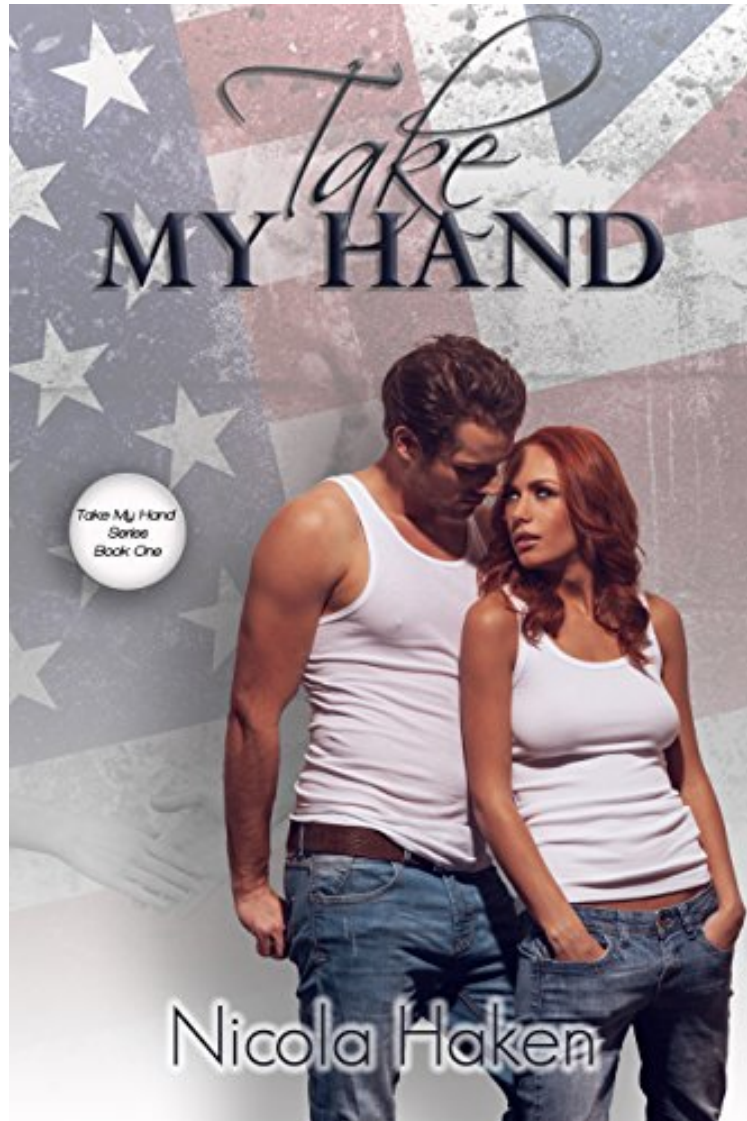


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**Von Nicola Haken : Take My Hand (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Take My Hand (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fab readVon Philomena(Cheekypee)This is the first book I've read by this author and it certainly won't be the last. This was a really great read. I sat on a cold miserable day in my favourite seat and got lost in Emily and Dexters story.Dexters tragic past had me hoping he would get through this novel smiling. I was shouting at him to talk to

Emily. What a lovely, sweet yet strong girl Emily is. Their friends are characters I'd love to read more about, especially Rachel. This ends on a cliff hanger but I'm not complaining this time as I've book two sitting in my kindle:) Received from author in return for an honest review. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wow, wow and did I mention wow.... Von LittleDarling Having read Nicola Hakens Saving Amy, I was quite certain I would love Take My Hand as the blurb already sucked me in. But to be honest, I was still expecting a generic NA novel plot with a damaged characters that upon finding one another forget all their woes and pain and have a happily ever after. Take My Hand couldnt be further from a generic story. It was fresh, original and extremely charming. The story and the characters won my heart in an instant and made me wish that I could hang out with them. Nineteen year old Emily moves with her best friend Rachel to London in order to attend university. Having been sheltered and protected and never really experienced the real world she feels a bit like a fish out of water. But she wants to finally experience life and live it, despite being shy and insecure and scared of the big world and social interactions. She soon starts making friends and turning heads but it isnt until Dexter that she feels herself being truly interested in someone. Somehow is off-putting and distant behaviour isnt putting her off but intrigues her. Being as naive and innocent (although thankfully not a virgin) as Emily is, it leads to the most adorable situations and conversations and will make you blush right alongside with her. What I really loved about her was that despite being naive and innocent, she was extremely likeable and adorable. I found her to be endearing and I loved to see how she started to find her own strength and confidence. How she learns to stand up for herself. What I really enjoyed was that she did not play games, didnt lie. It might have been down to her innocence or naivety but she more often than not wore her feelings on her sleeve and was honest even when faced with the risk of getting hurt. Only through the course of the book we find that she has some terrible secrets that have been haunting her in her dreams for years and that she hasnt shared with anyone. Dexter on the other hand is an American in London, running from a past and hoping to make amends for the things he has done and people he has hurt. He spends his days and evenings going to university and working, while the nights are spend with pleasing the female population much to their dismay only for one night. He does not let anyone get close, thinking he is toxic to those that care about him. What he did not take into consideration was meeting Emily. Although he tries to keep at a distance, she manages to break through his armour piece by piece to find a sweet and caring guy underneath that makes other laugh and is considerate and thoughtful. But there is also a wilder side to him that makes him a passionate, sexy-as-hell alpha male that is cheeky and cocky. Oh despite him behaving like a moron, I couldnt help but totally crush on him. As he lets Emily closer and closer, he cant manage to hide his darker side but contrary to his belief, it does not send her running. Being the honest and sweet person she is, she wants to help him and be there for him, a reaction he feels undeserving off but that makes him care for Emily even more. There is just one secret he cannot share with her knowing she would never speak to him again if she knew. They cannot fight their attraction for one another and end up giving in but their relationship is anything but cosy and fluffy. Dexters problems and past keep interfering and no matter how hard Emily tries, she cant heal his broken soul. When things take a dramatic turn, Dexters problems and demons threaten to ruin the best thing he ever had in his life. Will he push Emily away too far for her to come back to him? Will she be there for him and see the man she loves and not a monster once she knows the truth? Will things that are out of their control destroy them? You need to read it yourself to find out but be prepared for a hell of a cliffhanger. When I got to the end of the book after all those damn twists and turns and bumps in the road that the story offered, I actually emailed the author that is an evil sadistic woman for making me wait for the next book. But this is one of those cliffhangers that you hate to love. It is so well done, so good. that it makes you anticipate the next book even more. Nicola Hakens writing style is superb and I enjoyed the British terms and expressions. It gave the book an additional charm. The supporting characters were done extremely well. I cant imagine a single person that wont love and adore Rachel to pieces. She is a hoot and I just couldnt get enough of her ramblings and dialogues. The fact that Rachel is in a wheelchair and has the taking-crap-from-no-one attitude makes her even more endearing. I just love what Nicola has done with this character and find it extremely winning that she chose to include a disabled character. Jared is quite a fun character as well. A spoiled, but good guy. I cannot wait to learn more about them in the future. The inner ramblings of Emily and Dexter are at times extremely entertaining, at other times heartbreaking. And I loved every moment of it. The fact that Dexter isnt just healed and put back together by love makes this book stand out. He still makes mistakes, he still disappoints and he is still hurt and broken at the end but now he has someone that loves him despite all of those things. 5+ wonderfully British, original, endearing and heart-breaking stars.

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