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My story started out cliché: good girl falls for bad boy. One wrong move changed all that; turns out the good girl doesn't save the bad boy. My story goes from cliché to risque to mind blowing. My story is different from all the others because the events of my story led me to one thing...my objective.

Remembering him comes in dreams and flashbacks that I can't control. I tell myself it's time to let go...but moving on from him is impossible when I still see our lives in my head.

When you kill your soul mate you don't ever really recover.

A year of trying to forget, or rather move past it, has taught me that you can't. It's an impossibility to move on from that kind of horrific form of betrayal. If you're too selfish or scared for suicide like me, you learn to wake up every morning and follow routine. One foot in front of the other, day after day.

Hollow. Lifeless. Haunted. Loving him was like the sun on a summer day. Living without him is like slowly burning to death. Torture.

A Bloodlines Novel.

Note: While Tug of War is the 1st in the Bloodlines books, each book can be read as a standalone book.

Objective Details

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Tara says

Wow... Just when I thought K. Larsen couldn't get any better – she does! Massively!

I had the fantastic opportunity to BETA read Objective, and I have to say the whole story just blew me away!

I was constantly on the edge of my seat! Full of tension, suspense and twists and turns, I seriously could not read quick enough!

Yet again Ms Larsen has brought to life characters that you just can't help but fall in love with! Be it Mags with her brave, hard act, full of sass and fun, or her male leads and amazing circle of friends! All of them bringing something equally brilliant to the story!

As we've come to love from a K.Larsen novel, Objective is H.O.T! Like, totally scorching, hose me down, I need a stiff... drink! But it's not just about sex. Not even close.

It's dark and it's twisted. Objective is not just a love story. It is way more than that!

Objective made me smile, laugh and cry...LOTS! It is a fantastic, original story. And I honestly think it has something for everyone to enjoy! The moments of suspense and mystery, the HOT sex, the danger, the laughs, it all came together perfectly.

Maria says

Review Under BookJunkyGirls

Marie says

OMG! K. Larsen kept me on the edge of my seat throughout Objective. The 2nd book in the Bloodlines series, it was beyond a doubt all that I was hoping for and more.

Story starts out as your age old good girl falls for bad boy love story. But boy does it change. At first Cypress was the type of girl that would get on my nerves, but shooting the love of her life, her soul mate, in the chest has a way of changing a person.

On the run, Magnolia, formally known as Cypress, is besieged by guilt and pain and torment. She shot and killed her other half, her lifeline, how could she go on. Cane, the only man she will ever love is gone, and his uncle, who she was aiming for, is walking free, the criminal he is, and has his goons on the hunt for her.

Finally setting up a home of sorts for herself, she settles in to drown out her pain with a bottle of bourbon. Her sister Aster, even though far away, manages to get Magnolia out of the the downward spiral, with the help of Penny and Brock, and Bentley. Now working, and pushing forward, she has set a goal for herself. Revenge.

She finally starts opening herself up to closer relationships with her friends, when her world is turned upside down, terrifyingly so. The time has come for Magnolia to get what she has been working towards for almost 2 years, but with the unexpected, changes need to be made.

Till the end of this book, I had no idea how it was going to go, and I just need to say it again, OMG!! Totally not what I was expecting. I so loved how she added in bits and pieces from her first book, Tug of War, tied the 2 together, and I like the connection. But both stories can be read on their own. This story deserve 5 stars, if not more, and I cant wait to get my hands on the next book by Ms. Larsen.

~Marie O, review based on a free ARC received for an honest review on behalf of This Redhead LOVES Books Blog~

Book Junky Girls says

One event caused her to run, from everything and everyone she ever knew and loved. One year later and she's barely starting to live again, but in an instant everything she thought she knew changes. This story shows the events that led Mags to where she is now and the people behind why she is there.

Mags is a very strong alpha female transformed by circumstances from who she used to be. She might not be surviving perfectly the way people would expect but she's doing the best she can all things considered. Living in a no name town working as a waitress surviving day by day. Living on booze and wollowing in silence each day she remembers the good times with Cain and the horror that brought her to the now.

As you read and get into the story you feel her pain and loneliness and are right there with her in her memories. I loved the way you were involved in the story and how you see Mags' progression from happy to sad and trying to be happy again. Great read can't wait to see more of the Bloodlines series.

Emma Corcoran says

On the recommendation of a good friend, I was first introduced to author K. Larsen's work when I read 30 Days, then Committed and then Tug of War. As you can see, I was immediately hooked on her writing, not to mention bewitched by her stunning cover artwork!

In Objective, Magnolia is running from her past. Put in a fight or flight situation, she did something truly awful, and is now literally running for her life.

