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Eric Jansen—call sign Thor—loves nothing more than pushing his F-16 to the limit. Returning home to South Carolina after a tragic loss, he hopes to fix the mistake he made long ago, when he chose the Air Force over his fiancée.

Becca Madison isn't quick to welcome Thor back. She can't forget how he shattered her heart. But Thor won't give up once he's set his sights on what he wants—and he wants Becca.

Thor shows Becca that he's no longer the impulsive boy he used to be, and Becca finds herself irresistibly drawn to him. But will Thor be able to walk away from his dream of flying the F-16 for their love or does his heart belong to the sky?

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Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4 STARS

*It seemed like my entire adult life had been spent either running from or to this one girl.*

Confession time: I'm an angst addict. OK, so that's probably not that big a secret, but I'm going somewhere with this so bear with me. Now if I told you this was a sweet and sexy second chance romance that had no stupid misunderstandings, miscommunication, and light on the angst and yet I still read it in one sitting; would you believe me? Because that's exactly what happened with Into The Blue. It was perfect! A fighter pilot with the call sign, Thor, the woman he walked away from but never got over, and a second chance romance that will have you rooting for both characters...intrigued yet? You should be.

*Maybe I was a fool. I probably was. But the thing with love was that once you felt it, it was impossible to turn off.*

Ten years ago, Eric "Thor" Jansen walked away from his fiancé and their life together in South Carolina. He was young and torn between his career as a fighter pilot and the woman he loves. He made the choice that's haunted him since. Now after a tragic accident, he needs to get his head together, and so he comes back to the town he left behind and the woman he's never forgotten.

Becca Madison was never the same after Eric left. Ten years and she's still not over the man that broke her heart. But she had her career as a lawyer to think about and she wasn't ready to give that up for a man. Now a successful attorney for the solicitors office, she has everything but a man that owns her heart the way Eric once did.

*This was a decade of pent-up unrequited whatever-we-were, and we kissed like we couldn't get enough of each other.*

Their road to a second chance was a slow burn but a steady one. There was no unnecessary distractions like stupid drama or crazy angst. It was essentially one long grovel and I absolutely loved it. If you're looking for swoons, it just doesn't get better than Thor.

*Holy hell, in this moment, his call sign seemed totally apropos. He looked like the god of thunder and lightning, like a warrior who commanded and men followed.*

He was this perfect combination of endearingly sweet but with an edge. I wasn't sure if I'd accept his reason for leaving at first, but man, he proved me so wrong. This is a man that's determined to right his wrongs and I loved the way he went after Becca. He's not pushy or a possessive neanderthal. Just a man that's wizened up through the years and knows what he's been missing.

*On our first date. I told you I spent half the night fantasizing about you. You didn't ask me*

*what I was doing the other half."*  
*"Do I really want to know?"*  
*"I was falling in love with you."*

This was such a sweet and sexy second chance romance! It reminded me all over again why I love Chanel Cleeton books. I loved her Capital Confessions series and I can't get enough of her Wild Aces. What can I say? The woman gives good alpha and I simply can't wait for more. With Easy's story next, I'm not sure there's enough 'wants' in the world to describe the amount of *need* I have for that book. Because I seriously NEED it.

*ARC courtesy of publisher in exchange for an honest review*

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♥Rachel♥ says

**Into the Blue** was soooo good, even better than **Fly With Me!** A second chance romance at its best!

Becca's hurt and resentment touched my heart, she was so broken hearted! No one ever came close to holding the same position in her heart after him, and so seeing him ten years later came as quite a shock.

Eric regretted his decision to leave Becca all those years ago. One of the reasons he's never returned home is the fear of running into her. Eric doesn't know that she'd ever forgive him. There's never been anyone like Becca in his life and he knows he'll never find another love like theirs. Can he win her back after all the hurt? He's determined to try.

