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“Sometimes all it takes is love...to heal the scars on the soul.”

Kamilla’s life has been filled with pain, heartache, and loneliness for as long as she can remember. After losing her mother to a cruel twist of fate, she was placed into the cold clutches of the foster system only to be saved by a whole new kind of nightmare. Ever since she was fifteen, Kamilla had known only Rhett. She knew his quirks, his anger, his impatience, and even the agony of his quick fist. There was no anguish the world had neglected to lay upon her innocent soul – no pain she wasn’t strong enough to shoulder, until Rhett crossed a line that cannot be uncrossed.

Desperate to find peace, safety, and security, Kami runs away. Driving deep into the Alberta Rocky Mountains, she finds sanctuary in not only the Donnelley Ranch...but in Kyle Donnelley.

As a beautiful friendship blooms between Kami and Kyle, Kami finds herself surrendering to all that he is. The strength in his kindness heals her. The truth in his declaration gives her something pure to believe in. The patience he employs proves to her she can trust in goodness once again. As Kyle teaches Kami every day that the world holds not only shadows and pain, but light and caresses, she finds herself surrendering her heart to him in a surrender the like she’s never before known. A safe surrender.

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## From Reader Review A Safe Surrender for online ebook

### Imy Santiago says

"I don't know the kind of men you know, Kami, but I'm not the kind of man who makes a promise I can't keep. I told you it'll work out and it will." -Kyle Donnelley in A Safe Surrender by Alannah Carbonneau

This is the second novel in the Donnelley Brothers Series and it surely didn't disappoint. After reading Counting Stars, I eagerly awaited its sequel A Safe Surrender. With trembling fingers I turned the first page and what I read took my head for a spin and then some. This novel gripped me from the moment I laid my eyes on its powerful, riveting prologue. Never in my wildest dreams I thought the direction the author would go where it went. Forgive my vagueness but I'm afraid if I say anything further, I would give the plot away.

In Counting Stars we met the eldest of the Donnelley Brothers, Logan and I thought his love story would be hard to top. Wrong. Wrong. WRONG! Kyle Donnelley just took my breath away and then some. Like Logan, Kyle keeps to himself and isn't much of a talker or a people person. That is until he meets Kamilla.

Kamilla endured a series of heartbreaking moments in her life prior to meeting Kyle. Running away from a horrid past, she finds herself taking a job at the Donnelley Family Ranch. With a car packed full of her belongings, she finds herself in a different place surrounded by people with the biggest hearts. The way Kami and Kyle meet is the quirkiest and random of ways and the way the author put them together made me smile the biggest grin. There is humor and uncertainty laced together- a formula so well put together, that I as an author dream to achieve. Well done, Ms. Carbonneau.

"I trust you immeasurably." -Kyle Donnelley

Kami brings in a side in Kyle that shocks him yet he does not fight it. He is a patient man, understanding, caring and dare I say the best friend a girl could ever have. Kami on the other hand feels her attraction towards him and fights it tooth and nail given her past. But like all things in life, they can be ignored for a while but it is ultimately up to fate to change things in its due time. I love that each character knew what they wanted and took their time getting to that place where they could find mutual understanding and ultimately, love.

I loved the pace of the story and the author evoked so many feelings within me. I understood Kami's pain and felt Kyle's frustration as he patiently waited for the love of his life to come to terms with her feelings in regards to him. The seduction was beautiful and more than once I found myself squirming in my seat. Oh Kyle! \*faints\* I got goosebumps reading and their love is more than swoon-worthy.

"I never want you to feel, for even a moment, however fleeting, that you are not loved by me. Kamilla, you are my world." -Kyle Donnelley

A Safe Surrender is a five star read in my book. You definitely need to read this series, but please, start with Counting Stars. Yes, you can read A Safe Surrender but there might be elements you would be missing if you didn't read Counting Stars first. Bravo, Ms. Carbonneau. I eagerly await book three of this series. Is it December 16th yet?!

Brava.

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## KFForever says

Reviewed by Dawn Vickers on behalf of **Kindle Friends Forever**.

This novel can be read as a standalone; however, the characters from book one do make appearances throughout.

Kami suffered a tragedy at a young age and ended up in foster care. When she was fifteen, she met Rhett. He was all she ever knew, all she ever had, but his impatience and quick temper was constantly dumped on her. Not only was she on the receiving end of his ire, but on numerous occasions had to live under stress. The last straw broke when he did something she couldn't live with or accept, so she planned her escape. With the help of her friend Ember, she gets a job at the Donnelley Ranch. On arriving, she meets Gracie, her son Logan and his wife Reece. Ignoring their advice on bad weather setting in, she drives to town for supplies only to crash on the way back to the ranch. A man comes to her rescue who turns out to be Kyle Donnelley. Kami feels at ease and safe with Kyle. There's an instant attraction on his part, and he feels a strong desire to protect Kami.

