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### THE FALL

Dallas

He was the beginning of my heart . . . and the end of it.

I was only fifteen years old when he claimed it and twenty when he took it with him.

They say what is meant to be will find a way. But when you have changed to the point of no return, how can anything ever be the same?

Seven years later, Dean Martin waltzed back into my life in hopes of resuming what I had fought so hard to forget, but he was in for a wake-up call.

I was no longer the naïve woman he had left . . . and I was no longer his.

I met the love of my life and my soul mate when I was fifteen. I knew that; he knew that. He wanted that girl back. I wanted to forget she ever existed.

Dean

What I thought was my pre-destined path was very much an illusion. Living seven years with regret, I realized too late that I was broken, and that I only had myself to blame.

I thought love could wait . . . but it didn't.

We'd had it all those years ago, and then I foolishly left it behind.

She was all that mattered. She was all there ever was.

There was no life without Dallas, no reason . . . except her.

No matter how hard she tried to convince me, I knew I had to once again make her mine, to make her remember . . . the fall.

### THE MIND

We fell in love in a lightning strike, a sudden anomaly in a sea of lost people.

He knew right away, yet I was hesitant. I could have never prepared myself for a love like ours.

No one could.

As a child, I had conjured an amazing story in my mind. It was a story I could retell about a man that would move me like no other; a story about the way we met and how he had swept me off my feet. But, the ending to that fairytale was so far from the reality.

No one will want to hear that story now, but for Grant, I will always tell it.

### THE HEART

Jack

For the last ten years, I've roamed the globe, captivated by the world around me. I've seen the seven wonders

and admired sunsets from every continent. I'd lived and loved and that was enough for me. It would have to be.

I was content, satisfied with my collection of experiences . . . until a phone call led me down a road less traveled.

If I'd known my fascination would pique and be forever quenched only a few hundred miles from where my curiosity had been born, I may have never set sail.

Rose

Stripped of the future I'd planned with the love of my life, my family and my career were now all that mattered. I'd lived and loved and that was enough. It would have to be.

I struggled to move forward, to discard the part of me that held out hope for my obliterated heart. But I was bred a romantic, so it was easier said than done.

The chances of being struck by lightning are 1 in 960,000.

The odds of being struck twice are 1 in 9 million.

I risked those odds every minute, often cursing the dark sky, praying for static and a rumble of thunder, but it never came.

No, that second bolt hit me on a clear day.

Series Order

The Fall

The Mind

The Heart

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## **From Reader Review The Reluctant Romantics Box Set (The Fall, The Mind, The Heart) for online ebook**

**Angela (Reading Frenzy Book Blog) says**

**4.5 stars**

If you haven't read the Reluctant Romantic series, you have no idea what you've been missing! I've read all three books in this series and recommend them all. Putting them together in a box set is a fantastic deal. The books feature two sisters and their epic love stories. The Fall is Dallas's story. The Mind and The Heart tell Rose's tale. There aren't any cliffhangers, but they should be read in order.

For fans of second chance romances and friends to lovers stories, this series will be your holy grail. It has all the feels—on steroids. *The Fall* is particularly angst filled, but all the books are tender, emotional, sexy, and humorous. Treat yourself to this wonderfully absorbing series.

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**Kristi says**

**Lightning strikes**

These stories had me laughing and crying, then SOBBING, yet I read on. They were angsty enough and filled with so much real emotion. They sucked me in and I had to know what happened. They were reads that made me feel so much, but did put me back together at the end.

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**Debbie says**

I have found a new favorite author in Kate Stewart. These 3 books broke my heart and put it back together. I LOVED both couples. I loved the relationship between Dallas and Rose. Made me wish I had a sister... I highly recommend this series! I plan on telling all my friends to read it!

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**Kelley says**

**Amazing!!!**

This series is wonderful. Even though it is full of heartache and emotion, it is also erotic and just damn good!

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**Malene says**

The Reluctant Romantics are contemporary romance at its best! I simply love every single character in this series. Dallas and Dean shared so much history and their love proved to stand the test of time. Rose loved and lost but finally met her match in Jack.

My heart and soul sings with love for Kate Stewart and her prose. So poignant, so raw and so freaking beautiful.

Also read my reviews of the books individually.

6+ BadAssDirtyTrueLoveStars

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### **Susan says**

Thoroughly enjoyed the trilogy. I have a new favorite author.

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### **Christen says**

DNF @ 33%

I tried. I was so looking forward to this after reading all the great reviews and I had high hopes after just finishing the Camouflage series which I loved. But I just couldn't get into it. The writing is wonderful but I just couldn't connect with the characters at all and that did me in. I think this is a case of it's me not you.

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### **Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says**

I Loved this series. Start to finish. This is beautiful angst...steamy intimacy...heart felt emotions. Any lover of great romance would be grateful having this series!

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### **Paige says**

5 Stars!

The Fall

See my full review here

Dallas and Dean's story took hold of my heart and has yet to let go. They were flawed, but they were real. They loved fully and completely even amidst the pitfalls of making life choices that each felt they had to make. The Fall is the perfect example of how two people can try to do the right thing and yet the outcome doesn't happen as intended. I literally clutched my chest throughout their story as the events that lead to their separation unfolded. I also blushed like a virgin bride when Dean and Dallas' sexy times began. I cried with them when their hearts broke. And I gasped in shock when life changing events took place. With heart and passion, Dallas and Dean's story took me from the depths of despair to the peak of unbridled joy.