I loved everything about this romance! I could empathize with both Becca and Eric, even though I was mostly on Becca's side at first because of what Eric did, I did see his side of things as the story progressed. I was never frustrated by Becca's reluctance at letting Eric back in, as I have in other second chance romances, because it didn't feel unreasonable. If the same happened to me, I'd want to protect myself, too. Their relationship was a slow, steady progression, which felt completely right. When they can't resist, the romance is utterly hot!

Onto the next in the series!

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◆\*Arianna◆\* says

**4 Stars!!**

If you love military men and second chance romances, then this is the perfect book for you. Chanel Cleeton's second installment in her newest series was as good as the first one if not better. *'Into the Blue'* was "the perfect" second chance romance – with no overwhelming angst and drama, endearing characters that will

steal your heart from the beginning and a wonderful love story that will make you swoon.

***“It seemed like my entire adult life had been spent either running from or to this one girl. She was the compass when I was so lost I couldn’t find my way.”***

This second installment features Eric ‘Thor’ Jansen, character we met before in the previous book in the series. Eric is a fighter pilot who loves flying more than anything. After a tragic accident and loss, Eric needs a little space, he needs time to find himself again. Returning home to South Carolina, he starts to wonder if he made the right choice leaving the only woman he’d ever loved. Ten years ago, wanting to serve his country, to make a difference, he hurt and left Becca, the woman who still owns his heart.

***“...every time I imagined myself having a future with someone, it was always Becca.”***

Becca never forget the man who broke her heart, the man she once upon a time thought he was ‘the one’. Ten years have passed, but she's still hurting, she still loves the man who chose flying over her. Now, a successful deputy solicitor, Becca is shocked when she meets her former fiancée after all these years. Confused and angry, she only wants to shut him out, but as much as she wants to push Eric away and to forget everything they lived together, she just can’t. She still remembers his smile, his laugh and the way he was with her in the past.

***“How could someone feel like an old friend and a stranger at the same time? Was it my own wishful thinking imagining a connection that no longer existed, or was it possible that even with the time apart, there was still a piece of me that he held in the palm of his hand?”***

Like I mentioned above I really enjoyed this one and for me it was better than the first installment in the series. I don’t always enjoy second chance romance stories, but this one was truly delightful from beginning until the end. I enjoyed almost every aspect of this story, but I guess what I liked the most was the fact that the story wasn’t high on angst and drama. Everything was balanced in a very great way.

***“Have you ever looked back on a part of your life with regret? Like if you could have a do-over, would you take it?”***

The relationship between the two main characters progressed slowly, but surely in a very believable way which I truly enjoyed. You can actually feel how much Eric and Becca still love each other after all these years. Their connection was palpable from the very first moment and their chemistry was off the chart most of the times. They were good for each other in every way and I have to say I loved them together. I was rooting for them from the beginning and reading their story really made me swoon and smile.

Both Eric and Becca were great characters for the most part and both of them were well developed as the story progressed. I liked Becca a lot and I really sympathize with her, but I have to say I liked Eric more. He

fought for Becca from the moment he realized ten years ago did his biggest mistake leaving her. All his attempts to win her over were heartwarming and made me smile and I was really glad when Becca finally realized he loves her as much as she loves him. Eric was sweet and patient and such a swoon-worthy hero until the end.

*“He kissed me like he was dying for my lips, my mouth, my tongue. Like the same madness that coursed through my veins was inside of him, too, pushing to get out.”*

Their sexy times were always so intense. Sweet or hot as hell, I enjoyed every single one of them and I honestly couldn't get enough of these two together. The cast of supporting characters was once again fantastic and I have to admit I'm dying to read the next installment – Easy and Dani's story.

Overall, a wonderful second chance romance!

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### **Sabrina says**

Second chance romances aren't my favorite but I couldn't pass this book after reading *Fly with Me* and falling in love with all the characters. Eric, aka Thor, hasn't been the same since losing his friend in a tragic accident and he can't get his head straight while flying. To clear his head and hopefully heal he goes back home to where he grew up and to the only girl he's ever loved. But he broke Becca's heart once and she doesn't want to give him the chance to do it again. So he'll just have to make her realize their love never ended.

