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### Editorial Review

#### Review

"Ms. Foster, went for the gut with Truman and Gemma. **Tru Blue is more than a romance, it is a story of love, a story of hope and a story of courage. 10 + stars.**" -- Night Owl Reviews

"For those of you who love 'swoony insta-dad' type heroes, you're definitely going to want to check this book out. It was **absolutely heart-melting.**" - Aestas Book Blog

"Foster writes **exceptional characters** that keep readers thinking long after the book is finished." - RT Book Reviews

"This book was **exceptional**. One that will always remain close to my heart. It is so much more than a romance story, it is a story of the greatest kind of love that a person can have - understanding and acceptance of another's past." - Reading is Our Satisfaction Blog

"Melissa Foster has once again taken real life issues, spread them all out for us to feel, and managed to keep the reader on edge the entire time. She's not kidding when she says Tru Blue is gritty. It totally is. But it's not just dark, oh no. It's also **thought provoking, sensual, and so full of feels** your heart will just explode." - Red Reader

"Melissa Foster has pulled out all the stops with this **sexy, heart-warming romance** bursting with hope for a second chance and new beginnings." - Ellesea Loves Reading

"**I devoured this story** and read it in one sitting. [...] The writing is excellent; the story line is wonderful and I love everything about this book!" - Behind Closed Doors Book Review

"In one word for Tru Blue by Melissa Foster is AWESOME. This book had everything I love in a book from its **sexy brooding tattooed guy** to the heroine who just wants a little happiness in her life. **Melissa Foster just shined in this book.**" - Melena's Reviews

"I absolutely am over the moon **in love with this book!** I loved every moment of this book from Truman, Gemma, and the two children, Kennedy and Lincoln; to the passion smothering between Truman and Gemma. [...] Tru Blue is **definitely a recommended read!**" - Cheryl's Book Nook

"Melissa Foster created a spectacular story line with characters that **completely captivated me.**" - Once Upon a Page

"Foster once again brings her readers **stunning characters and a story that is fascinating** but not overly dramatic. " - Romantic Reads and Such

"**Superman** ain't got nothing on Truman Gritt!" - I'm a Book Shark

"This story had heart and love more than any other story I have read by Melissa Foster. It had its own heartbeat. **It was magnificent!**" - OMG Reads

"Melissa Foster wrote one awesomely hot gem of a book. [...] It's not often that I fall in love with the hero so quickly, but **I loved Truman from the start** and it was very hard to let him, and the beautiful family he created, go." - Natalie the Biblioholic

"Ms. Foster's talent for taking the reader through an emotional journey shines through in 'Tru Blue'. **I didn't want it to ever end.**" - Cat's Reviews

"This story will grip you from the first part and will not let you go until the very end. It will take you on an **emotional rollercoaster ride**, so keep your arms in and enjoy the ride. It is worth every loop and dip you feel." - Mary, Wicked Reads

"Wow, this book is **woven with gold threads of love**. These two people have an amazing chemistry, which is delicious, and when combined with the love, which they have both been denied in the past, makes for a **modern day fairy tale.**" - Ruthie, Wicked Reads

"If you want a book that **will just make you swoon and smile**, this is the perfect read!" - The Book Disciple

"**Sexy and Heartbreaking**....I simply adored this beautifully written romance." - A Tasty Read Book Reviews

"Foster delivers a well-written, sexy story with **the right mix of funny, titillating and touching.**" - Jeep Diva Reviews

"**TRU BLUE** is a **dramatic and intense story** of addiction and abandonment, recovery and rebirth, acceptance and falling in love." - Top 1000 Reviewer, Amazon

"**What an emotional roller coaster** this ride takes you on. Kudos to Ms. Foster on writing another great book that leaves you wanting more." - Coffee Time Romance

"True Blue is heartbreaking at times but the romance excels and makes this a one-of-a kind book, you don't want to pass up. If you enjoy strong characters, a story you can lose yourself in, and strong family devotion, this is a wonderful story to add to your to-read list." ?Harlequin Junkie, 5 Star Top Pick

"Ms. Foster, went for the gut with Truman and Gemma...Tru Blue is more than a romance, it is a story of love, a story of hope and a story of courage. 10 + stars." ?Night Owl Reviews

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#### About the Author

Melissa Foster is a *New York Times* & *USA Today* bestselling and award-winning author. She writes sexy and heartwarming contemporary romance and new adult romance with emotionally compelling characters that stay with you long after you turn the last page. Melissa's emotional journeys are lovingly erotic and always family oriented--perfect beach reads for contemporary romance lovers who enjoy reading about wealthy heroes and smart, sassy heroines.

