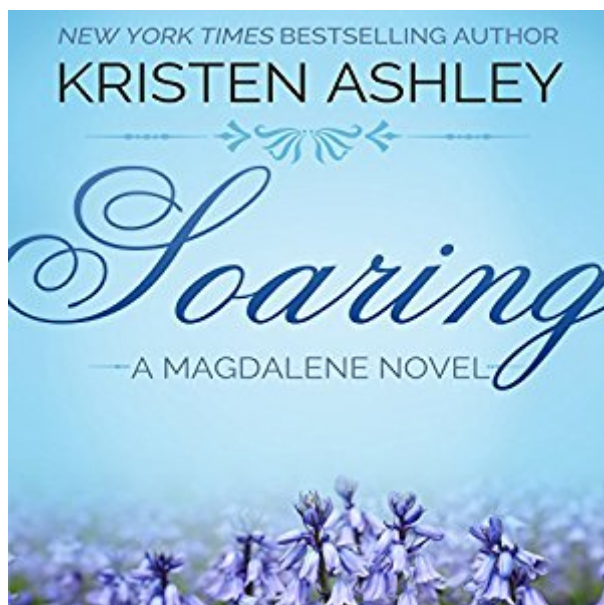


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# Soaring



## Synopsis

American heiress Amelia Hathaway needs to start anew. Her husband cheated on her, and when everything she wanted in life slipped through her fingers, she fell apart. When she did, she took another heart wrenching hit as she lost the respect of her children. When her ex took her family from California to live in the small town of Magdalene in Maine, Amelia decided it was time to sort herself out. In order to do that and win her children back, she moves to Cliff Blue, an architectural masterpiece on the rocky coast of Magdalene. Her boxes aren't even unpacked when she meets Mickey Donovan, a man who lives across the street, a man so beautiful Amelia takes one look at him and knows she wants it all from him. The problem is she finds out swiftly that he's friendly, he's kind, but he doesn't want everything back. Amelia struggles to right past wrongs in her life and at the same time find out who she wants to be. She also struggles with her attraction to the handsome firefighter who lives across the street. But Amelia will face a surprise when her friendly neighbor becomes not so friendly. As Amelia and Mickey go head to head, Amelia must focus on winning back the hearts of her children. She soon discovers she also must focus on winning the heart of a handsome firefighter who understands down to his soul that the beautiful heiress who lives across the street is used to a life he cannot provide.

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## Customer Reviews

I really really enjoyed this book. I guess it maybe because I've gotten older or something, but I love the stories Ashley writes with a similar premise as this one. It is never too late to fix stuff you thought

broken and unfixable. It is never too late to find love and a family even if it is not the type of family you dreamed about for yourself to begin with. Even though parts of this story made me weepy-ish and I \*really\* abhor reading about jerkoff cheaters and the mess they make out of the lives around them I stuck to it with this book and I'm so happy I did. Another thing that I liked about this story is that it wasn't starring a pre-30 youngster, as I get older some of those stories are a total turn off to me. Especially if they are immature, at least to my thoughts, dingbats. It is probably because I can't find myself relating to most of the newer "heroines" out there, who knows? The thought of a viril man like Mickey, or Jake, out there waiting for me is a nice day dream, much better than an emo youngster who hasn't figured out life yet and happens to be a bad boy, billionaire, man-whore, and a dude who thinks he is an alpha but who is really just an anti-social jerkface. I can't wait for the next book, for serious.

Kristen Ashley cannot be stopped and for that I am most grateful. I just love, love the fact that I know for a fact even before I can get the full gist of the book that I will walk away from a KA read with nothing less than a stellar opinion about it.. My obsession and my love for her work just continues to grow time and again as soon as I finish another one of her books. Soaring was another one to add to the list. Amelia's story and Mickey's story is fueled by so much emotion—deceit, heartbreak, and redemption. This book is about a second chance at life by finding love again. Love between lovers and love between family and friends. Many times, I felt like breaking down for Amelia. My heart was bogged down with sympathy and my stomach was in knots with anxious anticipation. I loved Amelia's character so much. She showed such courage and humility from the very start of this book. Trying to win her children back after a bitter divorce that turned her into an emotional mess, Amelia realizes that she can no longer live in the past. Packing up her bags and following her children to Magdalene was not only her chance at rebuilding a relationship with her children but at finding herself in the process. Born in an insanely wealthy family, Amelia has always been directed to act and to dress a certain way and it's when life comes crashing down on her that she realizes just how lost she is. She's unable to identify who exactly Amelia Hathaway is-- as someone other than an ex-wife, mother, sister and daughter. I loved her journey to eventual self-discovery. She showed immense heart and kindness through it all. Ms. Ashley couldn't have thought up of a better heroine for this storyline. If you've read the first book in this series, The Will then you would be very familiar with Mickey Donovan. I definitely had starry eyes for him and was so happy to know that Soaring would be his story. And with the way that Kristen Ashley creates her famous alpha males, how could I possibly