This was a second chance kind of book but there were a lot of times that it didn't feel like it. And I mean that in a good way! Thor and Becca had both grown up and changed a lot in the ten years they were apart so they had to discover each other all over again. So on top of the parts where you got to see them remembering the past and how they used to be we also got to see the new them finding love all over again. I really liked that there was still a slow-ish type build up between them, which isn't something you see a lot when the two main characters already know each other.

Chanel Cleeton has the ability to take a sweet and heartfelt story and make it into something unforgettable and somehow manage to putt at all my heartstrings. I fell for these characters from the very beginning and they now hold a place in my heart. I love that I was able to connect with them so well and that is all because of how great the story was written.

Bottom line, this is a series that everyone needs to read. Noah and Jordan made a small appearance, which I loved, and we got to see more of Easy and of course that was great. I can't wait to see what else Ms. Cleeton has in store for this group!

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### **~ Stéphanie ~ Tied up in Romance ~ says**

After reading *Fly with me* I was so high I had to start *Into the Blue* right away. Chanel just blew me away

with how intense her first story was I wanted to see how she could write a different story. And believe me Into the Blue is very different than the first book in the Wild Aces series. And rest assured it's in a good way.

I adored discovering a new universe with the fighter pilot crew. I wasn't expecting to be so interested in what it entails to be a fighter pilot. I admire people who give their lives to a greater cause than themselves. In this book you can measure how much this style of life is absorbing and time-consuming. You have to be strong and well focus to be in the military field but I have a feeling that to be a fighter pilot you need to be ready to drop everything in a heartbeat.

I have like a million questions in my mind for Chanel because she lives the lifestyle for real but it might seem a bit stalker-ish

Enough of my babbling, into the story now:

Thor aka Eric is an experienced fighter pilot but after a recent tragic event, he feels less comfortable in the air than before. I don't really want to tell you exactly what happened. If you've read Fly with me, you already know and if you are a new reader, you'll discover it soon enough, no worries.

The best decision he makes is to return home but it's been 10 years and he left things unfinished there. He left a woman he loved and was supposed to marry her...

Becca is a successful lawyer who's not ready to forgive Eric him leaving brutally without a real explanation. But at the same time, seeing him and having him back in their hometown bring back memories she never truly forgot.

I'm a sucker for second chance romance. I love this genre and with the way things ended between Becca & Thor added the feelings they still have, there was a very good promises for things to happen.

For most of my read I felt torn between understanding how Becca felt and why Thor did what he did. Becca doesn't want to give in easily to her attraction. She can't deny what they share in the past is very much present still now. She guarded her heart for so long; she doesn't want it crashed once again. Moreover things didn't change and what kept them away is still there. Will they find a way to make this work? What sacrifice needs to be done?

***"What she called "unexpected," I called "inevitable," because there was no way we could be near each other, setting off the kind of sparks we did, without something catching on fire."***

Reading both books in the series back to back I saw the differences and how Chanel Cleeton is able to give us both emotional and reflective story.

In here the story is more focus on Becca & Thor and the peace they need to find to be a couple again.

IMO Into the Blue was less emotional for some part and I wanted a little more background on our MC at a younger age. We know a few things but it wasn't deep enough.

Regardless I enjoyed very much every part of this book, from the fights to the sexual attraction, from the tears to the laughter, Into the Blue is the next book that will captivate you with the promise of spending a good time.

***"Don't."***

***"Don't what?"***

*“Don’t shut down on me. Not yet. Not this afternoon anyway. Just enjoy this.”*

I couldn't finish my review without speaking of the next book about Easy. I already said it previously but I need this book like I need my next breathe. The little peek we got at the end of the book makes me sweat already and I'm kinda scared of the kind of story we're gonna have.

