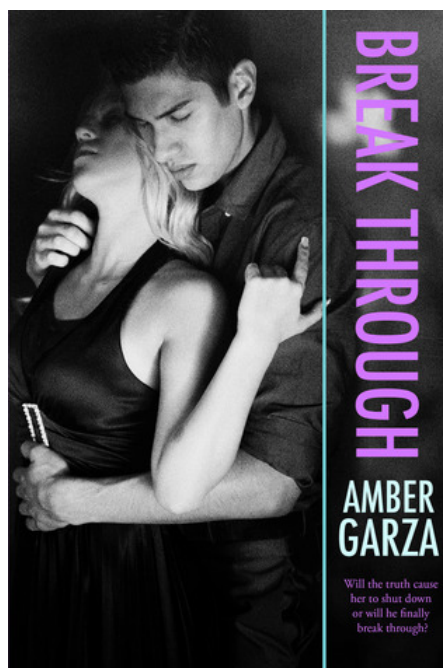




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At the age of eight, Aspen Fairchild is kidnapped. Taken hostage by a man she trusts. Five years later she escapes, vowing never to trust another man. Now she's an adult and she's kept the promise she made to herself as a child, keeping men at a distance.

Carter Johnston is talented and charming. A photographer well known for his ability to capture the true essence of his subjects. When Carter is assigned to photograph Aspen for an article in a prominent magazine, the connection between them is undeniable.

Aspen is drawn to Carter's charm and artistic ability. As they grow closer, the walls Aspen has built around her heart for years begin to crumble. Until she finds a photograph in Carter's house which catapults her back to her time in captivity. A photograph Carter shouldn't have.

Will the truth cause her to shut down or will he finally break through?

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TheBookLion says

Can you say, Roller-coaster of emotions here

Man, that was something to read. I never read a book like that, I read about characters having difficult past, shitty parents etc but never had the main character gone through a kidnapping and reading how she's still in that world, reliving it and making sure she's not imprisoned anymore. I don't know if it was good that she avoided confrontation from everyone, being kidnapped for years then getting back to the society You'd hope that the therapist would push her to socialize. But we see how her parents are too, very protective.

The whole situation is understandable really, Aspen still has that innocence in her and even if she did grow up she still throw tantrums and avoid talking at all. It was a bit frustrating because she's 23 and would not stand on her feet after all those years been free.

I guess she needed some motivation huh! *Grins* Which came in the image of Carter, good-looking and heart warming Carter. I was in awe with such a character and always suspicious because of Aspen's doubt on everything. I guess it made me paranoid too, it happens when you're so engrossed in a book.

I love the flow of the plot, there was not a lot retrospection about the kidnapping time, which fit the genre of this story and that Aspen is learning to be normal again. I love that the author did not dwell on past details, or make Aspen whiny, everything was clear, simple and straight to the point that its almost real. You think of all victims of kidnapping. Awful!

And damn I did not see that twist at the end, She kept talking about Eve but WOW, I really thought Eve was Carter's sister. It made sense though, if she was, he would have definitely ask about Eve with Aspen like 'did my sister suffer a lot?' question, you expect that. And also, why would Carter be in Red Blossom if Eve was indeed his sister, is he stalking Aspen? But that reveal, the truth. It was bitter but its the truth and that's what was needed to help Aspen to heal, to let go.

She was not a coward, she was a victim and now a survivor. It was a very beautiful story.
I think I can let my breath out now.

Gemma Weir says

Check out more of my reviews on my blog www.gemmareadstoomuchforittomenormal...

Break Through is a standalone novel by an author I love; I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review so here goes...

OMG I wasn't expecting that.

I've read quite a few of Amber Garza's books and I would have said that she writes light, summery romances.

Well no more!!! I recently read Break Free and I loved the grit and darkness to it here's a link to my review.

Well Break Through takes the darkness to another level. This is a harrowing story about a women trying to come to terms with being kidnapped as a child and held hostage for five years.

This story drew me in on so many levels; I simply could not put it down.

Aspens character is naive and has a youthful innocence that is completely engaging. Hidden behind the child like behaviour is a young women so scarred by a traumatic experience that she barely functions in normal day to day life.

This book felt so incredibly real to me it could have been non-fiction. Aspens flashbacks had me on the verge of tears every time.

I wanted to go and check on my kids the moment I finished this book, as a parent your child being taken from you is the most terrifying thought. This book had the hairs standing up on the back of my neck!!

I loved Carter he was her knight in shining armour and I fell completely in love with him.

I feel like I have been tense the entire time I read this book, it honestly really had an effect on me.

Who Eve was came as a complete shock to me and managed to make me just feel complete devastation for Aspen and the horrors she suffered.

I loved this book, I didn't particularly like it. But I loved it, I feel moved and haunted, I'm not quite sure what it did to me but anything that can stir this strong a reaction in me deserves 5 stars.

