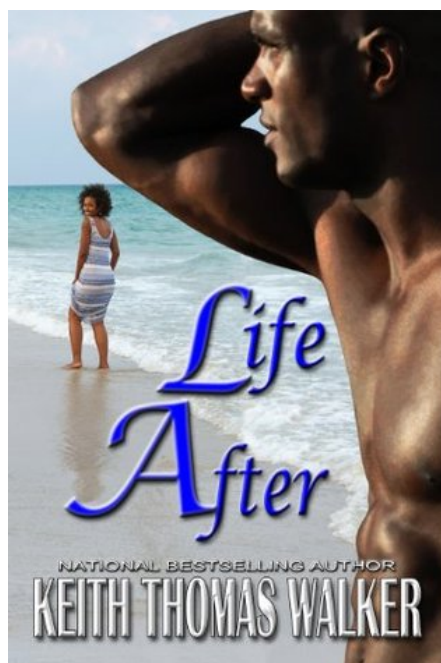




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Donna's marriage seems perfect. An unexpected event sends her reeling - even more so when a pregnant mistress steps forward. Marcel survives a divorce, but there's no solace when he loses his only child. Love has caused Donna and Marcel nothing but pain, but it may be the only thing powerful enough to heal their broken hearts.

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She cried out in shock and reflexively wrapped her legs around his waist. Marcel backed her against the counter and set her on top of it. Now they were the same height. He looked into her eyes and smiled when he saw Donna's expression of shock and wonderment. Her legs were spread wide to accommodate him. With the counter supporting her, he was able to release her ass and undo the buttons on his shirt. Donna watched, still somewhat in a daze. She barely felt him lift her off the tiles. And she wasn't a small woman. She knew he was strong, but...

Marcel got his shirt off, and everything became crystal clear. Of course he didn't have any trouble lifting her. Under the bright lights in the kitchen, Donna saw that every muscle he'd been hiding under his tee-shirts was as beautifully sculpted as she imagined. His massive pectorals were the most impressive, but his arms and shoulders were equally enticing. Every bulge fought for her attention. Donna wasn't aware that her mouth hung open. Marcel stepped closer, and she held both hands up – not to stop him, but to feel the goose bumps that were scattered across his chest.

She sucked air between her teeth the moment her hands came in contact with his dark flesh. He was so hot. And hard! She felt his powerful muscles ripple beneath her fingertips. She felt his heart thumping strong against his sternum. Her bottom lip slipped into her own mouth as she fondled him at will. His nipples were big and dark. She couldn't resist tasting them. Marcel's hand moved to the back of her neck as she ducked down and suckled his nipple unexpectedly. He looked up to the ceiling and took a deep, slow breath.

Donna licked one nipple, and then the other. She sucked them both and nibbled them softly. She stopped when the heaving of his chest became more pronounced. She looked up at him, her lips wet, her face flushed with heat.

"I want you," he said. "I need you. Now."

His eyes were low and drunk with passion.

The yearning between Donna's legs was white hot.

She nodded and grabbed hold of his shoulders, so he could help her off the counter.

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Deena says

I should've known better than to start reading a Keith Thomas Walker book while on my way to work. His books always draw me in from Page 1, and this one was no exception.

I LOVE KTW, and bought this book as soon as it came out, but I knew it was going to be a little heavy, and since I'm a cryer, I put off reading it until I was ready to handle whatever emotions the book would bring out. It was heavy at times, but never too heavy. I don't want to re-hash the story, but it was interesting to see how those two characters handled their grief, especially big, strong Marcel. I wanted to reach out and hug him so many times (and not always to comfort him, lol).

I love that KTW always gives us real people, in real-life situations, and gives them beautiful love stories. The characters are always flawed, and there's always drama and craziness, but that's real life. That Overbrook Meadow is the place to be, LOL! I especially loved that Donna and Marcel were older; it's nice to read about more mature characters every now and then.

Keep doing what you're doing, Mr. Walker and I'll keep buying and reading (and I'm sure loving!), whatever you put out.

Daphne says

Beautiful second chance

This was a real book with real issues, real circumstances. Donna was a working woman who loved her family and wanted to be happy. She was just like most women who want that happily ever after, but life happens to throw a curve ball her way. Her life is turned upside down. Marcel has been through a lot also. He's lost more than he could imagine. This was a story of redemption, second chances. life's not always a easy ride, but it's worth it in the end.