I already expect an emotional & angst fest I'm not sure I'm ready... Urgh scratch that I'm beyond ready! Why do I need to wait until January 2017?

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## Michelle says

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So I think it's pretty obvious that I am addicted to Chanel Cleeton and if you didn't get that message, I am here now to tell you that I am. Anything that Chanel writes, I practically inhale in one sitting. And so it wouldn't come as a surprise as to how much I love **Into the Blue**.

If you read the first book of the *Wild Aces Series*, you will be like me thinking you are going to get smoking wild hot steamy scenes but it turns out **Into the Blue** was completely different. This book was smoking hot and steamy but in a more sweet, palpable, heart-tugging and emotional slow burn kind of way. I absolutely loved that Chanel Cleeton didn't do the angsty second chance romance but allowed her readers to see that her characters have grown up. There was no need for drama and long drawn angst but instead two people finding and rebuilding the love and trust that they have for each other.

I honestly don't want to say much because this is one of those second chance romance that had me smiling big and had my heart filled with so much love. Chanel truly captured the meaning of second chances as she took it to another level and had our hearts soaring with her beautiful prose, strong characters, and tangible love connection. All I can say is Bravo Chanel for once again writing a love story that embodies the elements of love, forgiveness, new beginnings, and second chances.

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## Christie«SHBBlogger» says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

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## Ivy Deluca says

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**-Flying Aces is, well...aces:** This series based on a squadron of Air Force fighter pilots, has been a great introduction to Ms. Cleeton's writing for me. This is the second book in the series, and while it's very different in tone from the first, it's no less satisfying to read.

**-Kind of a standalone:** It's not necessary to read the first book to enjoy this one, but it does spoil major events in that book, so be forewarned if you're OCD about reading an entire series. Not that I would know anything about that. \*whistles\* Anyhoodles....

**-The sitch:** After the events of the first book, Eric "Thor" Jansen has struggled to move on and has flashes of PTSD that make his concentration while flying go to all kinds of hell. After a scary incident, he takes some time off to get his head on straight and he heads home to Bradbury, and to the girl that he never should have let go.

**-Second chance romance goodness:** Becca and Eric's relationship didn't blow apart because of some manufactured misunderstanding, but something that happens every day - two people in love who couldn't make their different goals in life mesh. Actually, it's mostly because Eric, at twenty-one, was not ready to be the man that Becca needed. He left to join the Air Force and hasn't been back since. He's regretted it ever since and there's never a doubt, as the reader, that he knows it. He has some major emotional grovel to dole out. He admits that he screwed up royally and let go of the best thing to ever happen to him. Did I spend some time calling him an idiot? Yes. Did he make up for it by the end and earn Becca's love back? Absolutely.

**Becca is the one left behind:** The one who had to deal with the fallout of their broken engagement, Becca is a sympathetic heroine. It took her years to get past it, but she's followed her dream to be an attorney and is successful, if a bit lonely. I truly felt for Becca and the pain of your true love choosing, in her words, a plane over her. That she's moved on and isn't easily letting Eric back in her life made sense and I didn't blame her a bit for her hesitation.

**-No easy fixes:** Told in dual POV, this is a story that's about reconnecting and seeing what made Becca and Eric fall in love in the first place. There's angst, but it's mostly about the process of overcoming the obstacles that haven't changed, but just maybe they have. Moreover, I love that you get to see the contrast between these two and their growth as individuals. Yes, Eric bungled it up, but in the end, there's a lot of personal growth that neither would have done had they stayed together.

**-That teaser:** The next book is Easy and Dani's and I am truly jonesing to see them come together. Talk about angst to the nth degree. However, just like this book, I know that in Ms. Cleeton's capable hands, I'm in for an emotionally satisfying ride.

