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Come Together is the third and final installment of The Cityscape Series.

With a single decision, Olivia Germaine's fantasy has become a reality. Now she is faced with two commitments: one she must make and one she must break. But in order to accept a love she never thought possible, Olivia will have to let go of the broken past that defines her - and of deeply-rooted fears that could ruin everything.

Everything is what David Dylan wants to give her, and it's what he wants in return. He must prove to Olivia that despite his playboy ways, he's worth leaving behind the stable future her husband can offer her. David is a man who always gets what he wants . . . but this time he may be fighting for something unattainable.

Can Olivia escape the past that threatens to consume her?

And can David break through to her before it does?

## **Come Together Details**

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### Patrixia Lansangan says

I really loved this series!

It was so romantic and I felt like i learned so much from it. From marriage and just life in general.

I really enjoyed reading about Olivia and David. They were such a reasonable couple, and all the issues that came up, such as David's feelings and Olivia's doubts were so real and relatable in the real world.

Sometimes, we get sucked into the fantasy of the book world. But there are issues in the real world that just needs to be addressed realistically. :)

I really loved how the last book, gave us the most Olivia and David moments after all the buildup in the first two books. It was really nice seeing them together :)

I really loved this book and what came out of it. Realistically, you have to accept your partner's flaws and that you can't change them and their mind simply because you love each other. I loved that that they both accepted that and worked their own happy ending <3

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### Emmy says

I'm rating this book 2.5 stars.

#### SPOILERS AHEAD

The sole reason I gave this book 2.5 stars is a very big one for me. It was the way the cheating was hadnled after the fact, more specifically the way the person being cheated on was held accountable for Olivia and David's actions. I didn't like the way David handled Bill, it was tacky and honestly cruel. Yes Bill said some very hurtful things to Olivia, but what did they expect? Bill's never been my favorite but he was angry and hurt and betrayed, no shit he's going to lash out...he's only human. Considering the astronomical mistakes David and Olivia made in the series, you'd think they'd be more understanding of that. Considering they are FAR from perfect themselves you would THINK they'd understand him better. David did not think Bill was worthy of Olivia (when it's not David's place to judge) but at the end of the day Bill was always loyal and never broke her trust. Which isn't everything granted, but it's more than Olivia can say for herself. Every time Bill did something resentful and out of anger he was treated with malice and physical violence by David. Like Bill didn't have a reason in the world to lash out? Every single human being in the world makes mistakes but to act as if he didn't do anything wrong did not make me like David very much. His only explanation is that he'd go to any lengths for Olivia. Which while it's a sweet sentiment, he needed to understand that Bill is also a living breathing HUMAN being with feelings and he has been betrayed by

someone he trusted. He called Olivia some names in anger but honestly if I was in his position I think I would have said much much worse.

**Again, I'd like to say that for two people like Olivia and David who fucked up very badly, their level of understanding for another human being left much to be desired from me.**

In fact there's a part near the end when Bill angrily wants to expose David as a home wrecker, and Olivia says that HE(Bill) is the one that wrecked their relationship and proceeds to threaten him. GOD I HATED her at this point. Bill's fault according to her was that he never asked questions, never TRIED to get her to open up. These are all true. But the things she's now disdainfully accusing him of are the things she was with him for. He was "safe." It's not Bill's fault that Olivia **CHANGED**. As a husband Bill left much to be desired but bottom line is that it took two to make their marriage and when she accused HIM of ruining them I was LIVID. She knew exactly who she was marrying and she was happy with him until David came along. I don't think Olivia is a bad person because she changed and discovered there was more out there but the way she blamed Bill was wrong to me on so many levels. She has no reason to be angry at Bill for the very reasons she was with him. OF COURSE Bill will be angry at the man who slept with his wife....or is it that I'm missing something here? She took it as some sort of personal affront. David was wrong for sleeping with a married woman, period. Instead of recognizing it, he gets angry and fights with Bill. Classy. I, needless to say did not feel the David love so many other readers did. He was alpha to the extreme and many times way too suffocating.

