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Book three of the Kingdom series finds Steve asking the question—How did it all go so wrong? Returning home on his wedding day, Steve overhears a proposition and a devastating betrayal.

Knowing he should keep his distance and against his better judgement, Steve responds to Hope's plea for help. His reward for his selfless deed; a twisted web of half-truths and disclosures that pulls, not only him, but Jason and Aviva into its snare.

As the layers are revealed, Steve is faced with the question; are the feelings he has for Hope strong enough to elicit his forgiveness?

Steve knows he has an enormous decision to make between Hope, and the one aspect of his life that has always remained constant, the unwavering loyalty of family.

***** Series order*****

#1: Abandoned but not Alone

#2: For Love and Vengeance

PLEASE NOTE: This books need to be read in order

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KBeautiful1 says

This about sums up my emotions and feelings from reading book 3...

<http://www.muumuse.com/wp-content/upl...>

This 3rd story had me in a glass case of emotions. One of the things I really appreciated about this story is this, because there were quite a few bombshells the author did a brilliant job in not getting lost in telling it to her audience.

In this story Steve (Jason's best friend) takes center stage. His world has literally fallen apart because of the woman he had planned to marry betrayed him and tried to turn him against his best friend. Steve has become a man who was once so sure about himself to now he isn't. He needs answers, he's angry and lashing out at everyone and through the fog he believes the one person who could give him what he needs to fix his life is "Hope" the woman who he loved without measure but none of his friends did (that was sign number 1).

http://24.media.tumblr.com/tumblr_lxt...

Steve is too devastated to even want to be in the same room with "Hope" but he knows through his grief he is going to have to. Jason is furious that Steve is even still talking with her, especially since she tried to ruin them against one another. Steve is just as furious that Jason won't cut him any slack and to respect the fact of him at least knowing what he is doing. Jason isn't buying it and in the end the two best friends fight and then part ways.

Hope (Lawd I didn't want to like her, have sympathy for her or even want to know her). Hope's friend calls Steve and tells him, Hope is about to take her life but Steve hangs up the phone. Her friend now knows that Hope wasn't be honest in what she told her really happened about why the wedding was called off. Hope finally relents and tells her everything. Meanwhile Steve is frantic and flies across the Atlantic to London to make sure she is alright. Once he realizes that it was a story to get him to even acknowledge Hope's existence, she knows now that she must come clean to Steve once and for all because if she doesn't even the thought of a friendship will not be possible. And so she takes the plunge and begins to tell him the whole sordid detail of her life and upbringing.

Steve agrees to help Hope but only if she is truthful, he knows that is a stretch for her but Hope understands that this is her last chance. She lets Steve into her real world and OMG it was a freaking mess. There was so much ugliness going on that it is a wonder that Hope amounted to anything, let alone the Super Model of the World. But Steve was determined to help her and her family if he could because the family's cousin was the devil and he was about to find out just how ruthless Steve and Jason can be against those who does harm to any of their friends.

<https://31.media.tumblr.com/d9ded7ed6...>

This was a killer story and I couldn't put it down (Thank God for my Kindle Paperwhite because I was in the dark reading with my Kindle lit up like a Christmas Tree LOLLL!!!) You will be in for quite a beautiful and lovely surprise towards the end that will surely have your eyes welling up with fat tears of joy.

<http://sugarscape.cdnds.net/15/07/142...>

I am off to read Book 4 "This Game Called Life (Kingdom Book 4)" this is Jake and Mackenzie's story and I have been chomping at the bit to read about Jason's twin.

Well Until My Next Review Ciao Bellas!

Vee says

After good read

I loved part 3. I couldn't stand Hope in book 2. But I was happy with the out come for Steve and Hope. Can't wait to read Jake's and Josh's story.

Kim Newberry says

Happy ending

you will not be able to put the book down. I loved the ending. the love aviva and Jason share is timeless.

Lily Java says

I enjoyed the 3rd book in the Kingdom series because it gives us so much to think about, chew on, and digest. I was immediately intrigued that the book was predominately about Steve and Hope, two characters that had such a devastating story arc in the first book I felt sure Ms. Henry wouldn't dare put them in the same room together again much less the same book. But brave heart she did and I cannot tell a lie, it was fun to watch Hope squirm and great to learn more about who Steve really is.

I also loved seeing the relationship between Steve and Jason under a microscope with better light. Jason is such a strong alpha character that it would have been easy to keep Steve a minor secondary character but he is clearly a strong, smart, and hot AA man. My hope (no pun intended) is that with this story Steve emerges as a major character in the Kingdom saga.

This book also featured a continuation of the relationship that brought us all to the table and as usual their story keeps us turning pages. Jason and Aviva are still colorful and vibrant people who are fun to watch even when they aren't getting along. And when they do get along are the most superb parts of the book.

My one critique of the book is subjective. Because a good deal of the beginning gives us backstory on Hope (which I appreciated), her life and motivations dominate the book. I don't think I'm overstating it to say that until now Hope has not been a likable character and like one of the protagonists, I find it difficult to be forgiving where she's concerned. Despite knowing about her horrendous upbringing, it's still challenging not to see Hope as her own worse enemy and her family and their story as the bane of the book. Reading about Hope is important to the Kingdom saga because of her relationship with Aviva, I'm just not so sure if she's

more salvageable as a heroine or perhaps as something else entirely.

Jake Kingdom and MacKenzie were standouts for me in this book. The dynamics of their story interest me so much I wanted more and I'm curious about how it will all flesh out between them given the obvious obstacles. I'm also eager to learn more about how Jason and his twin differ. Ms. Henry has delivered another wonderful segment of the Kingdom brothers' story and once again, I am looking forward to the next phase.

Brenda says

She Did It Again

This is a wonderful series. Funny, serious, drama filled. The Kingdom brothers. Aviva, Steve, dad and extended family are never dull. Dealing with everyday life and a little, well a lot extra. Ms Henry well done.

Toni Davis says

Pure bliss

I truly enjoyed the series. it left no questions unanswered. each character had its own intriguing quality. . I would read it again

Jennifer says

Boring

Too many people's stories and issues going on to keep up with! Maybe the next book will be better written with a less problematic storyline. There was just too much going on. I got confused with so much "mess!"