I really enjoyed it. If you're looking for a second chance romance, or just good character-driven romance with fighter pilots, you can't go wrong with this series. Ms. Cleeton is the real deal and I'm looking forward to the next book in this series.

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## **?Flo? the coffee addict says**

### **4 \*\*second chance\*\* STARS**

What can I say? I adore this series. Chanel Cleeton is a relatively new author to me, but after loving *Fly With Me* and now getting to enjoy this second book in the Wild Aces series she is making her way on my must-read-author list. Ms.Cleeton has a way of spinning compelling, swoon-worthy and super hot love stories. Just the kind of thing this girl likes to read every once in awhile.

*Into the Blue* is the second book in the Wild Aces series, a second chance military themed romance about a squadron of F-16 fighter pilots.

Becca and Eric 'Thor' were highschool sweethearts, together for five years - even engaged, until ten years ago when Eric pulled the plug and left Becca. Back then their career choices didn't really work together and in the end love wasn't enough. Eric joined the Air Force to become a fighter pilot and Becca went to college and got a law degree.

Now, ten years later a chance encounter rekindles old feelings and both are at a point in their lives where they might be in a position to compromise, and maybe Becca is willing to give Eric a second chance.

I absolutely love the world created here. The characters are very real, their problems both in and out of the cockpit speak to me. I enjoy the balance between sweet romance and angst. If you like military romance with a lot of emotions this is definitely a series to look into. Especially the next book about Easy has a lot of promise and I for one can't wait for 2017. Why do we have to wait so long???? \*insert ugly crying\*

That's all. Thanks for your time.

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## **Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says**

**LIVE AMAZON <https://www.amazon.com/Into-Blue-Wild...>**

**4 STARS**

Another beautiful story by Chanel! Chanel surprises me each time because I don't know what to expect, this story is different from the first book yet so good. This is a second chance romance between Eric and Becca. These two were in love when they were young but they wanted different things and they tear apart. Now after years they meet again. The electric chemistry is still there but can they give another chance to each other?

Eric and Becca have a lot to sort out, Becca is a little bit reluctant and I can't understand her why. But sometimes I felt a little bit frustrated with her behavior. Eric was an interesting character, he is bossy and persistent. Together are hot and passionate. Overall it was a great romance story.

I really can't wait for the next book...seriously it's Easy's book <3 I need it now!!! Love this series, the characters are original and unique and I'm excited to meet all of them!! Chanel captivate me for one more time!

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5 "Need to Fix This" Stars

Chanel Cleeton, where have you been all my life? I was fortunate to have the second of this amazing series waiting for me after finishing *Fly With Me*, thanks to the author gifting me an ARC.

Military men are a league of their own. They own every little bit of confidence, cockiness and arrogance but also loyalty and love for whatever they deem worthy. This is why I love stories featuring them.

The whole remaining squadron of the Wild Aces is still reeling from the tragic events in book 1. They try to deal with it but Eric, call sign Thor, finds it increasingly hard to focus. An almost accident makes him realize that he needs a time out, away from the job he loves to find solid ground again, to move on. After a chance

run-in with his ex fiancée Becca he takes up the opportunity to go home and see where they stand, wanting to salvage the ties he cut loose a decade ago because they wanted different things out of life. His regret hasn't subsided in those ten years but will Becca be able to forgive him?

*Look at me. Please. Forgive me. Let me in.*

Seeing her ex again after such a long time has left Becca angry and confused. And when he comes to his home town after a decade of absence she does everything she can to shut him out and put up walls against this different yet familiar Eric. He sneaks past Becca's walls though and soon she finds herself entangled with him again. Forgiving is hard, forgetting almost impossible, and nobody wants to be second fiddle to your guy's job.

I have no idea how to put all my emotions for this book and the series into words. The heartbreak these two endured separated from the other because of one bad decision, the love that jumps from each page at you, the hope that is tangible, it all lured me in, hook, line and sinker and I just couldn't stop reading.