Something I know people have been angry about was how Lucy dropped Olivia as a friend after she finds out about the cheating. This was sad to watch especially since the earlier encounters between the girls show that Lucy and Olivia really do care about one another. Cheating sucks, but so does abandoning your friends. I guess the question is what do you do when someone you care about does something that goes against every single thing you believe in? It's a tough situation to be in definitely, but you can still be yourself and be there for your friend. Lucy did not have to like or support the cheating at all in order to be there for her friend. In fact, imo the best of friends are the ones who are straight up and tell you how it is. You're never going to find someone that agrees with you on *everything*. I think what bothered Lucy more was that Olivia was leaving Bill and not trying to work things out, when honestly leaving Bill was the best thing to do for everyone involved.

Here's my take on Olivia's marriage (stuff from all 3 novels): Olivia was always closed down and afraid of getting hurt due to her childhood issues and married someone safe (Bill); Olivia didn't want to open up about her inner demons and Bill didn't try hard enough to get her to open up so she didn't have to worry about getting too close, and therefore getting hurt down the line. She has a content, happy life with him. This worked fine for Olivia up until she meets David. Their eyes connect and a "feeling" goes through them in typical new adult novel fashion, a few short meetings later they're madly in love obviously. David is the exact opposite of Bill, he "sees" her and truly knows her after making eye contacts for a few seconds at the ballet (he tells her so). Now despite how eye rolley that is to me I can see why she falls for David, he's attentive, pushes her to open up..he makes a huge effort and focuses all his attention on her. Fine. Cool. The point I'm trying to make is that this love she feels for David **changes her**. She is no longer happy with the status quo relationship she has with safe Bill and proceeds to cheat on him multiple times. However just because she changes does not mean Bill does. \*\*\*Which is why I get so angry when she throws blame at the person she is cheating on, Olivia starts to resent Bill for the very reasons he was deemed 'safe' in the first place.

I get that everyone makes mistakes but the way she goes about the cheating is gros, she cheats without regrets and admits to herself that she would do it again. In fact I think she romanticizes the cheating, she

"couldn't not do it." She does say that she feels horrible for what she's doing to Bill but then with the same breath that she doesn't regret her nights with David. Since her nights with David ARE what is hurting Bill this statement makes no sense. Not to mention soon after she hears Bill crying himself to sleep she proceeds to have sex with David in her husband's bed....not exactly the picture of remorse or guilt imo.

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### **Lisa says**

I was (extremely) lucky enough to be given an ARC of this book by the author. She didn't ask me for a review, but I insisted on writing one.

If you've read Jessica's first two books in this series, you know she is a master at 'build up'. Each book in this series builds up to the next book in a way that I have never seen before. As the books get hotter, you also find Olivia pushing more limits.

If you're like me and couldn't wait to find out how HOT Olivia and David would be together, this book does not disappoint. In fact, this book's 'steamy' factor is thru the roof. I don't want to give too much away since the book isn't released yet, but there is a scene in the beginning of the book that can only be described as OMG!

All the questions you have are answered in this book. Will Olivia stay with David now that she took the 'leap'? How will her friends react? Will David and Bill confront each other? What does the future hold for Olivia?

I am so happy that I stumbled across Jessica Hawkin's first book and got sucked into Olivia and David's world. I'm also upset that their story is now over. I can only hope that Jessica will continue writing!

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### **Lorie says**

#### **SEXY. AWESOME. SMART. PASSIONATE.**

When a series comes to an end, the final book can make or break the entire series. Keeping the story strong and captivating isn't an easy task, and some authors totally miss the mark when closing it out. But not Jessica Hawkins, she has managed to keep Olivia and David's story amazingly awesome from start to finish. **THIS IS AN AMAZING END TO AN AMAZING SERIES!**

If you thought it would be smooth sailing once David and Olivia were together, you have another thing coming. Grab your seat belt and buckle up for an emotional and fast paced ride filled with drama and pure sexiness that is sure to make your heart skip a beat (or two).

*"Are we really doing this?" I asked. "Is this going to work?"*

*"It is, I promise. I promise you, Olivia, you are home."*

They have the fierce attraction, amazing sex, and finally each other. The only thing missing now is TRUST. David has their entire future planned out in his head. He's been waiting a long time for Olivia to come along. But Olivia is scared and rightly so. She is giving up everything she has known for the past 4 years. It's a big step. Is Olivia ready to let go of the past in order to move forward?

