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An elite warrior struggling to find his place in the civilian world.

Weary from his years on the battlefield, SF Captain Beckett Hollister has returned home to Crimson Point to take over the family business for his dying father. But adjusting to life outside the military is harder than he imagined, and being back home forces him to confront things he'd rather not face. Including the one woman he shouldn't want and can't have—his best friend's little sister.

A love that was always meant to be.

Town vet Sierra Buchanan has known Beckett her entire life. She's crushed on him for years, but because of his relationship with her family, the stubborn man refuses to see her as more than the girl he grew up with. As tragedy brings them together, neither of them realizes that the sins of Beckett's past have come home to haunt him. When Sierra becomes the target of his unforeseen enemy, Beckett must vanquish his demons to save her.

Fractured Honor Details

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??Trea says

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I've never read this author before now, though I have been picking up her books on sale for quite some time! I was actually really surprised by this book!

I loved the tortured hero vibe that Beckett had, and yet you could tell that he had a lot of redeeming qualities. I loved how he cared about the little neighbor girl that kept coming over to his house, despite the fact that having her there would be an annoyance at best. When it's revealed what's going on with her, I totally cried and loved how Beckett handled that! Sierra was a wonderful heroine for Beckett, supportive yet independent. I loved that it was a bit of an unrequited love situation at first for them, but blossomed into something much stronger!

The romantic suspense was subtly woven into the story, and was a major shock to me when everything was revealed! The setting helped keep things suspenseful and mysterious, because it was such a small town making it not easy for the villain to hide. To have them pull it off was amazing to me!

All things considered, I really enjoyed this story and author, and will definitely move her books up on my TBR pile!

Ayekah says

Good start to the Crimson Point series. We meet Beck who has just returned home from the military after years of service and is trying to adjust back to life as a civilian. He's taken over his father's remodel/contracting business when his Dad became ill. He's brought in mostly Vet's, several who were on his team. Coming home also means seeing Sierra, now the town Vet and her brother is Beck's best friend. Sierra has always had a mad crush on Beck but he's never seen her as anything other than the little sister. Little sister is all grown up now and catches his eye. When things do spill over with Beck and Sierra, the steam is wallpaper peeling. One of Beck's employee's who has a TBI has begun to have behavior problems that have been worsening by the day. His wife is a good friend of Sierra's and she confides in Sierra the behavior changes that are taking place. After the final straw and Beck is more than accommodating, he's forced to let him go. There are a couple of sub plots, the young neighbor girl who likes to sit on Beck's porch, and Beck ends up adopting a rescue dog due to her influence. That's a plot twist as well and along with an unknown narrator who gave me the creeps a couple times, there are several threads in the plot line. The best way to hurt Beck someone decides is to hurt his woman and the story takes yet another twist. Didn't see that coming.

Great start to a series, we get a sneak peek at the next book involving a new gal in town and Sierra's brother who is the town sheriff.

Alex (HEABookNerd) says

Series: Crimson Point #1

Special Forces Captain Beckett Hollister has left the military and returned home to care for his father after a diagnoses of cancer. While Beckett is happy to be home he's struggling to let go of the atrocities he witnessed overseas. On top of that, Beckett is trying to avoid his long time friend, Sierra Buchanan, who he can't stop thinking about. **Not only is Sierra too sweet for Beckett's jaded heart but she's also his best friend's sister and he would never do anything to jeopardize his relationship with his second "family".**

Fractured Honor was my first book by Kaylea Cross and I really enjoyed it! **The writing was smooth and well done and after an initially slow beginning, the story really starts to pick up.** While I felt the first half was more like a contemporary romance the second half brings in more of the suspense elements.

I loved Sierra from the very beginning; she's incredibly compassionate and caring to her friends and family and she'd do anything to help them. She's crushed on Beckett for a long time but now that he's home he's been avoiding her. Sierra can't figure out what she might have done wrong so when she confronts Beckett she's stunned to find he has feelings for her as well. But Beckett is used to controlling himself and he makes a valiant effort to stay away from Sierra. **As Beckett's father's health deteriorates he finds himself leaning on Sierra for support and he can't deny his feelings anymore.** I loved that once Beckett admits out loud how he really feels for Sierra he goes all in on being with her.

Kaylea Cross spends a lot of time setting up characters related to our MCs and while I enjoyed getting to know them I also felt that they sometimes took over the story. Since this is my first book by the author I'm not sure if this is a regular trademark of hers but I would have preferred a little more time with Sierra and Beckett as a couple. Most of the first third is centered on day to day events that draw in the other characters and their backstories. This means that Sierra and Beckett don't really become a couple until the second half so I would have enjoyed a little more development for them. I'll definitely be checking out the next in this series as well as going through Kaylea Cross's back list for more reads!