Larsen is a skilled writer. Just when you think you know where she's going with the story-line, BOOM... you're brought in a different direction. This is a dark, gripping story with plenty of surprising twists and turns and it kept me on the edge of my seat throughout.

Larsen's characters are well written and just plain awesome. Magnolia is a tough nut to crack, but has to be hard as nails to survive. Sawyer, quiet, brooding and practically omnipresent, is swoon-worthy.

The delicate link to Tug Of War hints at what the future holds for future books (I hope!)

I am not the type of reviewer that gives away the plot or spoilers. My sole objective (pun intended!) with this

review is to get you to read this book, in fact, this entire series!
Seriously - GO! Now! 1-click!!!

Hooked On Books says

Dark, Twisted, Sexy and Suspenseful are the four words I would use to describe this book. Objective is part of a series but it was easy for me to read as a stand alone since I didn't read the first book. There are so many twist and turns in this book you don't know how it's going to end. If you love a book that is not only sexy but keeps you on the edge of your seat you will love Objective.

For the Love of Books says

5 Stars. K.Larsen is one of my top favorite authors so anything that she has come out I read and I am never disappointed. Magnolia/Cypress has done something she will have to live with for the rest of her life something that will replay over and over.

She is on the run and finds her self in a small town where no one will notice her or so she thought when Bentley her neighbor tries to talk to her she cuts him off but he is persistent on being a part of her life. This book threw me for a major turn just when you think you know whats gonna happen everything changes. As each word I read my emotions for each character became stronger I couldn't wait to see what would happen next as I read each page it had me sad, pissed and just screaming hell yea. K. Larsen has a way of drawing you in to each world and feeling the emotions of each character and feeling a part of each page of her books. I loved Objective and am gonna die more and more each day till I get some more of K.Larsen's words to read. This is definitely one of my top reads of 2014 if I could rate it a 10 I would .

~Raquel~

Jamie says

This is my favorite K Larsen book so far. It's a dark story with twists that you never see coming. Cypress/Magnolia is a very strong and determined woman. Life has just dealt her a very shitty hand and she doing whatever she can to survive. This book sucks you in from the very first chapter and takes you on one hell of a ride. I can't wait to see what the author has for us next.

Sarah - Books to Breathe says

My soul is a hurricane, but everything is fine when you're standing in the eye of it. I just can't seem to find the eye and stay in it.

Back in the fall I was given the opportunity, while guest blogging on another site, to review an upcoming book for an author I hadn't heard of. As I stated in that review, I wasn't sure going into it, what to expect. At first glance, I wasn't completely hooked by the blurb. But that, combined with the unique book cover, left me diving in head first. And let me tell you; when you let go and fall willingly down the rabbit hole, what a phenomenal ride it is! Tug of War BLEW me out of the water and squashed any doubts I had. Larsen had hooked me for life! Fast forward a few months and during one of my many daily parousings through

Goodreads, I happened to notice that Tug of War was now part of a series. Say what?! I read the blurbs. I devoured each and every word, and I ran to Facebook to see what other information I could gather. Finally, the day arrived and Objective appeared on my Kindle. And thus the journey began again...

“Mags, there are two types of tragedies in life. One is not getting what you want, the other is getting it.”

Where as the first book was solely about the main character and her family dynamic, this book revolved around mystery and intrigue. There weren't very many love scenes, but I found I was so entranced with the storyline that I didn't even miss them. We begin the book with a flash forward prologue. Right out of the gate we know that someone is stalking our main character, Magnolia (Mags). So for the remainder of the book you are filled with a sense of dread and inevitability. As we are brought back to the present, we learn that Mags is running for her life. After experiencing something so traumatic that she has no other choice but to flee, Mags is looking for somewhere to lie low, all while constantly looking over her shoulder. Through circumstances beyond her control, she believes she took a life. Not only a life, but the love of HER life.

It's now that I realize no one can be saved. This game is going to end badly for everyone, and I'm okay with that.

Through flashbacks, we are made privy to how Magnolia and Cane's relationship began. On the surface it appeared as if the previously sheltered young girl fell in love with the quintessential bad boy. But the thing about preconceived notions is that they almost always are deceiving. This was never truer than in Objective. Cane was a victim of circumstance and desperately wanted better for his life. Once he met Mags, his road to redemption was never clearer. Experiencing the love between these two, though brief, made it that much harder when we were thrust back into present time.

In the present, Mags tries to numb her pain through avoidance and alcohol. Isolated from everyone, those who do try to break through her barriers are met with strong resistance. Every thought, every emotion, ever fall, I felt them all. As she sunk into a pit of despair, I was right alongside her. This story was so beautifully written, I simply didn't want it to end. It was raw and gritty and full of angst; the perfect storm for my reign of bliss. I ate it all up and came back begging for more.

