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I loved Jace Faraday with all my heart. I loved everything about him, from his huge smile to his fabulous laugh. Another man never caught my eye. It was always Jace and Shay, together forever.

Until it wasn't.

He devastated me, he ruined me. I've never gotten over it.

But, I'm a survivor. I'm not a precious flower that can only thrive if kept safe from the perils of the outside world.

Except now Jace has returned home. He's just across the street from me, so close I swear I can actually feel his presence.

I can't avoid him forever. At some point I have to face him. And when I do, I know sparks will fly.

To redeem himself for his past actions, I need major remorse. I need a profuse apology and maybe even a little begging for forgiveness. I won't settle for anything less.

However, when the truth behind our break-up is revealed, I'm stunned. It leaves me reeling—and yearning for the six years that have been lost to us.

The thing is, once the truth is known, there's nothing to keep us apart.

Absolutely nothing.

(Dear Reader: This book deals with a sensitive issue.)

## **Hothouse Flower Details**

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## From Reader Review Hothouse Flower for online ebook

### Stacey says

This book was quite different to what I was expecting. You basically run the whole gamut of emotion with this one. There is a lead up to this novel with both of the previous ones so you really should make sure you read the first two books of this series first (which you won't be disappointed with) especially since you get to catch up with all of the characters from the previous books & see how life has turned out for them.

I don't want to give away any spoilers but there is one area of caution I feel should be made known: The content of this book is clean but there is reference to drug-facilitated sexual assault which may be disturbing for any one who has had experiences relating to this. Personally, I think the author made it non-confronting & dealt with it tactfully & gently. Having said this I have never had any personal experience dealing with this kind of assault. It was gratifying to see the outcomes both legally & emotionally for the characters involved in this story.

Overall, this is a "love conquers all" with a feel good ending/new beginnings kind of story. I have truly enjoyed the books in this series & I can happily recommend each of them. I would actually love to read more - perhaps Blake can now have his own story... he's a quiet one but I can imagine his story will be worth the read.

I received my copy free in exchange for an honest review.

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### Kathy Jo says

January 2019:

It says a lot about an author when they can suck me in over and over and over again each time I reread one of their books. I devoured this series in a couple of days and I still LOVE it! I'm looking forward to rereading it again... probably next year... ;)

March 2018:

\*dreamy sigh\* I can't express how much I LOVE this series! It is SO good! Shay and Jace's story is the perfect ending to an AMAZING series! I can already tell you that I will definitely be reading these books over and over and over again!

January 2018:

Shay and Jace, Jace and Shay. They have loved each other all their lives. They had their whole life together planned out. They had their hopes and dreams. There was no doubt in anyone's mind that they would live happily ever after.

But sometimes life has a way of knocking you off your perfectly planned out path. No one ever saw it coming. Devastated and broken, they do their best to live their lives apart and try to move on.

Six years. It has been six years since the last time they saw each other. Six years since Jace broke her. And now he's moving back home to help out his Mom. He'll be right across the street from her and there's no way she'll be able to avoid him. One look at him and she knows she's in trouble. She still desperately loves him and probably always will. If only he'd apologize for his actions, beg for her forgiveness, confess that he still loves her too. Maybe, just maybe they'd still have a chance.

But beware, things aren't always what they seem. Life may have knocked them off their path, but fate has a way of bringing them back together. Time. They have lost so much time. It has been stolen from them and they are never going to be able to get it back. But that just means they will have to treasure all of their time together.

They have a long road ahead of them and it's not going to be easy. But as long as they are together, they can weather any storm. They have been ripped apart once, but their love has brought them back together.

Shay and Jace, Jace and Shay. Together Forever. There is nothing in this world that can tear them apart again. Their love for each other grows stronger every day. And they will live happily ever after.

\*dreamy sigh\*

All I can say is wow! Just WOW! Once I started this book, I could not put it down! I devoured it in one sitting! I have been dying to read Shay and Jace's story since Stone Silence and I am happy to announce that it was worth the wait!