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THE STENCH OF urine and human waste filled the dark alley?not only waste as in feces, but *waste* as in drug dealers, whores, and other deviants. Mud and graffiti streaked cracked and mangled concrete. Somewhere above, shouts rang out. Truman had tunnel vision as he moved swiftly between the tall buildings

in the downpour. A dog barked in the distance, followed by the unmistakable yelp of a wounded animal. Truman rolled his broad shoulders forward, his hands fisted by his sides as memories hammered him, but it was the incessant torturous wailing coming from behind the concrete walls that had him breathing harder, readying for a fight. It sounded like someone?or something?was suffering inside the building, and despite his loathing for the woman who had brought him into the world, he wouldn't wish that on her?or wish the wrath he'd bring down on whoever was doing it on anyone else.

The rusty green metal door brought the sounds of prison bars locking to the forefront of his mind, stopping him cold. He drew in a few deep breaths, pushing them out fast and hard as memories assailed him. The wailing intensified, and he forced himself to plow through the door. The rancid, pungent scents of garbage and drugs filled the smoky room, competing with the terrified cries. In the space of a few heart-pounding seconds, Truman took in the scene. He barely recognized the nearly toothless, rail-thin woman lying lifeless on the concrete floor, staring blankly up at the ceiling. Angry track marks like viper bites covered pin-thin arms. In the corner, a toddler sat on a dirty, torn mattress, wearing filthy clothes and sobbing. Her dark hair was tangled and matted, her skin covered in grit and dirt. Her cheeks were bright red, eyes swollen from crying. Beside her a baby lay on its back, its frail arms extended toward the ceiling, shaking as it cried so hard it went silent between wails. His eyes landed on Quincy, huddled beside the woman on the floor. Tears streaked his unshaven, sunken cheeks. Those big blue eyes Truman remembered were haunted and scared, their once vibrant color now deadened, bloodshot with the sheen of a soul-stealing high. His tattooed arms revealed the demons that had swooped in after Truman was incarcerated for the crime his brother had committed, preying on the one person he had wanted to protect. He hadn't been able to protect anyone from behind bars.

“She's...” Quincy's voice was nearly indiscernible. “Dead,” he choked out.

Truman's heart slammed against his ribs. His mind reeled back to another stormy night, when he'd walked into his mother's house and found his brother with a bloody knife in his hands?and a dead man sprawled across their mother's half-naked body. He swallowed the bile rising in his throat, pain and anger warring for dominance. He crouched and checked for a pulse, first on her wrist, then on her neck. The pit of his stomach lurched. His mind reeled as he looked past his brother to the children on the mattress.

“Those your kids?” he ground out.

Quincy shook his head. “Mom's.”

Truman stumbled backward, feeling cut open, flayed, and left to bleed. His siblings? Living like this?

“What the hell, Quincy?” He crossed the room and picked up the baby, holding its trembling body as it screamed. With his heart in his throat, he crouched beside the toddler and reached for her, too. She wrapped shaky arms around his neck and clung with all her tiny might. They were both featherlight. He hadn't held a baby since Quincy was born, when Truman was nine.

“I've been out for six months,” he seethed. “You didn't think to tell me that Mom had more kids? That she was f\*\*king up their lives, too? I could have helped.”

Quincy scoffed. “You told me...” He coughed, wheezing like he was on his last lung. “To f\*\*k off.”

Truman glared at his brother, sure he was breathing fire. “I pulled you out of a f\*\*king crack house the week I got out of prison and tried to get you help. I *destroyed* my life trying to protect you, you idiot. You told me to f\*ck off and then went underground. You never mentioned that I have a sister and?” He looked at the baby, having no idea if it was a boy or a girl. A thin spray of reddish hair covered its tiny head.

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