This drop-dead gorgeous man's character is of a quiet nature. In fact, he's bearing a burden, too. And as neither of them are forthcoming with their past experiences, their friendship which is growing into something more amorous, could be destroyed. Kyle is everything that Rhett wasn't. Caring and watching over her, the flame of his desire and attraction is described beautifully in this book. Kyle wants it all with her; Kami is scared and feels she's damaged goods and only bring him pain. Can Kyle convince her they were meant to be together? Or will Kami forever be running from her past; afraid to face her future? What happens when she discovers what he's been keeping from her? There are certainly a lot of questions to be answered in this unputdownable read.

Alannah has done it again! The first book in this series was brilliantly written, but she's surpassed herself with this one. Impeccably written with such emotion and depth of feeling will have you shedding tears. Some of them happy ones though. She has a way with words that make you want to be part of these characters lives. Alannah has tackled a hard subject with the utmost sensitivity and you feel so much for Kami as she tries to make herself a new life and overcomes her fears and mistrusts from the past. I am really looking forward to the next Donnelley Brother story!

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## Sarah says

I was gifted a copy of this for an honest review and I have to say that I couldn't wait to read it after loving the first one so much! This did not disappoint, I loved it and it had me completely hooked.

Kami is suffering domestic violence from her long term boyfriend, both physically and mentally. He has got worse and worse until she can't take it anymore and thankfully has a friend, Ember, who helps her to leave him after seeing a job advert at the Donnelley ranch.

Kami gets the job and soon finds herself at the ranch and meeting the lovely Kyle! They instantly hit it off but because of her previous experience she is scared of her attraction to him. They become really good

friends, I love the banter between them and they get on so well.

You can feel the chemistry between them as you read so when they finally give in it's pretty hot!! lol

I loved this story, we got more of Reece and Logan too as well as the rest of the Donnelley family. It is such a 'feel good' story, Kyle is totally swoon worthy and I just loved everything about their story!

I highly recommend this series and cannot wait for the next one!!

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## **Deanna says**

5+ Stars!

I am in LOVE with the Donnelley Brothers!! After reading this and Counting Stars, I feel like I need to spend some time at the Donnelley Ranch.

Kami, at twenty-two years old, has been through a lot in her young life. At a young age, she lost her mother and ended up in the foster care system. During this time, she meets Rhett. She sees him as her savior from foster care. He turns out to be far from that though and after seven years with him, Kami decides she needs to leave. Only she has no idea how to safely go about it. One day, while talking with her friend, Ember, Ember suggests to Kami to apply for a position she came across in an ad. The position happens to be at a ranch that Ember spends some time at every summer. Kami decides this is her chance to get away and make a fresh start so she makes the call. She then finds herself on her way to the Donnelley Ranch where she meets and gets to know Kyle Donnelley.

Kyle and Kami have an immediate connection. It's almost like he knows she's been through something and he becomes overwhelmed with this need to be her friend. To be there for her. To protect her. Simply put, Kyle is an amazing man, but is he enough to help Kami move on from her past and accept a future with someone? With him maybe?

Kami is not really ready to jump into another relationship, but she enjoys the way Kyle makes her feel. She's never had that before and at times it seems like it's almost too much for her. Kyle lets her know on a daily basis how he really feels about her, but she's holding back. Will she let Kyle in and give their relationship a chance? You definitely need to read this!

Alannah has definitely solidified herself as one of my favorite authors. This is the fifth book of hers that I have read and I can never put them down once I start! This book was at times heartbreaking, but I was also uplifting. One thing I love about Alannah's books is that she makes it easy to relate to the characters. To put yourself in their shoes and really experience every emotion they are right along with them. After reading, this book and Counting Stars (Book 1), I find myself wishing I was a part of the Donnelley family. The mom, Gracie, is just awesome and you can try your hardest not to fall for Logan or Kyle, but it won't work. :) I'm really looking forward to reading about Collin and Luke. This series is a really refreshing and I'm highly recommend this and book 1, Counting Stars.

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## **BooksandBeyondFiftyShades says**

After a tragic accident happens to her mother, Kami is placed in the foster care system at the age of 11. When she meets Rhett, she thought he was her savior and a shot at a new life. She was sure he loved her,

until he changed and became violent and abusive. Desperate to escape from him and his abusive ways when she sees an advert to work on the Donnelly ranch, she does not hesitate to apply and is surprised to find out that she is hired.