The Mind

See my full review here

The Mind is an emotional journey I expected but could never really anticipate. For such a short read, I

experienced a full range of emotions. I laughed out loud throughout the first half of this book. I loved Grant and his crazy ways of getting Rose to fall for him. And I loved Rose and her ability to stick up for herself but to be able to be open to Grant in exactly the way he needed. Of course eventually my stomach started to churn because I knew, I knew, what was coming and my emotions were all over the place. When the ugly cries hit, they hit hard and fast. Then just when I thought I was done crying, an unexpected moment came up and I was hit with a punch to my heart once again. As Grant and Rose's story wrapped up, it was a timeless tale of love and longing. Just writing this review I'm getting emotional all over again. I literally have to keep blinking so tears don't fall.

## **The Heart**

See my full review [here](#)

The Heart is a standalone yet is a continuation of a series. I think you'll get the most out of it by starting at the beginning but it can be read on its own. While this really starts years after Rose's story first began, we're given a look into her life with Grant with chapter breaks and chapter headings. I loved those. I smiled and swallowed the lump in my throat each time but it was a perfect way to transition the story. Plus even with such sad subject matter, I found myself giggling and laughing out loud on several occasions. Kate did a fabulous job of balancing this story and making me really feel like I was on Rose's path right alongside her. Her heartbreak and guilt and joy at falling for Jack was honest and true to her story and her character.

And Jack. Oh my sweet Jack. He was the light that shined throughout the whole story. You'd think it would be hard to follow in Grant's footsteps but he was so perfect for Rose and her growth. Just like Rose, I didn't love Grant less, just differently. Jack had his own struggles but he was always so open and honest and just so real. He had a quiet intensity to him and a depth I found refreshing. He was also so sexy and take charge. Absolutely yummy in the car, in the bed room, the hall way, you get the picture. While both he and Rose made mistakes, by the end I was just so in love with them and their full circle love story.

I also cannot forget to mention that epilogue. It was TO DIE FOR. Seriously. Best series ending ever. Now I just need to go start at the beginning again because I just cannot let these characters go yet. They have become some of my very favorite and I won't soon forget them.

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## **Stephanie says**

### **Loved the characters**

If you like love with angst this is a perfect series. There is so much to love about these families. I would like to say so much more, but the twists and turns are so much better if you don't know what is around the corner. I laughed and cried so hard the words blurred on the page. Some love stories, no matter how hard, need to be told.

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## **Amy says**

## **Great series**

This set of 3 books were a good fun read. Dallas and Dean book was of second chance love after heartbreak. Rose and Jack book is also second chance after losing your loved one. Both books head up and downs but such great stories in them

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## **Julie says**

### **LOVED THIS SERIES**

The emotional roller coaster was delightful. This box set had me swallowing each page as fast as I could. My love for Dean, ahhh. Spitfire Rose cracked me up. Book 1.5 was hard. And oh sweet "Cajun". I'm so happy I crossed this series, was fantastic!

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## **Ashley N Stephens says**

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This series just reinforces everything I love about Kate Stewart...the love, the angst, the humor, the playlists! I want to live in any world that Kate creates. This series gives you second chances, heartbreaking love and new beginnings. To be loved as completely as Dean, Grant and Jack love would be the greatest gift. You also get to catch up with some old friends, which was a great surprise! I totally recommend this series!

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## **Christy says**

### **The Fall- 5 stars**

Kate Stewart excels at writing love stories that are raw and real. Lets face it, love isn't always pretty and it isn't always easy. I love her books so much because they portray the more realistic side of love yet still make my romance loving heart happy. The Fall is a fantastic friends to lovers story (the past) and it's also a beautiful, yet at times angsty, second chance romance (the present).

### **The Mind- 5 stars**

Kate Stewart just ripped out my heart, then stomped on it for good measure. Seriously folks, this one was heartbreaking. It gave me all the feels. But let me tell you something- I loved every minute of it. It wasn't an easy book to read, but I'm happy I picked it up. After reading The Fall, I needed Rose and Grant's story. This novella should be read after The Fall. It's also a prequel to Rose's book coming out soon. I don't even know how I'm going to get through that one!

### **The Heart- 5 stars**

When I heard the main characters in this book were named Jack and Rose, I was sold already. I mean, come on. How much more epic can you get? Still, after reading The Mind I was equal parts nervous and excited



for this. I loved Rose. I loved Rose and Grant so much. How in the world could Kate make another man as perfect for Rose as Grant was? Well, guess what? SHE DID IT. Jack Sawyer was as close to perfect as you can get for Rose. I guess you could say lightning struck twice for this well deserving heroine.

#### **In conclusion....**

This series is a MUST READ! I love ALL THE BOOKS <3

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#### **Laurie Baker says**

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This was a collection of stories involving Laura and Seth's daughters from the book Room 212. These stories were about 2 strong women not so lucky in love. Some heart breaking times followed by reunions in one form or another. All 3 were sweet, yet sexy reads.

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