***“We have to trust each other if this is going to work,” he said. “We both have history, but that’s all it is. History. We’re moving forward together.”***

The bigger question is: **Can a relationship that started with lies survive?** Going into this I definitively had my doubts. And, Jessica Hawkins did nothing to help me push those thoughts to the back of my mind. She plants the seeds of doubt all along the way. The way she leaves the door open for interpretation and speculation that had my imagination running wild.

I have to say that I fell in love with David a little more (if that's even possible) with the turn of each page. His character is one of the most in depth and well developed alpha males out there. He's genuine, passionate, and honest. He doesn't play games, and he's willing to push Olivia to open up and accept what she deserves – true love. But what happens when he pushes too hard?

The series is wrapped up nicely and epilogue is definitely the big red bow on top. I am sad to see it end, but Jessica did an amazing job with David and Olivia's story. I can't wait to see what total awesomeness she brings us next.

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### **Katherine says**

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This book was simply

An emotional roller coaster! I think my heart stopped more than once while reading. It's such a fast paced, painfully twisted love story, and HOT, HOT, HOT!! You get to experience Davis and Olivia's love story and all the drama that being together causes. I am just a little sad that the story has ended. I would love to know what else lies ahead for the character's. The epilogue was perfect, everything was wrapped up nicely.

David, OMG my body warms up just writing your name. He is all swoon worthy. His love for Olivia is clear, transparent.

Thank you Jessica for an amazing read!!!! You are an amazing writer! I look forward to reading and enjoying more of your books!!

If you haven't read the series, you need to. Now.

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## K.M. says

Whew...finally finished the "Come" Trilogy and I must say, it was a fantastic emotional roller coaster. Jessica Hawkins succinctly captured the desperation, angst, confusion and complexity involved with a romantic/sexual entanglement outside of one's marriage. Hawkins took it even further by detailing a scenario in which a person pursues their soul mate even though it turns out said soul mate is **not their spouse**.

(Spoiler alert) When I read book 1 I was rather perturbed with Olivia's inability to simply **commit to a decision**. Either pick Bill and make it work, or pick David and leave Bill behind. Of course, she dragged out the decision and hurt both her love interests unnecessarily. Olivia kept doubting her decision to be with David even after she had left her husband. This just added to the complexity of choosing to leave your husband for the man you cheated with. I do not condone infidelity, however, I do condone being happy. I only wish there was a less sloppy way for Olivia to have ensured her happiness. If only Olivia would not have took vows and committed to a man she truly was not in love with (Bill). Or maybe if she had pursued counseling when she realized that her marriage was failing. Or if she had tried a trial separation before jumping into things with David. If only she'd insisted that David not be involved in her and Bill's quest for a house. If only there was a less messy way to pursue your happiness without the emotional fallout. Then again I think that was the message of the trilogy - there is no nice and tidy way to fall out of love. In the end, breaking vows, emotionally/physically cheating, and coming to grips that you 'settled' for someone, leads to devastating emotional fallout and life-altering consequences. It reeked of reckless juvenile immaturity a la Dawson's Creek, but I ate up every gut-wrenching scenario.

**OLIVIA.** Her immaturity, or simple inability to recognize her dysfunctional marriage, left me wondering if she was truly an adult. I honestly didn't see why David pursued her so relentlessly - there wasn't anything unique about her. I was a bit annoyed with Olivia's pushover-ness. She even questions her unwavering desperate devotion to be with David - "Was there anything I wouldn't do, wouldn't give up for him?" I thought that Olivia was a lost and distraught child. She was lost before she even married Bill. And she just became incapable of controlling her own life. Olivia became a backseat passenger as her life passed her by and people made decisions for her. I wished for a stronger more relatable female lead but...c'est le vie.

**DAVID.** Alpha-male? Spoiled brat? Domineering and aggressive? Yes to all of the above. My only qualm with David was that he just kept pushing!! Olivia seemed to be rational, well at least in the respect of not wanting to rush their relationship or become solely dependent on him financially. But David left absolutely no room for any compromise. My feminist side was screaming in protest as Olivia caved, time after time, to David's aggressive and over-protective behavior. There were many displays of violence and total domination that concerned me.

