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Modern-day pirates took more than Jori Virtanen's friends; they stole his face. Not only does the twenty-four-year-old former model have to confront months of reconstructive surgery, he discovers his previous life was as superficial as his looks. Jori struggles to make a new life for himself as an artist while evading the press. They expect a hero, but he knows the truth. His beauty masks a beast.

Olivia Howard's given up a normal life for her job, and the sacrifices are finally paying off. The twenty-six-year-old talk-show host's ratings are heading to the top of the charts. Her dream is to make a difference in people's lives, but the studio wants mind fluff—like interviewing hot model Jori Virtanen. When Olivia learns the guy helped rescue passengers on a cruise excursion from kidnappers, she knows this is the story she needs to make her case. The only problem is the hero was injured, and now he's disappeared.

The more Olivia learns about the man behind the scar, the more intrigued she becomes. But Jori is no girl's happily ever after. Once she finds him, Olivia has to free his heart and help heal the beast.

## **Torn Canvas Details**

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## From Reader Review Torn Canvas for online ebook

### Anna del C. Dye says

Torn Canvas by Donna Weaver is a well-written drama with a hint of romance. It follows the life of a man who is a professional model and how he transforms his life from a gigolo to a respected artist. It all changes for Jeri when he takes a cruise and the once introverted and shallow model is taken aback by the real interest of a group of fellow passengers. He begins to open up and, as he does, pirates assault them. In his desire to help a young woman, he is savagely beaten and his face marked for life. The nightmares take many months to disappear. Then, almost three years later, some of his lost friends from the cruise are encountered and the bad dreams return. In the meantime, Jeri has changed from a lime-light seeker to a hermit from the spotlight and he is having a hard time making ends meet. Things get even harder when he realizes that his steady companion in a online game is none other than Olivia, the pesky reporter and a talk show hostess.

I enjoyed this read and it became hard to put the book down. When I wasn't reading it, I wondered what else would happen to the characters and how it would affect Jeri. It stayed with me for a few days and I enjoyed the feelings it gave me.

It is a clean read and I would recommended to all who like a well-crafted book with drama and a touch of romance.

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### Christy Olesen says

This book was different than any romance I've read before because the majority of the story is in the hero's point of view. I loved getting to know Jori and following him through his trials and triumphs. Hard to put down.

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### Diane says

I received a free copy in exchange for an honest review. This was a great read. Donna K Weaver catches your attention right from the start. Her characters are so lifelike and you get caught up into their stories. You feel for Jori and everything that has happened to him. There is so much going on and you are cheering for Jori and his friends and hoping they can get over their emotional challenges. I liked Olivia's story as well, she is a strong character that also has emotional issues to deal with. I would recommend this series to everyone.

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### Meredith Mansfield says

"Even a hero needs to be rescued sometimes." That perfectly describes this story.

There's been a price for Olivia to reach the top of her profession as a television host. Crazy stalkers, no privacy, no personal life except online, where she can be anonymous. And still there's one interview she can't get--the male model who became a hero when the cruise expedition he was on was attacked by pirates.

Hot model Jori has a deserved reputation as a bad boy when it comes to women. No one knows that his

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behavior is based on a traumatic event in his childhood. That is, until he's adopted almost as a brother by two women on a cruise. Lyn and Elle are the first attractive women in years Jori hasn't tried to get into bed with.

That's the first crack in his armor. Then Jori risks himself to save Elle from pirates. The injury he receives ends his modeling career. Everyone wants to hail him as a hero--including the up-and-coming television host, Olivia. But Jori is still haunted by his past. He still considers himself more beast than hero.

It's going to take one more woman to finally convince Jori that he's worthy of being loved.

This story is even better than the first (A Change of Plans). And that's saying a lot. I honestly love this one.

I received an advance copy of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Lucinda says**

Between 3 1/2 and 4.

I've been following this series, Safe Harbors, and was excited to see #2 come out (with a novella in between). A lot of the story is concurrent with the timeline of A Change of Plans, and I definitely recommend you read that one first in order to understand the characters and their stories (and read the novella Hope's Watch while you're at it).

In a way, this is a story of second chances. Jori has a troubled past that affects his relationships with others, especially with women. He makes new friends on the fated cruise trip, and these new friendships help him grow and understand how he can change, how he doesn't have to live with the past, or whom he used to be. We see him progress from a jaded man into one who values others, and eventually, himself.

When Olivia comes into his life he doesn't trust her. The relationship between Jori and Olivia is one that grows slowly into friendship, as unlikely as it seems in the beginning. Olivia is a strong character, and one who learns to understand Jori.

The settings are expertly done, and the characters come to life through the dialogue, which is natural and very well done. It was great to see the whole cast of characters in some scenes, and catch up with them to have the whole vision. All in all, a very satisfying read and a great installment in this series.

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### **Lisa says**

Okay, so I read these in reverse order. Which really was okay. I fell in LOVE with Jori! I had to warm up to Olivia, but found her to be endearing as well. I am so glad I finally read this awesome novel! Go Donna!

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### **Pennie Morgan says**

Olivia was tired of the fluff pieces her producers was handing her and she wanted something more and she found it though it was not what she was expecting. Jori has been through a devastating injury that left lasting

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scars both on the outside and the inside. This was a totally believable story that weaves us through friendships, loss, survival, pain, joy, redemption, and love. I had a wonderful time reading this and recommend.

I did not read the first book in the series and so deem this a standalone.

**\*\*Received this ARC for review\*\***

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### **Donna Weaver says**

Totally biased here, I know. But I loved Jori's character. I hope I did him justice.