Mary says

A beautiful story of love, sorrow, Heartbreak and forgiveness.

reneeNaDaBomb says

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Donna was a widow raising her teen son, Colton, after her husband was killed in an automobile accident. She began to date Sgt Marcel Webber, a Dallas police narc officer. His son, Jaylen, was murdered in a home

invasion but he chose to drink his pain away and hide his alcoholism from them. Yet they became the ? force behind his rehab and weekly AA meeting attendance. Donna became Mrs. a year later. This was a touching novel which explore relationships, bad habits, mental issues and acceptance of professional help to balance life's challenges.

Monique Spicer says

You never know

This was a well written piece of work. The author let you know that you can still find true happiness even if you thought you've found it prior. Nolan was something else but my hear went out to Marcel and Donna. Hopefully it will be a follow up story of some kind.

Deloris says

When ever I read a book by Keith Thomas Walker I am surprised because I never know what to expect. I knew I wanted to read this book once I read the synopsis . The story he wrote was so good that it touched me . Donna and Marcel's love story is not your typical read and I really liked that. I fell in love with Marcel along with Donna, he was mine and he was flawed but I liked him and Donna so much together . Keith has away of writing characters that are so down to earth you feel like their story could be your story too. You can have the relationship because these are everyday people, with regular jobs, and real problems and realistic solutions. This is my favorite book by KTW, but you know what ,I say that every time I read his books.

PS: I did feel there was more of this story that needed to be told so I hope we can get one more book about Marcel and Donna. :)

Metris says

What is a mother to do when she loses the love of her life; what is a father to when he loses the love of his life? Donna & Marcel are two people whom I absolutely adored from the start they appeared to be so well put together however what you see on the outside can sometime be deceiving!

Once again Keith T Walker has written a book that is so realistic; I always love how he makes his characters real and normal. Great Job

Karen's Bookshelf says

Donna thought she had a great life, a career she enjoyed, a beautiful child, and the perfect husband. After loosing her husband in a horrific accident, Donna realized he wasn't as perfect as she thought. Marcel tried hard to make his marriage work, but his wife left him for another man anyway. He was able to get through the divorce because even though he lost his wife, he still had his son and know one was more important to him than Jaylen. Then the unthinkable happened and now Jaylen was gone too. Marcel tried to get through

the devastating situations he was going through on his own, but he wasn't doing a great job of it. How long will he struggle on his own before he realizes he needs help, and will it be too little too late to turn his life around?

Donna and Marcel were both trying to recover from tragic events that turned their lives upside down. They both also had trust issues that could've kept them from their second chances at happiness. I enjoyed the relationship between the hero and heroine and how they didn't jump into bed together early on in the story. I liked how they took time to build a relationship that was built on more than just sexual gratification. I also loved Marcel never gave up on Donna when she decided she couldn't trust him anymore, and he worked at earning another chance with her. I love when both the hero and heroine are portrayed as strong willed and determined characters. This was my time reading any of this authors work, and I look forward to reading more. I give Life After 3.5 stars.

Celeste says

Love a second time around Donna and Marcel

When demons come to roost. How does Donna bounce back after learning of her husband's infidelity? How does Marcel cope with the death of his son, Jaylen? What do those two incidents have in common?

Forgiveness and betrayal, love and sacrifice

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KBeautiful1 says

This is my second story by Mr. Walker and I can honestly say, in a genre that tends to be over saturated with nonsense he has managed to carve out a niche for himself that is hard to replicate. Especially being a male romance writer.

Marcel and Donna two unlikely people who may have never met if not for the deep soul shattering tragedies in their lives. Donna was a happily married woman to her husband of almost 20 years. Nolan was strong, ambitious and seem to be on the right political track that would take him straight to the top, maybe even the White House. But then the unthinkable happened, Nolan lost his life in a terrible car accident and she learned that her husband was not whom he portrayed himself to be. The ugliness that came from him dying was a complete slap in the face where she questioned if even their marriage were real.

Marcel, divorced, on fire detective, loving dad and on the fast track up the ladder of the police department. Nothing could go wrong and everything was going right until that one fateful day, he received a phone call that would forever change his life and plunge him right into the darkest of alleys with no seeing way of escape but to sink lower and lower with the hopes of he too disappearing, never to return to the land of the living. Because where he lived was in the halls of the dead.

But one chance meeting in a restaurant, Marcel and Donna met and although the encounter was brief with a phone number being exchanged, there sparked a little glimmer of hope. Sometimes that's all we really need. Not the great big bang theory, no not at all, just a glimmer. Somehow from that brief encounter they both knew in their heart of hearts that maybe just maybe, a life of renewal can take tiny root.

A remarkable story, with real life scenarios. It made you laugh and cry. It caused you to think about your

own life and the what if this were to happen to me? What would I do? Would I be able move forward or would I be forever stuck in that awful moment in time?