resist Mickey's charms?! Oh my goodness, this gorgeous firefighter turned me into a giggling sixteen year old. He is a kick butt dad with a heart of gold and of anyone in town, this guy needed a happy ending. Mickey knew as soon as his eyes landed on Amelia, that his new next door neighbor may just be that happy ending. But as soon as he finds out that she's a wealthy heiresses, he pulls back, giving into his misconceptions about her. But he soon learns that judging her merely because of the family she was born into, he may just be losing out on the best thing he could have in his life. The sexual tension between these two was heavy from the start. I loved the cat and mouse game they played Amelia's sass to Mickey's sarcasm. But as time moves along and as they start to get to know one another, it's plain to see that they are each other's end games. The game changer to both their lives. I am always in awe of how perfectly attuned KAs couples are to one another. It's what makes me such an addict to fiction. A match made in heaven that comes with a whole lot of drama and angst but knowing full well that a happily ever after lays await. This was exactly how I felt about Soaring. It had the ups and the downs all of which made me feel like I was soaring right alongside the characters. Kristen Ashley has done it again for me with Amelia and Mickey's love story and I cannot wait for the bittersweet finale of this series.

596 pages? Yep. Two days? You too! AWESOME! Yep. How? Kristen freaking Ashley A-freaking-men-sistah Shel: Dude. She's got this power over me and once I sit down to read one of her books, I have the hardest time doing anything else. For instance, I started Soaring Friday morning before work. I worked, went to the homecoming game, and did a few loads of laundry. I stayed up late to read. I got up early to read and I read every spare second I had (apologies to my students for not grading their essays and my family for the house I did not clean) because I was completely sucked in to the story of Mickey and Amy. I absolutely loved that KA made Amy this wonderfully flawed woman. She did some messed up things, owned it, and went about making repairs to all of the damage she did. I loved her. I also enjoyed Mickey--he had that wonderful strong + gentle thing going for him. He wasn't too overbearing, he owned his flaws, and he was great for Amy. I loved them together. I also loved that KA took on the hefty and delicate task of having her characters manage a relationship in which they both had children and involved exes--a truly modern day Brady Bunch blending of people going on here. This series has all of the things I've come to love about Kristen Ashley's books: great characters, funny scenes, chemistry between the main characters, and an engrossing plot and I'm excited to see that there will be a third novel in this series. Until then I have a few more KA novels to tackle, thank goodness! Court: She did so many

jacked up things. And I think that is something that our heroine hasn't had if my memory serves---and I loved that too. She had some life learning to do, and she did a bunch of it prior to our story start...but I liked the journey we were taken on...her very own road to redemption. I liked how much she and Mickey went at it, in their own alpha male/not going to be a pushover female ways, and they brought it out in each other, only to make each other better people and stronger as a couple. They fought, they made up (ooh, lala) and then they got back to the business of being strong and sassy. I loved how much they flat out owned it when they messed up...and I loved how much the kiddos in each family strengthened the plot of this book, and then basically stole the show. If there were ever kids to get a series in the world of Magdalene...it's these! I absolutely devoured this one over my Thanksgiving holiday, and I think you should read it too. The heroine is 47 (I loved this) and she's getting her groove back. I know we can all relate to that no matter what age, so have some alpha male love for Mickey while she's doing it. Girl's got it going on... I loved this book, and thank you AGAIN to Kristen Ashley for making me love it and lose sleep over it. The best I can ask for in a book, and I get it every single time from her!

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