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In *New York Times* bestselling author Melody Anne's blazing novel of desire and betrayal, a second chance at love is a hot—and dangerous—proposition.

There was a time when Eden's entire world revolved around Owen Forbes. They were inseparable childhood sweethearts. They planned a life together. Then, without so much as a goodbye, Owen vanished. Now, after ten years, he's returned to town as the hottest new firefighter on the force. Whatever secrets pulled them apart, Eden can't fight the sparks reignited by the man who broke her heart.

Owen knows he did Eden wrong. If only he could tell her why. As body meets body, he's whispering for a second chance—wanting her back so bad it hurts. It can also be dangerous. An arsonist is targeting the small town of Edmonds, and Eden with it. And it's Owen himself who's become engulfed in suspicion.

Eden knows that with a past as hot and mysterious as Owen's, their future together could go up in flames. Because the one man she's afraid to trust is the only man she desires—and the only one who can save her.

Owen Details

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Sissy's Romance Book Review says

Owen by Melody Anne is book Three in the Undercover Billionaire Series. This is the story of Eden and Owen. This can be a standalone book I thought.

Eden and Owen were in a relationship when they were in their late teens. But then Owen up and left. But now about 10 years later they meet up again and the sparks are flying between. Eden was hurt a lot when Owen was left which leaves her with trust issues. There is a mystery that gives you some added drama to their story.

I am not sure I completely agreed with Owen's reason for leaving but I did enjoy their story!

Tzelina says

Thank you to the publisher and Netgalley for giving me the ARC in exchange for an honest review#Owen #NetGalley

"Owen" was a book of second chance love. It was a tale so full of emotions and suspense! I really enjoyed it!!

Linda Quick says

Another winner! I loved Owen and Eden's story in this second chance romance. Owen and Eden had been in love when they were teens when Owen disappeared without a word and stayed gone for ten years. His disappearance gutted Eden and she never completely got over him. Then a series of difficult events leaves her even more off balance when she is then forced to work with Owen....but Owen has his own demons in his past.

I loved the characters and their histories and loved the way they interacted together. This is an engaging story that grabbed me from the very first page and kept me engaged until the very last page. It is a fast paced romantic suspense that fans of the genre will love. Put this one at the top of your TBR list. While this is part of a series, this is a stand alone novel, however, the series is so good that you really owe to yourself to read them all. The author is on my must read authors' list.

Susan says

Good combination of second chance romance and suspense. The story opened with the teenage Owen and Eden happy with their relationship and plans for the future. That happiness came crashing down when Owen received a phone call and left town without so much as a goodbye to Eden, much less an explanation as to

why he left. Ten years later he returned to town, older, wiser, and determined to win Eden back. Eden was crushed when he left and never really got over it. Determined to protect her heart, she tried to avoid him during the time since he came back. Finally, determined to get him out of her system once and for all, she showed up at his house, where their inflammatory chemistry took over. But her life was turned upside down once again, as her father died while she was with Owen, leaving her with wracking guilt that she could have saved him if she hadn't been with Owen.

Six months later Eden was still trying to get her life back on an even keel. She had lost her mother as a child, then Owen left, then her father died. But Owen's return stirred up so many feelings that she didn't want to deal with. She tried hard to convince herself that she was over him, but lying to herself was never her way. Now things were going from bad to worse. There was an arsonist setting fires around town and in the hills, threatening the very existence of the town. Eden has been tagged to do some interviews of some possible suspects (not sure why someone from a lawyer's office is doing arson investigation work). Investigators believe that the fires may be an inside job, and Owen's recent return puts him on the list. She found it hard to believe, but she also didn't know him well any longer.

Owen refused to give up on his feelings for Eden. He took every opportunity to put himself in her path, but the fires weren't helping. Being a firefighter was a huge part of who he was. When it was him versus the fire, it didn't matter how much money he had in the bank, or if people like him, just defeat the fire. I ached for him as he lost friends and coworkers, and loved his determination to see it stopped.

I liked the rekindling of the relationship between Eden and Owen. The chemistry between them was always there, with Owen all for it and Eden trying to resist. I felt bad for Owen when he was suspected of being the arsonist, especially with Eden being the one to investigate. I liked that Eden's common sense made her realize that there was no way that Owen would be involved. Working together to find the truth gave them the chance to get to know each other again. The biggest obstacle was Eden's reluctance to trust Owen again. I loved how Owen's protectiveness kicked in as the arsonist focused on them. There were some beautiful moments between the two of them as Owen took care of Eden, and Eden supported Owen against the suspicions of his involvement. I also loved how she was there for him when the losses got to him. The rebuilding of their relationship had some ups and downs. I loved seeing them open up about their pasts, their mistakes, and what the future might hold. But Eden especially had difficulty believing that happiness was within her reach. Her fears caused her to pull back several times, and I wanted to shake her each time. Owen had amazing patience with her. I loved how he was able to wait until she worked through her feelings and realized that they belonged together. The ending was both fun and emotional. His gift to his fiancée was amazing, and I loved how it showed how well he understood her. The scene at the wedding reception was sweet, moving, and heart-wrenching at the same time.