Oh how I love these two! They are perfect for each other! I fell in love with Jace from their first meeting after 6 years! And the way he took to little Brit melted my heart and had me rooting for their HEA! SO adorable!

I do have to admit that I was a little hesitant to read this book because of the sensitive issue warning. But I should have known I had nothing to worry about. This IS a Taylor Dean book after all. She does an amazing job of touching on sensitive subjects and bringing awareness to it without it taking away from the rest of the story.

I'm not going to lie.. I'm kind of sad that this series is over! It is such an amazing series and one that I encourage everyone to read! I know for a fact that I will be reading these books over and over and over again!

Ms. Dean is an amazing author! She has been on my favorite authors list from the first book of hers I ever read. If you haven't read any of her books then you are definitely missing out! I can't wait to see what she has in store for us next!

And of course I cannot forget my casting! I absolutely LOVE these two! What do you think?!

\*I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are solely my own.\*

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### **Alisa says**

I have loved the first two books in this series and could not wait to read this book! I feel like I've been waiting a long time for Jace and Shay's story (but it's really only been two months)! I love second chance stories and this was a really well written one! Jace and Shay are both lovable right away. When you find out what has separated them all these years, your heart breaks for the years that were stolen from them - but then it made the HEA that much sweeter!

Source: Kindle Unlimited

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### **Pascale says**

-“By the way, right now, in this very moment, with all that tender emotion on your face, you look the most beautiful I’ve ever seen you look. When I think back on this day, this moment is what I’ll remember. Just me and you having a moment of peace amongst the chaos...”-

Heavy-duty. Just like the previous books in the series, this one deals with a heavy issue: date rape. I have to give kudos to the author for the twist in the situation. She approached the topic in a sensitive way and I feel she did a great job. ??

The “Murphy’s Law” of everything going wrong at a wedding made me laugh as I recall everything that went wrong at our own wedding. It helped lighten the mood of the heavy topics in the story.

This story concludes the series in a very satisfactory way. Be sure to read all the books in order as the story builds and the characters finding their significant others, as well as all of the difficulties they live through, must be read chronologically. If too much time elapses between stories, it becomes a little difficult to remember who’s who so it’s best to read them all back-to-back. My favourite in the series was the first book “Stone Silence”, followed by this one, and then “Jailbird”. But, I did really enjoy them all and they are worth reading. All are available on Kindle Unlimited.

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### **Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says**

I can't even begin to tell you how much I love this series. Getting to this last book in the series is bitter sweet. Bitter to think I'm at the end but ever so sweet to read Shay's story. The people in these books have become familiar to me. I feel that I'm a part of them and that is exactly what I look for as a reader- a real connection to the characters, real emotion. You cannot have a heart and not feel something reading these books.

Jace and Shay have a history. A very powerful, love-filled history. Then things changed and life moved on. But now? Jace is back home and Shay is filled with mixed emotions while Jace seems to be on the pursuit.

I found this whole book terribly romantic. I love second chance at first love stories and this one just might be one of my favorites. My heart was so filled with emotions! I was confused, frustrated, hopeful and my tummy was filled with butterflies as Jace and Shay reconnect and reconcile. Yup, it's love from me for this book. Lots and lots of love.

If you haven't started this series yet, now is a good time. The first book, Stone Silence is FREE on Amazon starting today. It was my favorite of the whole series, even though I loved all three. AND if you haven't ever read anything by Taylor Dean, you REALLY need to. I promise you won't regret it.

Content: This book deals with a very sensitive issue and there are some details explained, after the fact, regarding it that may be tough for some readers. Kissing.

- I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author. All opinions expressed are my own.

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### **Kelly says**

In Hothouse Flower, you definitely feel the love Jace & Shay has for each other. Six years apart has not lessened that love and has been hard on both of them. When they are brought together again their same pattern of loving banter returns easily.