Kami was not looking for a relationship so soon after leaving Rhett so she cannot understand why she has an attraction to Kyle, the owner's son. Feeling like she is not deserving of Kyle, she keeps him at arm's length despite the lengths he will go to to prove his love. Will Kyle ever manage to convince her that not all men are the same? Will she stop letting her past dictate her future?

This was yet another amazing book by this very talented author. I really felt sorry for Kami right from the start of the book as not only has she had a rough start by being in foster care and her mum dying but then having to put up with Rhett appalling behavior towards her. And then just when I thought she was leaving it all behind she then decides that she can't have a relationship with Kyle as she doesn't think she deserves him (she thinks she is toxic!!)

I loved Kyle; you could tell as soon as we were introduced to Kyle that he was a good man and clearly adored Kami. I loved the way that even though she kept him at arm's length, he was still able to prove to her that not all men were the same and that he did love her. I loved this book and would highly recommend it to others. This is the second book in The Donnelly Brothers.

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### **Emma Louise says**

I could not wait to read this this book, I was given an ARC for an honest review, and honest is all I can be.. Are you ready to go on one roller coaster of a ride, with my emotions being pulled once again by this amazing writer.... Oh and yes you will need your tissues ready!!!

Kami is a girl struggling with her life, her story at the opening of the book captured me. I won't give anything away, but Alannah handled this particular storyline extremely well. This story line is what seen Kami get in her car and drive to a new Life in the Alberta Mountains..... Fate strikes and Kami finds herself being rescued from an accident by a stranger.... Kyle Donnelly.

Kyle and Kami begin a very honest friendship, feelings between them both begin to simmer, and the snow on those Mountains begins to melt.

Can Kami let herself feel again, can Kyle show Kami there is another life he can give her, will Kami let him. Kyle is a man who hasn't giving himself fully before, but Kami brings the best of him out. He has feelings he never knew he could feel, and he is an honest man, a man who knows what he wants, and thats Kami. He is a man with integrity, honor, he has an old way about him, and won't give himself over fully until he gets an answer from Kami...

Kami see's the sun, she see's Light with Kyle, but can she allow herself to have feelings for Kyle? Can she let him in completely? Can she let herself have the life she deserves, and give Kyle the best of herself to him....

One click this book and get ready to be enthralled and captivated by A Safe Surrender.  
Alannah Carbonneau

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## **Maggie says**

This is the second book in The Donnelley Brothers series, Counting Stars being the first. This book focuses on Kyle and you get to catch up with the whole family in the story, as it progresses from Counting Stars. All these books can be read as stand alone novels, but I'd read them in order.

I was lucky enough to be given an ARC to proof read. I loved Counting Stars and this story was just as good. It is a beautiful story of Kamilla and Kyle. Kamilla is escaping an abusive relationship and heads to the Donnelley ranch for a new start.

I loved every word of it, it is beautifully written and Alannah Carboneau is a wonderful story teller. Her story flows and is totally engrossing; her characters invite you to love them and you do; and her prose is well crafted and beautiful.

I highly recommend this and cannot wait for the third book in the series.

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## **Kimmy (Sinfully Snarky Reviews) says**

I was given A Safe Surrender for an honest review, with that being said : Holy amazing writing and another Home run Alannah!!

When I started this book I wasn't sure if I would be able to read the the entire book due to the subject matter. However, I was pleasantly surprised by how well written the scenes were. They weren't over the top or overly graphic, the subject matter couldn't have been written any better. Oh and yes you will be needing tissues again!

A Safe Surrender was an amazing emotional roller coaster that I just didn't want to end. Once I started this book I just couldn't put it down.

Kami has been with Rhett since she was 15 years old and living in foster care. Slowly things with Rhett have been going from good to bad to worst. After a night of Rhett taking things from bad to worst Kami realizes that needs to leave. With the help of her friend Ember she decides to apply for a job at the Donnelley Ranch.

Kyle Donnelley is known as the quiet Donnelley brother who teaches mountain and rock climbing. Pickup A Safe Surrender to find out what happens when Gracie pairs Kami with Kyle oh and of course do get to see Reese, Logan, Collin and Luke again.

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## **Tonya says**

Review for Rising Indies United.

I am hooked on this series now! I love the Donnelley brothers, and their mom Gracie, the match maker. I can't wait to see Collin get matched up by his mom!