The suspense of the story was great. Even though I haven't (yet) read the first two books, there was enough background given that I didn't feel lost. There was the feeling that the fires were part of something bigger, and the ending confirmed it. The suspense began early as some events were shown through the eyes of the bad guy, whose issues with Owen and Eden put them in extreme danger. The escalation of the attacks against them had me on the edge of my seat throughout the book. I loved Eden's strength of will and presence of mind during the confrontation at the end, along with Owen's understandable reactions. I liked the lead-in to the next book and can't wait for Declan's story.

Heather 123 says

DNF

Well this was a first for me... I DNF one of this author's books.

I struggled feeling any sort of connection between the characters. I get the anger, frustration and hell even hatred for Owen after the way he disappeared on Eden. But to literally fall into his arms seconds after seeing him again? She was too desperate for me.

** ARC received from Netgalley **

Up All Night Book Addict says

3½ Star Review

I feel like my thoughts and feelings on this book are a double-edged sword. There were many things I loved about this book, but there are things that I didn't like about this book.

Overall, this book was everything. It has angst, suspense, a mystery, and a love story. That combination is rarely a dud in my book. This book is definitely not a dud. I was hooked, wanting to know the who and wanting the happy ever after to come. Melody had me turning the pages from start to finish.

These characters are so easy to like. There isn't a thing to not like about them. They are well written and easy to connect to. I will definitely be going back and reading the other books in this series.

This book brings plenty of action and heat. Some heartbreak. Some sweetness. Some suspense. Throwing in the wonderful characters, and this story is going to be enjoyed by many.

The downfall of this book for me... There was too much wallowing with the main characters. For me, it was overkill. This book could have been just as good, if not better, if some of the consistent wallowing of the characters had been at least cut in half. These continual scenes in this book felt like filler. They weren't all as necessary.

In a nutshell, this book is definitely a good read. It just wasn't a great read for me.

Amanda Dubuque says

Great book, I really enjoyed it a lot. Owen and Eden relationship has been on again off again but the emotions have you feeling so much until you can't put it down. Very addicting.

I received this ARC for an honest review.

Lori says

Owen, written by Melody Anne, is the third book in the Undercover Billionaire series. I have read and enjoyed the two previous books. If you haven't read the two previous books, Owen can be interpreted as a standalone, but you will get more enjoyment by reading Kian and Arden first. Owen is a second chance love story packed full of suspense, romance, heartbreak and of course angst. This book is well written, and the characters are well developed and for the most part easy to like.

This book is Owen and Eden's story. Owen left Eden with no explanation right after high school and then returns ten years later consumed with winning her heart back. Owen's character is strong, ruggedly handsome and very tenacious when it comes to Eden. I was not thrilled that he dumped Eden with no explanation, although the author does give a somewhat plausible explanation. I did like Eden, but at times she was just a tad too whiny for my taste. She was struggling with abandonment issues, and I do get that Owen hurt her badly. I felt that the author spent too much time in Eden's head, telling the reader over and over again about how hurt, rejected, discarded and jilted she felt.

There were aspects of the storyline that I enjoy, the push and pulled between the two main characters. The firefighter theme combined with the mystery of who and why the fires were being set did keep me reading. There is an underlying plot twist that connects the two previous book and hopefully will be further explained in the next book. But unfortunately somethings didn't add up for me, the big one being why is Eden, who works for a law firm, investigating the fires? And why were Owen and his brother suspects? That just didn't add up for me.

Overall I did enjoy this book, but not my favorite in the series. I am looking forward to the reading Declan's story and learning a little more about the man on the hill.

I kindly received an ARC of this book by way of NetGalley/publisher/author. I was not contacted, asked or required to leave a review to read this book. I received no compensation, financial or otherwise. This review is my honest opinion .

Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

So many tears and emotions in this one! So good.

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Melody Anne has always struck me as a true romance writer. She writes books with little angst and a whole lot of feel good storylines.

Owen is a little bit different from what she normally writes. This book was full of emotions, heartbreak, deep love, and even a bit of suspense and mystery. Not to mention the hot connection between Eden and Owen. Now that is steamy!

I absolutely love these two together. I love the way the author chose to open the story and write the story. So different – it is looking peeking into someone's heart and soul at times. I had so many emotions with this story. Lots of tears and some smiles too.

This story is a 5 star winner all the way around. I absolutely loved and connected with both characters and the plot was intriguing and so engaging. The secondary characters were awesome too.

Would I recommend reading the other books first? Maybe, but I fell in love with this series and Owen all on its own, so you be the judge. Me? I am grabbing the others in the series too so I can catch up and get all of the back story!