But the years apart and something else keeps getting in the way. Neither is willing to bring up what happened six years ago. When they do finally start to talk about what happened, I had an idea but my idea wasn't it. It kind of threw me for a loop. Wasn't expecting that!

I love their huge family and all the drama, love, humor and quirkiness, laughter, perfections, imperfections in this story!

If you like weddings, kicking cancer, children, gluten free, sugar free food, trauma, forgiving, loving and living then this might be for you.

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### **Jana says**

This series kept getting better and better! With each story you become more and more invested in the characters and each story builds in love and emotion. I adored Stone Silence and LOVED Jailbird, I didn't know how Taylor would top the second book. But she did!

Hothouse Flower was the perfect ending to this trilogy. Jace and Shay's story was by far my favorite. Taylor Dean has a gift as an author to write so much emotion into her stories and yet leave you wondering how the conflict is going to be resolved. A well written story (as usual) and very much worth the money and time to read.

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### **Cassie says**

I received this book free with the intention to review, this didn't effect my opinion of the book.

This author continues to amaze me with her ability to create characters that feel like they could step out of the book and have a heart to heart with the reader. Everyone needs to read this series! If you enjoyed Stony Silence, and Jailbird you simply must read this book. Everyone should read this book!

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### **Mylissa Demeyere says**

I have read this book a couple of times, and each time lost myself in the pages of this compelling read. Dean has a way of drawing me in, and making me not want to put this book down.

I think this one is probably my favorite one out of the series, because I have been intrigued by Shay and what happened to her and Jace since we got a glimpse in the previous books.

This book does an excellent job of unfolding the full tale layer upon layer, and keeping the reader hooked to find out where all of this will go. It's apparent that they are still fully attracted, and want to get back together, but can they get past the past and the deep hurt that lies there?

This book warmed my heart although it dealt with a very hard issue. Once again Dean does so in a tasteful way, leaving the reader thinking about the issue at hand long after putting the book down and saying goodbye to this amazing cast.

I have loved getting to know these great people, that to me felt like real friends rather than characters in a book series. Now the long waits starts for Deans next book(s) – BOOO!

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### **Charissa says**

5 Hot burning bright STARS!!! This is Shay's story. She's been the quiet girl in the background in the other two books, but now it's her turn. Her former love and childhood sweetheart, Jace, left six years ago and has never spoken to her in all that time. But he's back in Sweetwater to help take care of his sick mother. Since they live right across the street from each other, she's going to run into him. That's a fact. The question is, what will she do when she sees him again since she's never stopped loving him?

This book kept me in suspense for a deliciously long time as Shay and Jace reunited and tried to pick up the pieces of their shattered hearts. Six years have changed both of them, but they have to come to a closure and see if they can make their relationship work again. But what keeps them apart is a secret Jace has that Shay believes she knows. Until he can be honest with her about it, she refuses to give him her heart again. But the secret isn't what she expects.

This story has quite a few twists and turns I didn't see coming, but it made for a unique love story with a sensitive, hardly-talked about theme that I thoroughly enjoyed. I love how Dean throws in bizarre circumstances in her stories to make the reader think outside the box. I love the vicarious experiences she allows me to live through her characters. This was an amazing conclusion to an awesome series. I can't say enough good about these books!!!!

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### **Kathy says**

This is the third and final book in the Sounds of Silence series. Read them in order! Shay and Jace were high school sweethearts in Texas. They planned to marry after both getting their degrees in NYC. When Shay pays a surprise visit to Jace for his birthday, all their plans get derailed. Now it's six years later and Jace returns to his childhood home to help his mom while she battles cancer. Shay is living across the street with her mom and young daughter. When they meet up, sparks of attraction ignite but reconciliation seems

impossible! This story was well written. I loved Jaces' sense of humor. I loved the characters and watching them grow.

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### **Amber Jones says**

I read stone silence and I jumped at the chance to read the rest in the series and that was a wonderful idea. I just fell in love with this series and this amazing author.

a must read for sure....