*"What?"*

*"You being here. In South Carolina. With me."*

*"Not a nightmare?"*

*"It depends on the day you ask me."*

*"It feels like a dream."*

Becca is an endearing heroine with a huge chip on her shoulder. Her strength is what defines her, so it's no surprise that forgiveness doesn't come easy to Becca but she is willing to work through the history that connects her with Eric. And so is he, he shows her with small and big gestures that he thinks the world of her. The way he treats Becca is achingly sweet.

Eric is such a swoon-worthy hero. He has it all, the cockiness, the arrogance and the depth to make him doubt himself and his decisions. His remorse for cutting himself loose is in every word he says. With his heart in Becca's hands he is desperate to find a solution out of the mess he created otherwise it would mean ending up where they did those ten years ago.

*"Have dinner with me tonight."*

*She grinned. "Okay."*

*I graduated from "maybes to "okays", and I felt like a fucking king.*

Their soul deep connection makes this story so worth reading. They try so hard to get past their messy

history, it's beautiful and heartbreaking at the same time. And then there is that lady parts-tingling attraction, the undeniable force that draws them together that makes you gasp and hold your breath. Their deep sexual need for one another is exciting and it almost makes you feel like an intruder. I loved their chemistry.

At some point I was wondering how this would play out, with both of them being on completely different paths and not being able to stray from them. I couldn't see either of them give in...but I shouldn't have doubted that the author would get it right. When Becca finally realizes that things have changed from the impossibility of their love to the only way, it is mindblowingly sweet. At that point my heart strings let loose a crescendo of feelings for these two. I was so relieved. You realize that these two had to go through the heartbreak to find a common path. They weren't in the same place when they separated and only the time apart got them to where they had to be.

*Maybe it took losing her to realize just how much I needed her, the contrast between my life with Becca and my life without never clearer than in this moment.*

What I love about the heroes of this series is that they are good men and still have the edge of badasses and super-alphas. They don't mess around, they go for what they want without being dicks about it. They are open about what they feel and have no shame admitting it. It's easy to fall in love with them.

Chanel Cleeton's writing style is fluid. The dialogues feel natural and you can't help sinking into the story and being swept away with it.

I hope after this series finishes Chanel Cleeton will continue writing romance with fighter pilots. I have no idea why not more authors do it, there is so much potential. Maybe they shy away from the knowledge that is needed, or even the insight that Ms. Cleeton has. But be that as it may, I think if this author continues what she's doing she'll strike a rich vein. I'm her devoted reader at any rate.

*ARC received by the author in exchange for an honest review - thank you so much!*

*Quotes are taken from the unpublished work and are subject to change.*

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**Allison ♡?Will Never Conquer Her TBR♡? says**

#### **4.5 Second-chance Stars!**

**Into the Blue** is the second book in the *Wild Aces* series and probably shouldn't be read as a standalone as it contains spoilers for book one, *Fly with Me*. Okay, with that bit of housekeeping out of the way, this is Eric (call sign Thor) and Becca's book. A second-chance romance between the F-16 pilot and the small town prosecuting attorney. Once engaged, Thor had to choose between his life in the military versus his love for Becca. Both their careers couldn't mesh so he walked away ten years ago. Now he's back on a bit of a "mental leave of absence" and finds himself home, drawn to the one girl he's ever truly loved.

*I was a mess, felt cracked and broken inside, and she'd always been the one I'd counted on. It seemed like my entire adult life had been spent either running from or to this one girl. She was the compass when I was so lost I couldn't find my way.*

Becca has never really gotten over the break-up with her ex-fiancé Eric through a letter. **A letter!** So, she's chosen to set roots in her nice quaint hometown of Bradbury, practicing law and exacting justice where justice failed her parents. She has no idea how much her world will be rocked when she sets eyes on Eric again... all those feelings, good, bad, steamy come barreling back.