Devina says

Loved it!!!

Ana Ramírez says

Esperaba algo bastante diferente de este libro. Me sorprendió bastante, causa demasiadas emociones, y sobre todo juega con la mente. Eso me encanta, sin embargo siento que hubieron cosas que no estaban muy consolidadas, o solo son dudas que me quedaron a mí, no lo se...

Carter, es un personaje demasiado dulce, paciente, encantador. Aspen, es una niña atrapada, que lucha hasta el final por su libertad, pero al final vemos como va realmente avanzando hacia eso.

Un emocionante y dulce final.

Mis recuerdos ya no me mantenían cautiva. Me había convertido en ese cometa que siempre había soñado, viva y libre.

Aydrea says

Another great one by Garza, very tough subject. I loved seeing Aspen grow & move on with her life. Of course I loved Carter, he was amazingly sweet & adorable. All I can say is that I love Garza's male characters; they are the type of guy you should want; a gentleman.

Rincón de Lectura says

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-Esta escritora me ha dejado gratamente impresionada por el giro de la historia. Me tuvo en vilo toda la semana con ganas de saber más, aunque a ratos Aspen me saco de quicio.

-La historia me pareció hermosa, inesperada. . .Te deja sin palabras, mientras vas leyendo vas sacando conclusiones, y a medida que vas avanzando te vas dando cuenta de lo erróneas que son . . .es de esas lecturas que no son para nada predecibles, no te esperas nada de lo que te da .

-Aunque hay muchas lagunas, partes en las que pudo haber escrito algo más, es un buen libro. Aspen en serio que a veces me desesperó, pero igual era entendible por lo que pasó. Carter en realidad fue honesto, paciente, romántico y amable con Aspen y eso la ayudó a poder decir lo que a nadie había dicho.

-Me encantó este libro, nunca esperé lo que vine a encontrar y es emocionante, y aunque también me parece que hubieron cosas que estaban muy consolidadas, disfruté mucho el libro.

-En general es una historia muy buena, linda aunque en ocasiones desesperante, para nada predecible por más que lo parezca.

-Bueno fue una historia interesante, Aspen pasó por muchas situaciones difíciles, y a pesar de pasar 10 años desde el suceso, ella estaba como en prisión en su propia casa, y luego viene Carter y la ayuda, le tiene una paciencia increíble, le enseña a como confiar en las personas y le da todo su apoyo.

-Me sorprendió mucho esta lectura lo cual se noto cuando me adelante en la lectura, me gusto la lectura y al final Aspen pudo ver las cosas claras como realmente fueron para poder dejarlas atrás, y Carter fue el mejor el realmente la amo y le ayudar a seguir con su vida y no dejar que Kurt le robara más De lo que perdió cuando él la secuestro.

Kim Walker says

Review to come! Great read!

Raquel Auriemma says

A beautiful story about a subject which most of us wish was never a story at all.

Laura says

I liked this book, but I would have liked it a lot more if they wouldn't have kinda glossed over her issues at the end. I mean that's a pretty serious revelation people, it's gonna eff you up. Anyway, totally worth reading.

Sara says

Te deja sin palabras, mientras vas leyendo vas sacando conclusiones, y a medida que vas avanzando te vas dando cuenta de lo erróneas que son...La recomiendo, es de esas lecturas que no son para nada predecibles, no te esperas nada de lo que te da... Y como dije en un comienzo te deja sin palabras.

Nina Juarez says

I loved this book! It wasn't cliché at all. It had a twist I didn't see coming! It was great!

Secretly Adorkable Readers says

"He didn't look at me with crude fascination like the reporter had. No, he almost seemed to look right through me as if I was a window and what he wanted was to be outside enjoying the sunshine."

This book was a whole lot more than what I expected. I loved Break Free and I couldn't wait for the 2nd book. This is a standalone and has nothing to do with the first story. This is about a kidnapping of a young girl who was held captive from not a stranger but a family friend, so they thought at the time. Aspen Fairchild was kidnapped when she was 7 but wasn't able to break free till 5 years later.

The story takes place 15 years after her kidnapping in a small town called Red Blossom. She has an interview for a magazine called "National View" of her true story but also meets a professional photographer Carter Johnston. Aspen feels very uncomfortable about telling her story to Neil so Carter is able to take over to do the full story with him instead.

This story took me to places unexpectedly. It is full of suspense, emotional twists, and the awakening of a beautiful breathtaking break through.

"The scared little girl that fought to come out all the time was tucked away tight. With Carter's eyes on mine, I truly felt like a woman."

Angelic says

i expect this to be a heavy and dramatic book..

but it's just a light read..i really enjoyed it!

Dona Myftari says

Well O...M...G, that was some twist.... So did not see that coming!

Rita Webb says

Beautiful story! Loved it.