With that said. Just like in the first book, I love the characters in this one as well. Kamilla "Kami", has been through so much. Her mom murdered when she was 11, then put in the foster system. Toxic love, where she was beat and raped, before she finally knew she had to leave him before he killed her.

She needed that push, she had no where to go. That's where her bestfriend, Ember, comes in. She's gone out to the ranch every summer and saw that they were hiring new staff, no experience needed. The perfect break for her to get away. And that she did. Little did she know, she would actually find her soul mate there. Gracie knew right away though. Man, I love that woman!

Kyle is a lot like Logan. He is quiet, almost shy. But when he first sees Kami, he's a goner. He's such a caring, loving, good man. He doesn't push Kami for her story. He knows that she was hurt badly, by her ex though.

"Love, in its true form, is so much more than most know or believe it to be. Love is patient and kind. Love is gentle and soothing. Love builds you higher and never fails to offer strength when needed."

It takes Kami awhile before she realizes this. She doesn't think she deserves someone like Kyle. He does everything he can to show her that she does though. I did find it funny, how he "held" out on her until they were married. Most men, wouldn't have been able to say no like he did lol.

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## **Emma Edwards says**

I was offered an ARC in return for an honest review,,, after already reading book one in this series and thoroughly enjoying it the decision to read this book was simple,,,

After reading book 1 (Counting Stars) you'll know that there are four Donnelley Brothers,,, you'll also know of Gracie,,, the brothers full time mother,,, part time Cupid stand in ;),,, this book is about brother number two Kyle,,, and Kami

The story begins with Kami,,, she has had a tough upbringing,,, she had a childhood with a loving parent,, but her mother was taking from her at a young age,,, with no one else to are for her she'll understand herself in foster care,,, it was at the age of 15 that she,et a guy called Rhett,,, at the time he gave her everything she wanted and felt she needed,,, he had controlling tendencies but at the time she couldn't see them for what they were she only felt as though he was be protective,,, unfortunately as their relationship progressed so did his protectiveness, control and aggression,,, Kami has never had the chance to learn who she is,,, but when Rhett takes his actions too far Kami knows she needs out,,, and now,,, with help from a friend she finds her way out,,,

Kami now has new job on a ranch ,, but she wants her independence and not handouts ,, this leaves her out in a storm and stuck ,, somebody finds her and helps ,, although she is fearful there is just something about this man that feels safe ,, meet Kyle ,,

Kyle and Kami have a bond that grows ,, they want similar things in life but at different times ,, Kyle wants it all now ,, Kami needs to wait ,, Kami has had to deal with so much that she has trouble with self esteem and trust ,, will she fight her desires or overcome her fears?

Gracie ,,, ahh Gracie ,, gotta love her ,, she's a mother and friend we'd all be happy to have ,, all I have to say though is watch out Collin and Luke ,,,, your turn is coming ,, and I cannot wait ;)

Really enjoyed this book ,, there is some sadness through it and you'll really feel for Kami throughout ,,but you'll also be smiling because of her strength and courage that she finds with the help of some great people

Highly recommend

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### **booklover says**

Yet another beautiful and amazing story by Alannah. Absolutely loved it !

Kami has had a tough start in life and finds herself stuck in a relationship where she thinks she's loved and loves him back until he does the one thing she can't forgive..... Kyle a guy with morals (yeah you read it right), meets Kami in not such fortunate circumstances but know upon seeing her that she needs protecting and he wants to be the one to do it, he wants her to be his.

This was such a beautiful heartwarming story, and what was really unique about it was the fact that as much as Kami wanted for Kyle to make her his he refused to and stuck to his morals and beliefs. No where do i find a man like Kyle.....

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### **Linda Field says**

A Safe Surrender by Alannah Carbonneau

This is book two in The Donnelley Brothers series.

I was given an Arc of this book for an honest review, after reading Counting Stars book one in this series I was really looking forward to reading it.

Kami has had such a lonely life losing her mother in a cruel way, she has been in the care system for a while. Moving from home to home. All Kami wants is not to be lonely.

Rhett becomes her safe place she will do anything for him. As years pass Kami knows her relationship is not right, frightened of what Rhett might do next she lives in fear.

Kami just wants to feel safe and secure, when her friend Ember notices the latest marks on her body, she gives Kami an out.

Soon Kami is fleeing to the Wild Tours Ranch for a fantastic job opportunity.

Can Kami find peace?  
Will she ever feel safe and secure?

Omg this is one emotional heartbreaking story. I loved every minute of it. Again the book focuses on one of the Donnelley Brothers, this time it's Kyle we have a little of Reese and Logan from book one and of course Gracie, I loved Gracie she is just one of a kind.