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4 out of 5 stars

Reader Safety: Child sexual abuse of a secondary character (described on page); Hero's father is dying of cancer (on page)

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## Toni Anderson says

I loved this! Emotional and intense. This book has all the things you'd expect from a Kaylea Cross story! Crimson Point is definitely somewhere I'd love to live.

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## Anne - Books of My Heart says

This review was originally posted on Books of My Heart

3.5 hearts

I wanted to get **Fractured Honor** for review when it was released but my schedule was too full. Now the second book in the ***Crimson Point series*** is being released so I was thrilled to grab this at the library before reading it.

Romantic suspense is a favorite genre. In this series, we have some military guys coming back to their home town. I loved the characters and their close relationships with family and friends. They all have occupations and lives which are realistic and their emotions feel authentic. The setting is a small oceanfront town in Oregon, so it's gorgeous.

Both Beckett and Sierra are great. I like them and their compassion for others. I thought the reason Beckett had for not having a relationship was bullshit but at least he got over it. Beckett's interactions with his neighbors are precious. I loved them. The series is off to a solid start.

There was nothing worse than being lonely when you were with your partner.

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## Lisa says

3.75 stars

A great start to a new series!

Sure, I kind of miss the suspense that usually comes with Kaylea's books; there's just not as many men in uniforms in this one, but I still loved it a lot. Fractured Honor felt to me how Pamela Clare's Barely Breathing felt after reading her I-Team series--a nice change.

Anyway I'm a big fan of the BFF's sibling trope. Sierra is Beckett's best friend Noah's little sister, though not

so little now--Sierra is 31 while Beckett is 39 (yay older characters!). They're so good together, and their chemistry is \*fans self\* HOT.

Super excited to be continuing this series. Noah's book next! And oh my god the Jase-Molly-Carter saga.

*E-ARC is received thanks to the publisher via Netgalley.*

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## **Sunny says**

### ARC REVIEW:

Originally posted at: Scandalicious Book Reviews

If you have read any of Kaylea Cross's other books, you know she is a master of romantic suspense. Take that skill and add to it the intimacy of a small town setting and you have your next great read.

Beckett Hollister is coming home after his last deployment with Special Forces. He has seen and experienced too much. Unfortunately, instead of coming home to peace and quiet, Beck's father is dying from cancer and he cannot hide from the woman he is insanely attracted to but should not be. Sierra is Beckett's best friend's sister. She used to tag along with the older boys in their big adventures, and now she is the town veterinarian. How does she get him to see her more than just a little sister?

Kaylea Cross packs a lot into this story. In addition to the romance, Beck's dad's cancer, and reintegration into civilian life, Beck also interacts with his neighbor's little daughter who likes to hang out at his house and not her own home; adopts a new, old dog; deals with one of his fellow retired Special Forces team members who is battling a traumatic brain injury, and is stalked by someone who wants to see him dead. Yup, just another day in a small town romance.

There is a lot going on with Beckett in Crimson Point, but curiously, the story does not feel rushed. We get to see many facets of Beckett's character through each of the trials he encounters. He has to learn to let go of control and let others "in" to help him. He is not alone and does not need to tackle the world by himself. The scenes between Beckett and his dying father pierced my heart. Often times, in stories when someone comes home because of a dying family member, there is a reconciliation needed between characters. This is not the case between these two. This is a loving father-son relationship based on adoration and respect. The last fun moment of the two on the beach is exhilarating and it makes his father's death even more devastating.

Interestingly, the weakest part of the story is the suspense element. I like how those segments are woven into the story through the first person perspective and the reader is not quite sure who is gunning for Beckett. However, the suspense does not develop as strongly as the character building. The suspense is not a distraction, but I think I would have enjoyed the story as a straight contemporary romance.

Still, a great narrative is a great narrative and Ms. Cross gives another winner. I am really looking forward to where she taking me with the characters I already care about.

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## **Nancy Metsch says**

This is the first book I have read by Kaylea and I will be reading more.  
It was so good.

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## **The Romance Book Disciple (Samantha) says**

Fractured Honor kicks off a new series by Cross set in a small town on the Oregon coast and features a special forces hero who has returned home after leaving the military. He has always loved his friend's sister, but now he is home and they are both single. He feels that he absolutely cannot get involved with her. She is too wonderful for the likes of him.

Beckett is such a good guy. He is home to take over the family business from his dying father and hires many of his veteran buddies to help them reacclimate to civilian life. He adopts a dog because the little girl who lives next door didn't want it to be put to sleep. He tries to support a fellow veteran even when the guy is being a jerk.

Sierra is also such a good person. A veterinarian, caring friend, and loving daughter, she spends her life helping other people and animals. She has always had a thing for Beckett, but she thinks he sees her only as a little sister.

