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Previously included in the Hot Alpha SEALs Anthology.

Maxwell Tate fights against a psychotic dream world, until he no longer knows what's real. Lacey Adams knows she can't save all of her cases, but can she salvage the unbreakable SEAL?

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From Reader Review Unbreakable SEAL for online ebook

Yvone Downey says

Unbreakable SEAL:A Lost and Found Novella-Max

I Love J.M.Madden writing. And story telling. I love a veteran storyline. The emotionally telling of these stories. Makes me a proud veteran wife. Everyone who love a good romance, with meaning , need to try these stories.. You will keep on reading...

Mareli says

Short and sweet with a glimpse of all the LNF! Loved it. Besides we meet here an old acquaintance of us, the nurse who helped in the prequel of the series. I was very glad to meet her again

? Jeri's Book Attic ? the Romance Bibliophile ? says

Book Monitor says

Max is a mentally tortured soul, who experienced the horrors of war and then the enduring horror of psychosis in the aftermath. Lacey is a nurse who having spent time working with war vet as moved on to save her own sanity. This is a story that explores the nature of the resilience of the human spirit, the reliance we have on others and that however low the ebb there is a chance to repair and recover. It's well written and at times moving, but it felt quite short and yet at times moved a bit too slowly. There were also periods where so much was glossed over it felt like it had jumped a bit. Overall I liked this a lot, but felt it tried too hard to fit in to the LNF universe and it may have been better outside it. Even so I would recommend this and will continue to read others in the LNF series and this authors other books.

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

4.5 stars

CC says

[returning disabled vets who are treated with drugs - way too many drugs - and are suicidal (hide spoiler)]

Jackie Lane says

Part of an Anthology (Hot Alpha Seals)

Erika says

3.75 to 4 stars

Madden has really managed to touch on such a wide variety of veteran issues, and she does it in such a carefully thought out, thorough and emotionally touching way.

In this book, she touches on not only PTSD and suicide, but also prescription drug abuse and detrimental over-prescribing (and inappropriate prescribing) by physicians.

The heroine here, Lacey, was really one of a kind. What an amazing, intelligent, caring and good-hearted character she was! She was definitely one of my favorite heroines from all of Madden's books.

Max (hero) was a very sympathetic character, who I just couldn't help but root for.

The romance was lovely, though a couple of times, I wish it hadn't been quite so steeped in realism. (That seems to be characteristic of all her military men books). By realism, I mean....no definitive HEAs, characters always stop to think things through logically, they always have realistic doubts.....no one just moves in with each other because they *know* they are soulmates and can't live without each other, characters have nice normal relationship/sexual backgrounds. Everything is very based in the real world. I don't mind that exactly, but it isn't my romance reading preference. I tend to like my romance with a bit more fantasy flair. lol. However, all that being said, perhaps that fits the seriousness of the subject matter!

??Trea says

This was a much better installment than the previous one! I liked how it got tied back into the Lost and Found Universe, and dealt with a lot of the tougher issues surrounding veterans. Max was a great hero, but it was Lacey that really shown throughout the story. For such a short story, it was a wonderful read!

♥? Dorsey aka Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

4.5 Wounded Hero Stars

Another fantastic wounded Hero story by J.M. Madden. Nobody does military romance like this author, we get fantastic hero's and the strong women who capture their hearts.

Max suffers from hallucinations and at times doesn't know what's reality, that along with the trauma of losing teammates on his last mission, where he was injured has him in a deep severe depression. Because of his injuries and mental health his career as a SEAL has come to an end.

Lacey is a nurse who works with injured military personnel, when she notices Max at her local Starbucks she instantly sees signs that he is in a bad way, she is drawn to him, she wants to help him. She is quite tenacious when it comes to helping Max

With Lacey's help he's on the long road to recovery, but their love for one another is strong and with the help of Duncan, John, and Lost & Found family he can finally envision a future. Looking forward to seeing more of Max and Lacey in future LnF books!!

*There are so many wounded hero's it's heartbreaking. There are ways you can help, it takes very little and goes a long way in helping our Heros, battlefield injuries last a lifetime.

Wounded Warrior Project:
www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Mission 22:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTABd...>

Books and Spoons says

Original review published at booksandspoons.weebly.com/book-blog

There are many reasons to love Lost and Found series, one of them for me is the fact that the heroes are true, broken, battle weary men who are fighting to get back on their feet and live again, despite the damage the war has done, both physical and mental.

In the very first book of the series we met Lacey, the nurse in the VA hospital. How delightful that she also got her HEA, and a hero on her side!

Max is truly broken, the medicine he has been given to fight his PTSD has robbed the rest of his life away. Added alcohol, and he is lost.

From the first time Max and Lacey meet, they have a connection, chemistry, and attraction. How they work, so that Max could get back on his feet is admirable.

The reunion, and building a life together is not only adorable, but steaming hot, and captivating. I rejoiced with the new possibilities and plans they had, and I'm looking forward to meet them again in the future Lost and Found stories.

