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Dare To Kiss (The Maxwell Series Book 1)



Synopsis

"...an emotional roller coaster...loved every moment." ~Angelle (NetGalley Reviewer)"...a heart-melting, swoon-worthy, emotional read that leaves you aching for the next book by this author." ~Cara Nicole (NetGalley Reviewer)FIRST SHE PULLS A GUN ON HIM. THEN SHE SLUGS HIM. IT'S THE BEGINNING OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP...The worst thing that could happen to anyone has happened to 17-year-old Lacey Robinson--she found the murdered bodies of her mother and sister. Now she and her dad have moved across the country to start over in a new town, Ashford, Massachusetts, where Lacey has three dreams: to conquer her debilitating PTSD, to play good enough high school baseball to get a scholarship, and to stay alive. Because evidently somebody doesn't like her family.She's so not the "popular girl" type--at least not with the popular girls. But she makes male friends easily. Just not with sexy, moody Kade Maxwell, whom she distrusts on sight. And yet...she's drawn to him both as a person--a mysterious, yet kind person--and in a blind visceral way she's never known before, not with her last boy friend, not with the array of handsome teammates flocking around her, not even with hot quarterback Tyler, whose friendship with her has the cheerleaders sharpening their claws.Once Kade gets over the gun and the shiner (just a misunderstanding!), he doesn't want to let Lacey out of his sight. Because Kade has his own dark past. He and Lacey sense in each other that they've both experienced something too horrible to mention--and yet, each guards his or her own private tragedy like a state secret. Until their carefully constructed walls start to crumble. And then the mutual sparks ignite, creating a bonfire of love, hope, and passion.But love may not be enough--Lacey has enemies not only in her old hometown, but also in Ashford. She can't forget that the last girl who played varsity baseball in her new school was killed, supposedly in an accident. And that the same team members who harassed and bullied her are now mounting an attack against the new pitcher in town--none other than Lacey herself. She and Kade--and his triplet brothers--must fight their way not only through past tragedy and PTSD, but also through these very real current threats before they can forge a future together.Happily for readers, just when you think things are going to quiet down, the story takes an unexpected and suspenseful turn. Author Alexander does a masterful job of juggling both the fiery love story and the tense suspense in this powerful new adult romance, intended for audiences 17 and older. Because Lacey and Kade's passion is limited neither to hot kisses nor steamy makeout sessions. Lacey wants Kade like a woman! And he's just the man to take her to heights of rapture she's only imagined.Even those who prefer romance to baseball will have to admit Alexander has hit a home run on her first swing. A final note: Each Maxwell brother is hotter than the last!A story of love and tragedy! Grab

your copy today!"A 5 star review. This book was perfect!! I absolutely loved the storyline. There's a bunch of heart swelling and blood pumping moments. This is definitely one of those books where you get the "this is an awesome book tingles" while reading it. I will say that I would recommend this book to anyone. It's extremely awesome." ~Tattered Book Blog"Catching Jordan meets Fallen Crest High... in the best possible way." ~Sammichelle (NetGalley Reviewer) "The Maxwell boys are amazing. There are four of them. All are hot as hell and incredibly protective of Lacey, and I love that group family feel." ~Gemma Reads Too Much For It To Me Normal Blog.

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Customer Reviews

This was a really great and moving story. Lacey Robinson and her father move all the way across the country for her senior year of high school. After the tragedy of her mother and sister being killed and her finding the bodies, she has PTSD, has nightmares, and panic attacks. While practicing on the field her pitching with her first friend in town, she runs into Kade Maxwell and their first meeting is incredibly memorable. Lacey has her father and her older brother that are the remaining members of her family. Rob, her brother, is still in LA running their father's nightclub. He had a chance at a major baseball career but the death of members of his family changed all that. Their father has started a new club in Cambridge and has been working hard to get it going but also keeps himself

busy because of his loss. He's somewhat of an absent father. Lacey has dreamed for playing on a boys baseball team and to be one of the women on a college boys' baseball team. She's an awesome and amazing pitcher. She used to be even better but after the tragedy, she stopped playing baseball for a year and her PTSD causes her some problems when she is stressed. She doesn't feel that she can have a relationship when all her energy needs to be for baseball and her last boyfriend ended up being gay and left her for her best friend. The boys baseball team at her new school hasn't had a girl on their team in a couple of years since something horrible happened to a girl from the team. There are a couple of guys that set out to hurt Lacey and stop her from being on the team. Kade is an older brother to 3 triplets - Kody, Kross, and Kelton. They were sent to an academy after an incident in their freshman year and now they are back for their last year (and since they tested out of junior year).

Summary Besides her family, Lacey Robinson's only other love is baseball. She's on top of the world when Arizona State University approaches her to discuss a scholarship. To play for a college boys' team is beyond what she has ever dreamed. Her fastball is impeccable, her slider equally as good, and her curveball annihilates anyone who dares to step in the batter's box. But fate has its own way of throwing curveballs. When she loses her mother and sister to a home invasion, baseball and her dreams die with them. Tragedy has a way of seeping deep into her psyche, causing nightmares, panic attacks and blackouts. Diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, her psychiatrist recommends a change of scenery and picking up the things that she loved to do, and for Lacey that is baseball. After a move clear across the country, only two things matter to Lacey: overcome her PTSD and make Kensington High's baseball team. But trying out for the team comes with complications: the captain, Aaron Seever, doesn't want a girl on the team. Adding to her new life, she never counted on meeting someone who wants her as badly as Kade Maxwell. The tall, sexy and drool-worthy bad boy has a magical touch that awakens her feminine side, and a kiss that slowly erases her nightmares. But getting involved with him may be dangerous when Kade's arch-nemesis returns to town to settle a vendetta. To complicate matters, her PTSD has taken a turn for the worse. She has to find a way to push away the demons otherwise she may not have a chance at anything in life. "What I loved: Every now and then, a story comes along that just hits you. Like an immediate gut stab. Dare to Kiss, hit my gut hard and beautifully.

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