It is truly a wonderful love story, that has your heart swelling with adoration.

You have surpassed yourself again Alannah.  
I can't wait for Collins book though :-)

5\*\*\*\*\* from me

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### **Raunchy rudereadersblog says**

This was such a heartbreaking book for me.

Growing up in a domestic violence home, you learn to be quiet, so's not to wake the monster. Fearing every second, don't say the wrong thing, don't play too loud.

It's easy to say "I won't ever get into a relationship like that."

"I would leave him/her."

Sometimes we blame ourselves, but when you fall in love you're handing your heart over to another for them to treasure it, never expecting them to shatter it into a thousand pieces.

And sometimes you want to forgive them, maybe they were drunk they weren't thinking when they hit you, attacked you. I mean they look sorry the next day, so obviously they never meant to hurt you, cause I mean if they apologize they couldn't have meant it right?.

Well this book for me tapped into all this and more.

Kami is a young, beautiful, broken woman, dealing with the loss of her mother at 15. Being put into the Foster system and meeting Rhett, a guy who showed her what love is or so she thought.

A relationship that was built on control, vulnerability and manipulation.

Everything changed and not for the better. Rhett became someone Kami didn't like or know.

"I'm sorry, Kami." His words sounded pained. "I was drunk."

I felt his nose in my hair as he inhaled. "You know I love you, baby. I just lost control." He rubbed his hand over my arm. "It'll never happen again."

The violence both mentally and physically took their toll on Kami and finally one day she decided 'enough was enough.'

It takes a lot of courage to do what Kami did and leave the only life she's ever known, especially when the guy has broken your spirit and self worth.

After help from her best friend Ember, kami hears about job vacancies at The Donnelly's Wild Land Tours. She looks up on Facebook what the job entails and phones the company to apply and after speaking with Grace, she secures herself a job interview for the next morning.

This is the fresh start Kami is looking for, somewhere she can reinvent herself. Kami needs a fresh start, and i believe she gets that, and more.

Not only does the Donnelly Ranch offer her the peace and sanctuary she requires, it offers her friendships and a family she's never had.

I love that there's an instant connection between Kami, and Kyle ( the quietest of the Donnelly brothers). He knows there's something not quite right in Kami's life and makes it his mission to help be what she needs, a friend, a lover, a protector. This Donnelly brother is so swoon worthy, he will have you melting in your seat.

I dont want to spoil it for you, so I'm going to stop in a minute, i could seriously go on and on and on about this book.

This book will melt your heart. Yes it's heartbreaking and a taboo subject for some people, but seriously don't let the subject of this book put you off. Yes it may be about domestic violence but it's also about opening your heart to new experiences, having the ability to be strong and realizing your self worth, and learning to trust again. It's about friendships, family and Love.

This is the second book in the series and i can honestly recommend both, im so looking forward to the next one, i wish it was ready now.

It's not only the storyline you'll fall in love with, it's the Donnelly brothers too. ;- ) Damn they're hot and my list of BBF'S is ever growing.

Alannah has seriously knocked it out of the park with this one. I wish i could rate it more than 5 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★.

I'm honoured again that i got to Arc read the next installment of the series.

#DonnellyBrothersAreHot #GracieAndHerCupidBow #LoveInTheWilderness #ASafeSurrender #MountainClimberBySummerCowboyByWinter.

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## **Amazeballs Book Addicts says**

A Safe Surrender is book two in the Donnelley Brothers series. Each book focuses on a different brother, so they can be read as a stand alone. The Donnelley's all live on a ranch and run a tour guide company. Even though each book focuses on one brother finding love, we get information on all of the family in each book.

I loved the first book, Counting Stars. So, when asked if I wanted to read book two, I jumped at the chance to read it. When I started I didn't know which brother A Safe Surrender was about. I was secretly hoping it was

about Collin but it's Kyle's book. Kyle and Kami's story is a great one.

At the start of the book Kami is in an abusive relationship with Rhett. At the urging of her friend, Ember, she applies for a job at the Donnelley ranch. Once hired at the ranch, she is paired up with Kyle. Kami is a little broken and is not looking for love but sometimes love finds you when your not looking for it. For Kami love comes in the form of a sexy, rugged country guy. Kyle is great. He falls hard and fast for Kami but he is also patience.

As I was reading, I was waiting for Rhett to make a reappearance. It's a great sweet story. I can't wait to read the next one.

A copy was received for a review.

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**Christie«SHBBblogger» says**

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