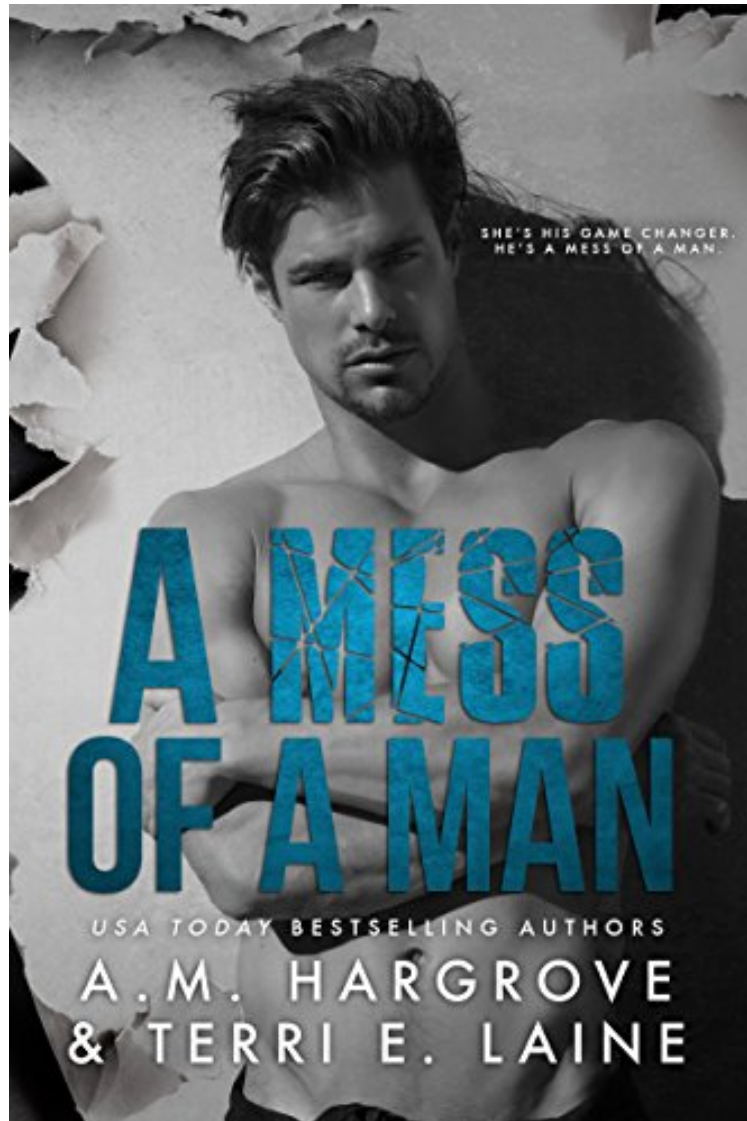


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even though there were no surprises because it was all a bit predictable I really LOVED IT. You know, it's like watching a horror movie when the girl is alone at home and it's the middle of the night and you just know when the right kinda music starts to play that something is going to happen. Ok, that was the worst comparison ever but you get what I mean?! It's like having that feeling in your gut that tells you where this is going and what will happen. But it didn't lessen my enjoyment of reading this book even for a bit. Ben did catch me by surprise closer to the end though. The Story/main character: Ben is like a hard shell with a soft core. He lost his best friend, his brother, and struggles to move on with his life. How can anyone move on from such a thing? When you have to watch your best friend die slowly away during days, weeks, months, it eats away on you. How can you cope with such a loss and being so helpless. Ben doesn't want to experience anything like that ever again and keeps his heart locked up. He is a womanizer and keeps his heart out of the game out of fear of losing another loved person in his life. People around him don't notice how broken he is inside and he also wants to be strong for Cate, Drew's wife and his best friend. Ben was never one who believed in the one true love though when he saw Sam, he wishes so much to talk to Drew about her and ask him for help to not screw this up. Thoughts: Contrary to my first impression I wouldn't exactly say that this is a sad story but with Ben's sorrow it really pulled at my heart. (I had to cry every time Drew was mentioned.) I should not compare this book to Cruel and Beautiful because that wouldn't be fair but to be honest I always had to think about Drew. I wonder if this would be as sad to read as it was for me without having read Cruel and Beautiful before. Because of knowing the whole story and knowing what happened to Drew, I took a trip down memory lane and the images of Drew kept filling my head. It made this so much harder to read with watery eyes. The middle part of the book could have been a tiny bit shorter for my liking but on the other hand I still enjoyed reading all of it. It wasn't boring or anything but I was always glancing at the percentage of how much I've read already because I knew that closer to the end there must be some turn of events coming. And I was right. Feelings: Oh god, Drew's letters made me cry. Ben made me cry. Reading about Cate and Mercer made me cry. This was really hard, let me tell ya. And the Epilogue really got me. I really liked Ben in Cruel and Beautiful and I am so happy for him to have his own story. During this read I really felt for him. I love him for caring so much and putting his own feelings and needs aside to be there for his friends. I wish I had a Jeannie to grant me a wish, I would make Drew come back. And now I'm going to go and listen to Sinad O'Connor.-- I received an ARC of this book from the author in exchange for a honest review. --

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