The way that Larsen wove this tale through flashbacks and present time flowed effortlessly until the two timelines finally merged. And when they meet, the shit really hits the fan! For the remainder of the book I bounced from hope, to fear, to hopelessness, to anger, to grief and back around the carousel again. I was on a rollercoaster of emotions, enjoying a ride I never wanted to end. I freefell into the depths of despair, dreading the outcome. When everything eventually comes to a head, as all stories must do at some point, the action is non-stop and I found myself flipping back pages more than once to read it again. Not because I was lost mind you, but because they story was SO good I immediately had to re-read a few parts. I literally lay in bed until three a.m. finishing this book, knowing I would have to get up for work in three hours. It didn't matter; I HAD to know how it ended.

Regret is a nasty thing. It breeds and feeds on your soul, breaking you down like compost until you're nothing but dirt.

Though Objective only barely correlates with Tug of War, it was clearly setting the stage for the next book. How that all ties in, well, you will just have to wait and see. One thing is for certain: Larsen gives good words. She opens up her chest and allows you into her soul. And for those perfect few hours, you are wrapped in a cocoon of another world, one in which you know you'll emerge from changed.

Courtney Stephens says

I give this book 4 stars.

First off I was not aware that this was a second book in a series and didn't find out until after I finished it. With that said I really enjoyed the book.

The book held my interest throughout it. I enjoyed the story and characters were awesome. I love that it was a suspense/love story and was different from what I usually read. It kept me on my toes and wanting more and more. A very well written story with hot characters and many twists and turns that one don't expect.

Jesey ~ Schmexy Girl~ says

Objective is the second book in the Bloodlines series by K. Larsen and can be read as a stand alone. Although, you know me, I like to start from the beginning, it gives you a better sense of certain situations.

This story is about Cypress and Magnolia, two names, one person. Cypress flees her life as she knows it, believing things that may or may not be true. She starts over and becomes Magnolia.

"This is the last time I will show weakness. This is the last time I will cry."

As she begins her new life she is a shadow of the girl she once was. She needs to learn to adapt and be prepared. Magnolia tries to forget her past and move on yet she is haunted by dreams and flashbacks of her former life with her soul mate Cane.

"Every touch, every word that came from Cane set my soul on fire. I felt like he was my missing puzzle piece."

Magnolia drinks to escape. She doesn't let anyone in, no one is allowed to touch her, she secludes herself from everything. Her world is a mess as she waits for the unexpected.

"My soul is a hurricane, but everything is fine when you're standing in the eye of it. I just can't seem to find the eye and stay in it."

She is strong, fighting her demons anyway she can. When she is weak, her poison of choice, is bourbon. Hiding in her fortress of a trailer is where she finds her peace. Magnolia knows that she needs to move on.

"I'm going to prove to myself that I can face my shame, guilt, and fear."

Enter....Bentley. He is her neighbor yet they barely speak. They form this "friendship" over the course of time but it turns to more. Magnolia is still in love with Cane, she can't just forget him...can she?

Her world comes tumbling down on her in the blink of an eye.

"Fine. Life. The truth is, life is hard. Life hurts. It's a complete shit show."

She struggles to figure her life out. What is real, what is the truth, who can she trust. Magnolia wants to find happiness.

"I want to believe that we can still find a happily ever after but it seems so farfetched."

There is only one way for her to do this...

"Adapt or die Mags."

Objective will have you on the edge of your seat, wanting to take a shot of bourbon right along with Magnolia. You will think you know what's going on and you will be shocked at the twists and turns this story will take you on! Don't miss out on this!!

R.L. Griffin says

So sometimes when I'm asked to beta read I don't because I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, but holy mother of shit I'm glad I said yes to this book. I loved this book. I love books that are dark and unpredictable and have all sorts of layers. I love books with strong messed up females and hot messed up men. I love that I had no idea where this book was going. I've read it once and I'm reading it again right now, so I may change my review later, but this book has everything I love in a book and more. I think this will definitely be a must read. K. Larsen has hit it out of the park with this little twisted story of Magnolia/Cypress.

I cannot wait to read it for a third time in the final form because it's that amazing.

Review

K. Larsen rocked my world with this book. I loved the grittiness of the characters, the emotion that dripped off the page, it was unsettling and superbly written. I don't like to know how things will work out, this book didn't disappoint me at all. I was drawn into this world of lies, secrets and revenge. I loved every fucking word.