\* copy received for review consideration

Full review - <https://amidlifewife.com/owen-by-melo...>

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### **Ana says**

Second chance romance is not really my thing, but this story is really sweet and entertaining. I could tell Owen and Eden were meant for each other, however he left town without so much as a goodbye when he was 19 and Eden was 17. They were young and in love, then why did he do that?

Fast forward ten years later, there's an arsonist in town. Owen is back and is now a firefighter helping to put down the flames that are spreading too fast. Eden is in charge of investigating who's behind all of the tragedy.

About Owen, Eden suddenly finds herself torn wondering if he's the same man she once loved, if her feelings for him are still strong, can they come back to what they were?

Overall I enjoyed it and some parts were really sad and VERY emotional. I recommend it! 4/5

PS. I really want Declan's book now!

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### **Isha Coleman says**

Melody Anne is fierce when it comes to family. Whether it be touching our hearts with the Andersen clan or tempting the senses with the Forbes brood, love and loyalty play a key role. Like every other Anne enthusiast I adore the Andersens, but I have to say I'm in awe of these bad boy Forbes brothers. They prove that no family is perfect, but love can make it through even the toughest of situations. Owen is a tale of broken hearts, hidden agendas and second chances. Young love morphs into adult suspicion and two hearts may never be the same. Haunted by heartache. Stalked by danger. Can the boy that ran away reclaim the life he left behind? Eden and Owen are a force to be reckoned with.

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### **Stephanie Villere says**

#### **Hot billionaire fire fighter coming your way!!**

This is Owen, book3 of Melody Anne's series, Undercover Billionaire. I think Owen is my favorite Forbes so far! (That is only until Declan comes out... wink..wink...) Owen is back in town after a ten year absence.

Can he convince Eden to give him another chance after he broke her heart? Why did he leave town so abruptly before? And who is trying to burn down the whole town?!? Don't miss this one!!

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### **Heather andrews says**

There are times Owen doesn't need to be told twice, "...Owen flipped so quickly onto his back, it brought out another giggle in her. "Examine away. There's definitely a shooting pain right near my zipper," he told her..." I liked this book, I fell in love with Owen.

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### **Ruthie Taylor says**

~~I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads ~~

This is the third book in the series, and whilst it stands well on its own, you will get to see how two of his siblings find their true loves - and there are some parallels.

Owen disappeared out of Eden's life ten years ago, but now wants back in. The chemistry is most definitely there, but the trust is missing. The one time that she gave in to it, a truly tragic event marred the evening.

Eden stayed in their home town, and is now trying to discover who is setting fires which have the power to destroy it. As the danger grows, I could not believe that neither of them take more care - Eden in particular seems to want to tempt fate to end her life. This is quite ironic as she has decided that she no longer believes in fate.

As in many books, there were times when they could have just said something, but no, they only thought it instead! Grrr, but it built up the drama, and gave the best result at the end. Another small town love story that Melody Anne has imbued with her matchmaking magic.

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### **BeeKay says**

So I have mixed feelings about book. On one hand, the suspense plot really kept me going. I was itching to know why someone was setting fires. On the other hand, I had really couldn't warm up to the MC's. I felt like Eden's character kept repeating over and over and over how she had abandonment issues. I get it, I got it the first 10 times I read it. I got it. I get where her character is coming from... I didn't need to be constantly told. It got to the point I was skipping over the Eden parts because they were so repetitive. Eden had all these abandonment issues but yet she kept wanting to fall into bed with Owen...UGH! That's not a strong MC in my opinion. That is a weak person who can't make up her mind. Eden in my opinion was just more messed up than broken if that makes sense. I didn't feel sorry for her, I felt angry at her.

Owen wasn't much better. The reason he left, ah...nope. I needed it to be better and to stay away for 10 years...I needed it to be better. That was not a good enough reason for me. If I was Eden, I would kick him to the curb. To leave and say nothing for the reasons in the book....I just shook my head and said, "that's it? eh,

nope."

So now, I have little to no respect for either of the MCs. Eden keeps running off repeating the same dialog "everyone leaves me" and, Owen "I love you I will never leave you again" and then we have the maniac setting the fires. I loved the maniac setting the fires to be honest. I hate to say that because I have enjoyed Ms. Anne's books in the past. But, this one just rubbed me the wrong way. Ok, Eden mostly, Eden A LOT. I liked the mystery plot, just didn't like the romance.

Will I keep reading? Not sure. Declan could prove interesting and the mystery plot hasn't been resolved. and I am intrigued by the mystery. But, if the heroine in the next book is anything like Eden, I can't do it. I need truly strong heroines, not ones that say they are strong...in a whiny voice, while tearing up, hanging on to a man. I guess I will just have to read the blurb when the next book comes out and make my decision then.

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