If you haven't read anything by this incredible author I most certainly implore you do so. Quick, fast and in a hurry!

Well Until My Next Review Ciao Bellas!

--karen Green-berry says

When you open a Keith Thomas Walker's book, you never know what you're giving to get, except you know it will be good. This book did not disappoint, the main characters Donna and Marcel were so likeable that you have no choice but to cheer for them.

Donna lost her husband to a traffic accident and then she found out he was on his way to visit his mistress. Marcel's only son was killed in a burglary gone bad in his home. When they met, Marcel was still grieving, although he tried to cope. I love stories that deals with real life issues that people experience, and their ability to overcome their issues.

This tale of loss, alcoholism, infidelity and triumph makes this a must read.

Nia Forrester says

I'm new to this author's work, having read him for the first time at the beginning of this year. I love his realistic situations and characters, and the fact that he doesn't resort to the gimmick of writing about super-wealthy people leading charmed lives. His protagonists are regular Janes and Joes, who struggle with basic issues like bills, jobs, and family. And beyond that, he goes even deeper, and looks at addiction, infidelity, abuse, and incarceration.

In **Life After**, the issues are big ones. Donna and Marcel are two people who have been *deeply* hurt. (I won't say how, because I want you to read it for yourself!) But while Donna is getting along in her healing process, Marcel is still in the thick of the struggle. And given the nature of his pain, its completely understandable. When they meet, the two have an immediate connection that is mostly physical, but has hints of the possibility of something deeper. And though neither of them is in a place to have a relationship, they embark on one anyway. Donna is more cautious, but Marcel is pretty much all in right away, though he knows that there is a significant obstacle up ahead if they're to get serious.

Keith Thomas Walker took me on the ups and downs of figuring out a relationship while figuring yourself out, and it was a heartrending journey. Once I learned the nature of Marcel's loss, I understood why he was where he was. And as for Donna, I admired her ability to ever take a chance at love after what she went through. As always, the dialogue was realistic, the characters endearing and relatable and the situations completely within the realm of the possible.

What made this book a four-star rather than a five-star read for me was that while I fell in love with the main characters, I wasn't entirely convinced that they had fallen in love with each other. Donna in particular remained ambivalent about Marcel almost the entire way, and when he

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proposed to her, I was actually surprised that she said 'yes' even though I knew I was reading a romance, and it *probably* contained an HEA. The latter part of their journey together felt like it should have been a beginning of a new journey. Because of the secret that Marcel concealed from her, I thought that they were only TRULY beginning to get to know each other around the time they decided to get married. THAT, at least for me, was when the love story had the potential to really BEGIN rather than end. I would have been happier, strangely enough, if there had been no wedding but a commitment to begin to help each other heal and learn about each other with their truths finally out in the open.

But this might be just a minor quibble for most readers, and as always, I highly recommend this author. Sometime this year, I'm quite sure I will have read everything he's ever written.
Nia Forrester

Stacey Williams says

A beautiful story of heartache and redemption. Job well done !!! This was a very good book!!! Great job Keith Walker Thomas!!!

Lynn Morton says

It was just alright,nothing to write home about.....

It was okkkkkkkkk.....Been nicer if it had a little more sizzle to it though . It was a free book,so I read it.

OOSA says

The End Is Sometimes the Beginning

Donna Hodge thought she had a picture-perfect marriage until another woman showed up in that picture. A very pregnant woman.

As a police officer, Marcel Webber swore to protect and serve. Unfortunately, he was not able to protect the one closest to him.

The paths of two wounded souls, dealing with life after tragedy, cross one evening. Is each just what the other needs?

Walker follows Donna and Marcel through their sorrow and triumphs. His writing pulls in readers, forcing them to engage through each of the character's experiences and feel their emotions, both highs and lows.

Since reading this book, I have gone on to read two additional titles by Walker. It's been a long time since I found an author that piqued my interest enough to immediately check out their other books. A very LONG time. I enjoyed them as well. Walker has quickly found a spot on my shelf with relatable characters and entertaining plots.

I was, however, a little taken aback with the presentation of this book. With so many books under his belt, I expected a certain level of quality. I would strongly urge the author to employ and surround himself with qualified professionals to avoid amateurish mistakes that scream self-published (not in a good way) like page numbers and headers on the title, copyright and pages before the story began, a super-sized ISBN bar code, font size of the book's description on the back of the book, and the announcement of the end. Walker certainly has the talent and I'd like to see him reach his full potential.

Reviewed by: Toni