Merged review:

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### **R.M. Alexander says**

Torn Canvas was the first book of Donna Weaver's that I've read, and I will most certainly be reading more.

Olivia lives the life I dreamed of when I was younger - well, almost. As a television host, she has notoriety and success. But also stalkers and a lack of a personal remedied only by an anonymous online persona she escapes to as often as possible. She's tired of the same ol' routine, and more tired of interviewing the dull self-centered celebrities management keeps pushing her way. At first glance of his photo, she guesses the handsome face is just like all the others. Until she learns he was a hero in a pirate takeover of a cruise ship. And he won't walk to her.

Jori is handsome and successful, and the kind of guy every woman who searching for true love dreads. A consummate ladies' man, Jori doesn't take any relationship seriously, and allows a painful past define who he is. But after the pirates leave his face scarred, Jori needs to find himself again. He can no longer model, and he also finds himself caring about a couple women who he hasn't led to the bed.

Both Olivia and Jori need to get past themselves to open their hearts to the possibility of love. This romance has mystery and adventure, and is a wonderful. It is the second book in a series, but I can honestly say, not having read the first one, that didn't take away from how much I enjoyed the story. It's a complete story all by itself.

My rating: 5 Stars. Wonderful Story Ms. Weaver!!!

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### **Lis Carey says**

This is a fascinating look at a man with a painful past--both recent past and further past.

Jori Virtanen, twenty-four-year-old model, has had a life-changing experience: While on a cruise with new friends, he and those friends are captured by pirates. Jori, used to being the handsome, superficial model

making no commitments, is a leader in overcoming the pirates.

In the process, his perfect face is slashed open, and he faces months of reconstructive surgery with no expectation that he can ever return to modeling. He needs to set a new course in life. What he decides to do is pursue the art that has been relegated to hobby status in the interest of making money from his own looks.

Jori has set out on a journey of self-discovery and reinvention. In the process, he has to confront both the painful experiences that led him to live his home in Finland at eighteen, and his own shallow, manipulative behavior since then.

Weaver makes it easy for us to connect with Jori and root for him, as well as many of the people around him—his friends and fellow survivors from the cruise; Anna Knosp, who rents him an apartment and lets him study art created by her famous late father; Olivia Howard, the talk show host who is fascinated by Jori not just because of his recent heroism, but also because of an old incident Jori thinks no one knows about.

I got to really know and care about these characters.

Recommended.

I received a free electronic copy of this book, and am reviewing it voluntarily.

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## **MaryRhonda says**

### **Great story.**

I just loved this story. Watching Jori grow not only in his art, but also in how he treats others and allows them to become family was amazing. His journey was not easy but then again no one's journey has been easy in the Safe Harbors series. A great continuation of a wonderful series.

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## **Laurie says**

Donna K. Weaver's "Torn Canvas"

Great, complex characters, and tension-driving story elements, make author Donna K. Weaver's "Torn Canvas" a sweeping novel readers can get lost in. Olivia Howard, a media celebrity, overcame a challenging past to get where she is, and she now wants to use her platform to present stories with substance. But what have her producers assigned her? A fluff piece about up and coming models—frivolous lightweights. Especially the blonde, Finnish-born Juri Virtanen, a Viking-handsome adonis with a reputation for using his cover model looks to lure women. Lots of women.

But after studying Juri's headshot, Olivia senses a vulnerability in his eyes, a theory that is strengthened when she gets a tip that Juri risked his own life to pull a mother and child from a car in the path of an oncoming train. Juri becomes the story she most wants to tell.

Juri's self-loathing has its roots in his dark past, leaving him a calloused rogue unable to build relationships. His conscience gets stirred when a group of cruise ship friends, real people, adopt him into their loving circle. When the group goes off on an excursion, pirates take over their catamaran, kidnapping some, and

killing others. In the ensuing battle to overpower one of the captors, Juri's face, the source of his career and infamy, is badly damaged.

The catastrophic experience tears lives apart, cements friendships, and places an interview with Juri at the top of Olivia Howard's must-do list. The support his new friends offer him rips a crack in Juri's cold heart, allowing personal healing and growth to occur at time when his professional life is in tatters.

"Torn Canvas" explores what matters. It's a great story of the power of friendship, and how kindness and love can give a person the courage to rebuild a life from the tatters of the past.

Available on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/Torn-Canvas-Sa...>

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### **Donna Weaver says**

I finished listening to the audiobook. As the author, we have information in our heads about how dialogue goes or characters speak. Tristan Hunt captured this so well. If anyone ever wondered what they sound like to me, listen to the audiobook. :)

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### **Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says**

**\*\*3.5 stars\*\***

Jori is a man who has had a life-altering event. He was scarred while protecting a friend. The pirates were unsuccessful in taking the women, they did however take away his career as a model.

I read the first book, A Change of Plans, a long time ago. I didn't remember many of the details other than the ending. This book is a companion book, it follows a parallel time frame. It took me a while to feel like I was caught up to fully appreciate this story and the fundamental changes in Jori's character.

This book has romance that is not the central focus of the book. Most of the romance is through email. The characters are attracted to each other, but for different reasons are afraid to act upon their feelings. For me the focus was on overcoming abuse. There isn't great detail about the abuse, it happened several years before the events of this book. It is about the characters learning to come to terms with their past and breaking the cycle. I felt this was done in a sensitive manner.

This book does have innuendo, violence, and references to abuse.

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### **Kristina Hill says**

I really enjoyed listening to this book! Jori was intriguing in "A Change of Plans" but it was fun seeing things from his perspective. At first it was a little confusing as the narrator switched between viewpoints without a large difference in how he read them, but after you realize there are two viewpoints you can just listen and enjoy without confusion.

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