~ Four spoons with a teaspoon on a side

Michelle says

I usually love JM Madden books and it pains me to give this one a 3 star but I just couldn't connect. It started out strong, with Lacey coming to Max's aide in an alley while he was suffering a hallucination. Her nursing career, specifically with veterans, allowed her to spot his crisis. Her huge heart drove her to help when others would have turned away. My problem with the story came when I noticed inconsistencies around the timing of his motorcycle accident and the mugging. At one point it was days, then hours, then the night before, almost as if the author had first written a longer time sequence, then changed it mid way through. There is a point when Lacey she notices someone has taken Max's parking spot and rushes up to his door hoping he has returned home only to find a woman living there. The woman makes a reference to the man who used to live her as though she is a new tenant. Near the end of the story we are told that she was a relative of one of his team members who needed a place to stay for a week. At one point it was mentioned that Max had lost his entire team, then later it said that he had some contact with his team. Some conversations were repeats of previous conversations, almost word for word. A good portion of the story was skimmed over, rushed, which I can somewhat appreciate in a novella. As I said, I love her books and always devour the novellas, this one was more an outline for a great story than a great story itself. A closer edit would have caught these inconsistencies and made for a better read. I'm still glad that I picked it up though, if only to catch up on some timelines with the Lost and Found series.

Mirjana ****DTR - Down to Read**** says

*****3.5 Stars*****

I really enjoyed Max and Lacey's story. Being inside of Max's fuzzy mind was heartbreaking. Seeing the desolate life he was living and the disregard for his own well-being was difficult to read. However, Lacey was a great balance to his character. Her knowledge of his struggle and sincere care for him was great. Her big heart shined through the haze of Max's depression. She handled him with great care and genuine affection, something that Max had been missing for a long time.

The novella takes place over a few months and the combination of a large time span, quick pacing and short page count hindered my overall connection with the story. I enjoyed the first half immensely, and could have done with some more detail of Max and Lacey getting to know each other after his time in rehab. My mind and heart couldn't move as fast as the characters seemed to in the second half of the book.

J.M. Madden knows how to write a story that pulls at the heartstrings. I love her Lost and Found series and Unbreakable Seal is a great addition. With the utmost care and respect, she addresses many issues that military men deal with upon their return from combat.

Karla says

4.5 Stars!! Another realistic look at what so many returning soldiers face every day. There are other books and series about wounded warriors, but no one can quite match J.M. Madden's powerful writing when it comes to dealing with their struggles and despair. I've said it before and I'll say it again, this author has created her own category in the romance genre!

Once again, J.M. Madden touches on another issue that is brought about in the aftermath of war. This time she writes about Max, who suffers from psychotic hallucinations and other debilitating injuries. He is tormented by the loss of his comrades, and knowing that he is no longer able to be a part of something he worked all his life to achieve. And then, there are the thoughts about suicide...

What was so special about this book is that Lacey has history with the founding men of LNF, Duncan, John and Chad. She was their nurse when they were recovering at Walter Reed Hospital from their devastating injuries, and she is able to recognize Max's distress and despair, and the likelihood of its cause.

Then her senses sharpened and she'd begun to watch all of him. When he swept his square hand down his muscular forearm the first time, she'd thought nothing of it. The second time had drawn her eyes. The third had made her frown. She realized that there was a subtle shaking moving through the man's body. As he'd placed his order and moved to lean on the counter, she waited to see what he would do.

When we think of those who have been affected by war, the individual who's been wounded and their families comes to mind immediately, which naturally it would. But, what about the caregivers? The doctors, nurses, physical therapists, counselors, aides, all the hospital staff and volunteers, anyone who comes in contact with these brave warriors can't help but be affected! I can't imagine the emotional toll this would have on a person, when day in and day out, you are directly involved with so many who have been broken, endure unbearable pain and mental anguish. You watch them suffer, can only help so much, and then of course there are those that can't be helped at all. These dedicated professionals and caregivers are victims of war too!

After years of taking care of those guys, the constant strife and worry had worn her out. Before she left, Lacey had joked with one of the younger nurses that maybe her PTSD would dissipate if she were off the floor. And it was the constant anxiety had slowly whittled away at her soul. She'd gone for counseling for a few months after she'd left just to be able to sleep at night

The author allows the connection between Max and Lacey to build, and as with all her characters in the other LNF books, gives them some time to heal, and adjust to the life changes before throwing them into a real relationship. There is no miracle, there is only time, understanding, optimism, and commitment to the one you love.

"You are so worth fighting for Max Tate. I don't know what has happened to you in your life, but I refuse to let you be one of the 27 men that kills themselves every day."

My one tiny issue was I felt that Lacey and Max had more to tell, and I was sorry their story was so short, very good, but somewhat rushed and my reason for the 4.5 star rating. Maybe it's just me, but when it comes to the characters in the LNF series, I always want more, I'm just selfish that way!

J.M. Madden continues to write about every imaginable (and very real for so many) scenario, the distressing cause and effect, and by bringing in the caregivers point-of-view, added to the reality of it all. It can be

emotionally draining reading these stories and it hurts my heart sometimes, but there is also euphoria in the hopefulness. The crème de la crème...the ending! Perfect!

Keep 'em comin' J.M.! Keep the hope alive!

Mission 22 video

Bev says

Another brilliant novella by JMM. She sure knows how to write a novella, so much so that it doesn't feel like one. Her characters are just so damn loveable and likeable, Max & Lacey are no exception. Lacey just got how Max was struggling, and was the perfect person to help him with his demons. No bullshit, no drama, just a fabulous story.

For a girl who does not like novellas, I bloody loved this one.
