watermark of true love?"

This book and the characters we have all grown to love by this author are inspiring and I am so glad to have read it! I cannot wait to see what is next!

Diary Of Book Fiend says

With each book Anne writes, she grows as an author and she has far exceeded the status quo of "romance novels" with this one. From the dedication to the acknowledgements and every single damn word in between. From a once super insecure girl who had a hard time looking in the mirror and liking what she saw, this is a book for every girl who has ever felt that way. I am not an emotional person but I connected with this book and it had me in tears. In the best kind of way. Sam & Gina...I don't want to give too much away but just know it is not a typical love story. It's real & raw and it makes you feel. The ups and downs and self reflection. This book was just everything to me. It's easy to write a love story with two perfect people and make it work. Anne wrote this story about two imperfect people.. perfectly. She remained true to her characters, and did so beautifully. I really feel that this book deserves more than 5 stars.

SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

[No (hide spoiler)]

★ Belle The Bibliophile ★ says

I'm not a fan of this author's writing style so it was so hard for me to sit still and get into this book. I honestly love it when author makes an effort to make the narrative poetic and flowery--if you know what I mean.

I loved the heroine, don't get me wrong. I felt her so much. However I couldn't absorb what the heroine was trying to say half the time because her monologue's way too flowery and LONG that it distracted the hell outta me. By the time I finished reading her inner monologue I found myself even more confused as to what she was trying to say. It's like THAT.

I also found the dialogues between the characters kind of still--in a way that college essay is written. Very formal with words that I don't think people in real life even use!

The Hero was meh? I wasn't a fan. He reminded me so much of Kristen Ashley's alpha characters. With the LONG ASS dialogue that takes pages, the weird ass nickname he gives the heroine, dirty talk. And surprisingly (view spoiler)

A solid 2 stars for me.