The emotions are overflowing in this story, in many different ways, and I was completely invested from start to finish. One thing that really amazes me about this author is her ability to write about realistic and difficult situations, character reactions and ways they deal with things, and content with the potential to be depressing, but the feel isn't a downer at all--everything about the story brings hope and inspiration and doesn't drag me down to the dumps. That right there is sincere talent. Taylor Dean--you have a new die-hard fan!

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### **Lydia says**

Taylor is truly talented in writing novels that grip you. Your heart is touched and tears clog your eyes. This one tackled a tough topic amidst Shay and Jace's romance and did so tactfully. The three books in the series, which I highly recommend you read and in order, come to a delightful ending in this last beautiful story

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### **Katie W says**

Read this series in order!

Jace and Shay. They were made for each other but a mistake in the past drove them apart. I've been wondering

about this relationship from the time it was first mentioned in Book 1, because that right there literally broke my heart in two. Lucky for me, Taylor Dean believes in second chances and I knew this was going to be a great story from the very first page. And boy, oh, boy--I wasn't wrong!

I'm just going to say it right here--there is a very sensitive issue that presents itself in this book, but it's handled in a very real and tasteful way. I loved that Jace and Shay handled it together, especially once they worked out their major misunderstanding.

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Content: mild+ romance (swoony, hard, modern issue content with no graphic details), which ties into mild+ violence (same--no graphic details).

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### **Julie Carpenter says**

4.5 Stars

If you read my review for book two in this series, *Jailbird*, then you'll know that this is a series you must read in order. All the same characters appear throughout all three books and get their own stories. I've come to love these characters. Their struggles and heartaches and redemption and growth and change and everything are very well written.

I will start by saying that the bottom of the synopsis for this book says, (Dear Reader: This book deals with a sensitive issue.) And it does. I feel like telling you what that is will ruin the build up that was started with book one. This is Shay and Jace's story. From book one you know that these two were inseparable. You know that they are meant to be together. Yet for some unknown reason things didn't end well. Nobody knows why. Shay left for school somewhere else than going as planned with Jace. She married and divorced and has a little daughter. 6 years has come and gone from when they broke up. Shay moved home with her mother and runs a bakery. She has waited for years for Jace and an explanation. The moment arrives when Jace finally comes home to help care for his mother who is fighting cancer.

Let me tell you from the get go of these two first seeing each other again, it is all sparks. They definitely belong together but there is a big ol' major hesitation on Shay's life. She and Jace were childhood friends and high school sweethearts and have been in love with each other for forever. They know each other very well and each other's lives very well. So to say that some of her reservations have come from her life, would be very accurate. She was married and that didn't end well. She isn't going to go blindly into a relationship with Jace. She isn't going to let her emotions and this constant pull and need to be with him blind her to what she knows. If there is to be any hope he must come forward and explain. Otherwise it's over.

Talk about perceptions not always being what you think. Lots of little things become revealed through conversations between Jace and Shay and bit by bit the truth of everything is revealed. Shay's broken marriage, Jace's life in New York. Why the break up, why the silence. Everything is not as it seemed but the

truth can bring its own set of hurt and regret. Are Jace and Shay willing to work through the past and understand each other? If they can, the love they never lost is still there building and ready to burst.

But there's a big thing between them. If you want to know I'm going to put it very vague into a spoiler tag in the content section. If you don't want to know don't open the spoiler tag. I will say that it is a sensitive issue but the way the author handled it was very well done. I think most readers will be fine reading this, especially as I said with how the author handled it. I loved Jace and Shay and how they both reacted to the revelations they shared. It showed that love and redemption is real and possible no matter what happens. That love helps heal wounds. I loved the ending and how everything was wrapped up with all the different characters and the sensitive issue. Great series (or I should probably call it a trilogy) and characters that I absolutely fell in love with.

Content: Clean (view spoiler)

I received a review copy from ebooksforreview. All thoughts and opinions in the review are my own.

Happy Reading!!!

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