**BILL.** Damn damn damn. The way the story was written it was hard to tell if Bill was the bad guy or the good guy. He could be considered the bad guy because he really didn't care to know Olivia or what troubled her. He expected her to get over her emotional issues, stemming from childhood, all by herself. He wasn't interested in her hobbies, didn't bother to have deep conversations with her, and became a workaholic instead of dealing with pressing issues at home. However, I felt extremely sympathetic for him because ultimately, he remained faithful. In spite of all his faults, he never once violated his vows of fidelity. The sheer desperation he displayed in trying to win Olivia back, albeit way too late, was heart-breaking. I do wish he had displayed more intuition and sensitivity before Olivia had met David, instead of disregarding all signs of a dysfunctional relationship.

The topic of infidelity and divorce are toughies but Hawkins wrote eloquently and each page was filled with emotion and passion. The writing was impeccable, and the drama was perfect. Makes you think twice about what you would or wouldn't do to be happy or find real love.

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### **Shyralf says**

4 ??????? Stars! Reread originally read 3/7/2017. Still a great read.

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### **Grace says**

4.25 stars

WARNING: Just like my warning from the last book, do not read this review if you don't want spoilers from book one and two.

FINALLY!!!! Olivia and David are finally together!!!!

I feel like I and other readers deserve medals for our patience with this couple. So, it's all smooth sailing now, right?

HA!!! It's as if you don't know this author at all. Have you not been paying attention?!?!

All joking aside, this book was definitely less angst compared to the two previous books, which nearly sent me to the hospital. But there is angst, courtesy of . . . . come on, you can guess . . .

Yes, Olivia. Even now having taken the big leap with David, she seems to have second thoughts just about every two hours. Ok, maybe I'm exaggerating, but it felt like it was at least daily. Her second guessing was mostly due to Bill. Yes, good ol' Bill. I had to keep reminding myself that he is not the bad guy in this series, but he really annoyed the shit out of me in this book. The lying, the begging, the anger. I get the last part, but that always followed the two previous emotions making him look like a giant ass. This is not verbatim, but it went something like this: "David doesn't love you, he's a man-whore and can't commit. Please stay with me!!!! No? Well fine, whore, go be with him and don't come crawling back to me!" See, annoying.

I haven't really talked about Olivia's friends in the previous books, but each have a very important stance in this book that greatly affects Olivia's emotional roller-coaster. Let's get the bad out of the way. Lucy, bless her soul. I was completely torn with her reaction to Olivia leaving Bill. On the one hand, it showed how damaging affairs can be beyond the couple. On the other hand, she really didn't give Olivia a chance at forgiveness. She picked a side, the easy one, and walked. Then there is Gretchen. I really wasn't a fan of her in the previous books, but she proves her worth in this book. Not only is she a cheerleader for Olivia and David, seeing her friend happy and in love. She also is there to push Olivia when she begins to overthink things.

While Olivia could be grating at times, David is beyond swoonworthy in this book. From the Pretty Woman moment, to his extreme changes to accommodate and welcome Olivia into his world, I never doubted her decision to be with him. These two also show that their passion doesn't fade with time. When they both fully

commit to each other, forever, it's a beautiful thing.

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### **Aimie says**

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### **Luna Sol says**

All the stars!!! I was sad to finish this series. I'm in awe of Jessica's writing. These two characters omg, I just have no words. One of the best series ever. Perfect!

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### **Louise Bay says**

This is for me the best romance series I've read. It has a great story, that doesn't rely on action to keep our attention. It's all about two normal people who fall in love. And it's well written.

Most series, even the ones that start really strong, lose something mid way through book two for me normally. This keeps your attention the whole way through, right through to the very last chapter. I LOVED it. I won't post any spoilers because you should just read it and you will LOVE it as much as I did.

I can't wait for what Miss Hawkins has for us next. I'm saving a reread until I go on holiday and can reread all three without interruption!

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### **Chelsea says**

#### **DNF @11%**

Okay, I admit. I read reviews with spoilers just to know how this book would end. And I'm right.

It's no secret that I detest Olivia. So reading about her getting an HEA? Sorry. I just can't.

And with that, I am done.

*This is the first book about cheating that I didn't manage to finish. Guess I'll blame Olivia for it.*

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**Fathima says**

David .... \*\*swoon\*\* !!!! Loved his alpha-ness .... God damn !

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**??Jean?BookRampage?? says**

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**Amy J Romance Author & Reader Events says**

Great ending to the series, loved every freaking page

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