There is an undercurrent of suspense that helps propel the story beyond just a small town romance. In addition to that, Beckett's dad is terminally ill and that hangs over the story. Also, there are several other characters introduced whose stories I am very curious about! Overall, Fractured Honor delivers really likable characters, a picturesque setting, and just enough danger to keep the story moving!

POV: 3rd

Tears: no

Trope: best friend's sister, small town

Triggers: (view spoiler)

Series/Standalone: stand alone

Cliffhanger: (view spoiler)

HEA: (view spoiler)

Authors who write ex-military heroes like Katie Reus, Susan Stoker, Paige Tyler...then you will probably like Fractured Honor!

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See full review on The Book Disciple

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## **Anna says**

Copy received from Netgalley, thank you!

Ok, so I don't understand when your best friend sister is off limits.... But ok...

So MCs were secretly in love with each other for some years. I liked that our heroine did not wait for hero, she did have some relationships before him.

He was married, some years divorced before they met again.

He was very alpha, with growling and everything. LOL

No cheating, no OP scenes.

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## **Dísir says**

After all these years, Kaylea Cross's paramilitary romantic suspense books are probably quite an institution in this small corner of the romance fiction market and it's always exciting to step into a new series Cross begins.

'Crimson Point'—as exotic sounding it might be—doesn't really refer to some deliciously mysterious conspiracy theory or some covert military operation despite the very posh-sounding CIA-type name for a series, but rather, the small town where military vets come back to and find their own HEA, with a slight dose of suspense woven into their stories. It's sort of a departure for Cross given the more contemporary romance focus but there's enough drama to keep me occupied throughout as 'Fractured Honor' deals with an older hero and younger heroine, with the forbidden sister of the best friend trope coming into play here along with the introductions to the supporting characters and potential pairings that will be written into her future books.

Beckett/Sierra's history stretches over years, though neither have been available throughout their lives (the age-gap probably contributes to this) for this to happen, along with the part where neither Beckett nor Sierra are sure of themselves and their feelings they hold back from each other. Still, Cross writes about two fairly relatable and likeable protagonists who ultimately, do decide to fight for each other without too much pushing and pulling, even if I'm not sure I particularly understand why the best friend's sister is always a forbidden trope unless the male protagonist is an utter arse, which Beckett certainly isn't.

All in all, it's quite an emotional read, though the heartbreak is spread out amongst the individuals in the story that we're introduced to, so much so that I thought Cross's attention on the supporting characters—much more than usual—did take the pedal off Beckett/Sierra quite a bit which I hoped to have more of. The resulting slow burn did get frustrating at times, but as an establishing book, 'Fractured Honor' does well in weaving in the potential complications to come—there are sufficient hooks after all, to keep us coming back.



### **Anita says**

They are called them Tropes for a reason. It is a clichéd plot devise that has been used over and over, again and again by almost every romance, mystery and romantic-suspense writer. Kaylea Cross takes on the "I can't love you, you're my best friends sister" trope in this book. Let's see how well she manages to avoid, or embrace the stereotypes.

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### **Maria says**

++ Received an Advance Reader Copy in exchange for a fair review ++

A great romantic suspense story, with a gorgeous ( both inside and out) hero and a lovely, smart heroine, “Fractured Honor” is a pleasurable read and left me wanting for more stories set in Crimson Point, Oregon. Recently retired from the military, blue-collar hero Beckett is a great character, a mixture of gruffness and tenderness that makes him so attractive and real. His strong relationship with his father, the bonds with the Buchannans, his veteran friends, the little girl and the old dog he rescues, are all facets that add to his charisma.

I loved that Beckett (and his father) has a partially-Chinook heritage – giving him a delicious light bronze skin and deep brown eyes and hair – and I surely would have liked to have seen more depth to this dimension. Still, the way Kaylea Cross wrote Beckett’s features made it so easy to picture all that irresistible, dreamy extension of bronze skin...

The depiction of the struggles war veterans face when returning home is powerful and ruthlessly realistic (Carter is such a great character). The same applies to terminal illness and its impact.

I'm grateful to the publisher, Kobo Writing Life, and NetGalley for providing a free copy

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### **crashqueen73 says**

DNF at 80% . I just can't keep slogging through this one. I have read other Kaylea Cross books and really enjoyed them but it so this one. It is really really cliché and I don't like either of the main characters. The feels just aren't there for me. Very disappointing ??

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### **Scandal (Scandalicious Book Reviews) says**

Sunny is sharing her thoughts on this new romantic suspense series from Kaylea Cross. Check out her full review on Scandalicious Book Reviews:

<http://bit.ly/2DVDy8k>

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