I think this is K. Larsen's best book yet and that is saying something. Do yourself a favor and check it out. NOW!

Marisa Shor says

Objective. Myyyy godddd. This book is everything I love wrapped up in one amazing little package. If you've been following me for a while, you know my biggest weakness is crime and mystery with a twist, combined with a little bit of romance. Objective NAILED that. It's got suspense, mystery, and some super crazy CRAZY twists. It was one of the hardest books to put down that I've read in a LONG time.

"If I drink enough, I pass out. If I pass out, there's a fifty-fifty chance I'm unable to dream. If I'm unable to dream, I don't have to wake up daily with the weight of the guilt."

So there's not a lot about the actual book that I can write without giving major plot points away, but I will say this. It's about a girl, Magnolia, running from one hell of a messed up situation. It's watching a girl go from a pretty normal life, to a life on the run, watching her back during every move.

It's about a guy, who was born into a situation that he couldn't easily get out of.

It's about a new group of friends, who have their own secrets, that we meet along the way.

"This game is going to end badly for everyone, and I'm okay with that."

I immediately felt connected to the characters in this story. Magnolia draws you in and makes you curious about her from the second she is introduced. I wanted more of her as soon as I heard the first bit of her story, and I got it. Along the course of the book, you start questioning everyone, and their intentions. How they all got to where they are, what their actual motives are.

This isn't a happy little love story. This is a story about survival. A book about doing what you have to do to move on and live, while creating an entirely new life. But everyone knows, that eventually your past will catch up with you, and things will all come crashing down around you. Not to mention, this IS a Bloodlines Series Novel, and if you've read "Tug Of War" you know that the Happily Ever After is always a little bit bittersweet. Everything may end up in a good place, but there's still that teeny bit of sadness to it. Why? Because it's real. And not everything can end up like a fairytale.

Objective can absolutely be read as a standalone. Although it does have ties to Tug Of War, it is about new characters that are introduced. The next book in the series, Resistance, will combine the characters of Tug Of War and Objective. So if you've read Tug Of War, read Objective, and read it NOW. If you haven't read Tug Of War, you should read it anyway, but it isn't essential to read Tug Of War before Objective.

Favorite Quote:

"What do you see?" I grind out, holding both her palms on the counter so she can't move.

"A mess," she whispers.

"I see beauty. Try again. What do you see?"

Booky Ramblings says

Wow. What a storyline . . .

The plot thickens. This is not a smooth ride. Bumps lace the road. Objective is not a hearts and flowers book. Magnolia is running from her past. A past bloodied and buried in brutal memories. What starts out as a sweet high school romance gets twisted up in a dirty mess. Magnolia and Cane should have lived out their romance as purely as it begun but that wasn't the case. Brutal reality hits hard and tragedy tears them apart.

Alone and grieving, with only the road as her companion, Magnolia seeks a safe haven far from her roots. Scared to let anyone in, in fear of getting them caught up in her twisted life. A change is necessary. In drastic times, drastic changes are needed. Adapt or die.

All I wanted for her was for her to find a peaceful place. To build a relationship with someone new and let go of her painful past. That is not the case. As I said, this is not a sappy story. Besides the gut-wrenching flashbacks that we share. The sadness of her perfect life as it once was.

Full of surprises, this book will keep you guessing. Objective is a dark story that will leave you feeling

empty, scared and unsettled for the main character. It connects with the reader.

If you want something different then give Objective a go.

Danielle from Short and Sassy says

Objective is one story that will leave you biting your nails and sitting on the edge of your seat while reading this book. I promise once you start reading it you will not want to put it down.

The story centers around Magnolia (who used to be known as Cypress). She is on the run. She shot someone who was very important, both in her life and someone who was very important in the whole different type of world. Magnolia wasn't trying to kill the love of her life. Her aim was off and the man she wanted to kill (Cane's uncle) was saved. Cane, the love of her life was dead (or is he??) . She doesn't know what to do. Not only is she lost, but she has now killed the only person who could save her from this giant mess.

Magnolia is on the run for a while and then settles down where she thinks no one will find her. She knows she has to change everything about her so that no one will find her. Her life is in danger. She needs to do whatever it takes to survive. This poor girl is alone, scared and grieving all by herself. She has her sister, but stays a distance from her in fear for her safety.

Just when she gets back somewhat of a life, the whole plot changes again. I don't want to write too much and give the story away. This is of those books that if you tell something, you will ruin the whole plot. As a reader, I never know what is going to come next.

Let's just say that if you start this book, clear a whole bunch of time. You will not want to put it down, because you will be thinking about it the whole time you are not reading it.

I loved K. Laresen's books. Each one seems better than the last.
