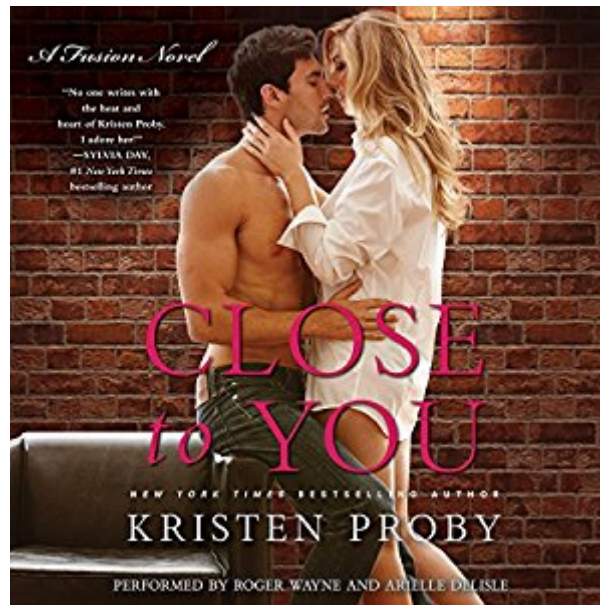


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Close To You: A Fusion Novel



Synopsis

From New York Times and USA Today best-selling author Kristen Proby comes the second novel in her sizzling Fusion series. Camilla "Cami" LaRue was five years old when she first fell in love with Landon Palazzo. Everyone told her the puppy love would fade - but they clearly never met Landon. When he left after graduation without a backward glance, she was heartbroken. But Cami grew up, moved on, and became part owner of wildly popular restaurant, Seduction. She has everything she could want...or so she thinks. After spending the last 12 years as a navy fighter pilot, Landon returns to Portland to take over the family construction business. When he catches a glimpse of little Cami LaRue, he realizes she's not so little anymore. He always had a soft spot for his little sister's best friend, but nothing is soft now when he's around the gorgeous restaurateur. Landon isn't going to pass up the chance to make the girl next door his. She's never been one for romance, but he's just the one to change her mind. Will seduction be just the name of her restaurant, or will Cami let him get close enough to fulfill all her fantasies?

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Customer Reviews

The story is about Landon, a Navy pilot discharged due to accident that caused his inability to fly, and Cami, his sister's best friend who has had a crush/love since she was young. They get a chance to know each other as adults and the book takes us through their relationship's ups and downs. I have to say I was constantly waiting for it to get better. Yes, it was sweet, but it just didn't get me excited, motivated to read other books in the series etc. So, out of 5, I would

give it a 3.

Kristen Proby knows how to write characters that steal my heart! Landon and Camille (Cami) are the latest couple that do just that in this friends to lovers romance that marks the second in her Fusion series. What follows is two people finally giving in to the feelings they've carried around for years. I loved how Kristen didn't rush them into anything, but allowed them learn who they are in the now. Landon is passionate and sweet, bringing out all the best in Cami. I loved watching them grow as a couple and deal realistically with Cami's insecurities. The dynamic with the group of girls was great; everyone needs friends like these! Throw in a cat that just adopts Cami's house, but really loves Landon. Scoot was definitely a hoot!! It was definitely another favorite to add to my Kristen collection!

I really enjoyed this book. I felt as if I were reading about real life. Cami and Landon are perfect for each other. The story unfolds just like a normal every day couple would live their life. There isn't all of the unnecessary drama going on. Most couples go through their relationship just like Cami and Landon. It was just a pleasure to read and watch their relationship grow. I felt so calm during the book which allowed me to savor their relationship. I found humorous moments as well. Yes, they had a few tense moments. But, don't most couples. Kristen Proby didn't blow their tense moments out of the water. She let them solve them like normal people do. This is part of a series, but you can definitely read this as a stand alone. No cliffhanger.

"I didn't think I believed in soul mates...It's always sounded like a romantic notion for movies and books, but I've realized that a soul mate isn't someone who just slips into your life and one day you realize, Oh, there you are. It's the person that you measure time against." For Cami LaRue, Landon Palazzo has always been more than just her best friend's older brother. For as long as she can remember, there's been something between them, something more, but the timing was never right, and time and years separated them. Now that Landon is back home in Portland, though, things are different, and feelings long buried are brought to light. CLOSE TO YOU is the second book in Kristen's new Fusion series, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Kristen's ability to write a group of characters that make you want to join right in with them and hang out is one of the first things that drew me to her books way back in the With Me In Seattle days, and Cami and her circle of friends are another great example of this. Love, family, and friendship always play a big role in Kristen's books, with stories interwoven, but not necessarily dependent upon each other. The characters in

the Fusion series truly are family, friends that have known each other so long that it's like they're one big clan. Although they are each fine on their own, with strong support systems, and their own lives, Cami and Landon are truly just what each other needs. Being able to finally explore the feelings that they have both tamped down for so long feels like the most natural thing in the world for them, and seeing them find their 'other' and get to their HEA is so rewarding. One of my most favorite things about Kristen's writing is her scenes when everyone is pretty much unguarded and letting their hair down, so to speak, and CLOSE TO YOU has plenty of those moments. The five ladies of Fusion are great foils for each other, and seeing such a strong and enduring friendship between these women is refreshing and uplifting. As well, Kristen's men are both strong yet tender, and Landon is a definite keeper (I mean, seriously, that quote, though!). His love and eloquence when it comes to Cami are downright swoon-inducing, and I thank Kristen for writing him in such a realistic and human way. CLOSE TO YOU is, at heart, a book designed to give us the HEA we readers are looking for, and Kristen is absolutely on her mark. 4.5 romantic, steamy, friend-to-lovers stars for this book. I can't wait to see what the remaining ladies of Fusion are in for, and look forward to each of them in the near future.

This book was just too predictable and a little boring. She's had a crush on him her entire life, and he secretly returned it. He comes home after retiring from the navy. They get together, more boring details, and the end. I need more angst in my reads than this book delivers.

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