**Into the Blue**, was a great love story highlighting the extreme sacrifice couples make for military life, especially the life of an F-16 pilot. Becca has dreams, a career, hopes for a family and hopping from state to state, or being left behind for long deployments aren't conducive to that. Eric chose his first love- flying for the Air Force- over her and she refuses to make that mistake again. Nothing has changed. He's still an F-16 pilot and her career dreams haven't changed. Seems they're at an impasse. Or are they? Can dreams change? Focuses change? Can love come first? Can **she** finally come first?

*I didn't know how to start over and I didn't know how to just be friends, and I was terrified to let him past the electrified manned-by-viciousman-eating-dogs fence I'd built around my heart.*

A perfect blend of angst, romance, and steam, **Into the Blue** had pretty big shoes to fill after *Fly With Me*. I really loved this slow-build second chance romance. Eric really broke my heart. How can he choose between a job he loves, the only job for him, and the only woman he's ever really loved? Can he ask her to give up her dreams for him to pursue his? This story really felt realistic to me. I can see this scenario playing out with couples everywhere, especially the military where your life truly isn't yours.

*It makes it hard to remember to live at times, to just enjoy the moment, because you're always looking forward, always preparing for the next deployment, the next TDY. Always leaving, always going, never just standing still."*

I think I loved their unselfishness and growth the most. How both characters were mature and worked together to find their happily ever after. This series has really been enjoyable thus far for me. I love all things military romance and this just is the perfect blend of everything. Bravo.

\*\*\*And now I impatiently wait for the third book in this series...*On Broken Wings* (Easy's book). Coming January 2017.

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## Geri Reads says

I discovered and fell in love with Chanel Cleeton's writing when I read her Capital Confessions series. Her stories are a perfect mix of sweet with a touch of angst thrown in.

Into the Blue perfectly represents what makes this author work for me.

Becca Madison and Eric Jansen are two people who are in love with each other but are being pulled in different directions by their ambition and their quest to find themselves. They went from being in love and engaged to nothing. Eric walked away to become a F-16 fighter pilot while Maddie stayed home to become a successful lawyer.

The devastation that it brought almost destroyed Maddie. She was the one who was left behind. While I'm not saying that Eric heart wasn't affected, at least he had everything to gain in their break-up.

It took me a while to warm up to Eric's character, to be honest. I thought that the way he broke up with Maddie was shitty and the fact that he stayed away for 10 years made me question his love for Maddie at first. I understood his motivation but it's still heartbreaking to see how much it destroyed Maddie.

But Ms. Cleeton was able to show readers the growth of his character, and he was able to prove his love for her, in my opinion. There were several heartbreaking moments where I felt like they had no way out of it. Like none at all because the alternative solution would be a cop-out in a way.

But Ms. Cleeton was able to bring their story full circle and gave me what I crave for in my books: HEA. The journey was well worth it because of that ending.

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## Eliza says

I'm certain I've said this before but it bears repeating, Chanel Cleeton is a woman well versed in the art of creating sexual tension! After the sizzling sensation that is Fly with me, Chanel changes gears with this slow burn love affair. Into the Blue is an emotion-filled second chance romance, with the wildness and anticipation of first love.

Eric 'Thor' Jansen is a filter pilot whose squadron has recently suffered a personal loss. With more than his work performance being affected, he decides to take a leave of absence and return to the only place he feels grounded. Home is where the heart is, as is the girl whose heart he broke when he left.

**We'd been everything to each other. Family, best friends, a fire that had burned hot and bright until it flamed out.**

Becca Madison is a woman who has experience much loss in her life. Arguably none more so than when Eric Jansen town. As teens they were inseparable, but adulthood saw them veer in different directions. Becca craved familiarity, while Eric wanted to spread his wings. The news of his return is unwelcome, so too are the unbidden emotions that make a vehement resurgence.

**Maybe I was a fool. I probably was. But the thing with love was that once you felt it, it was impossible to turn it off.**

Chanel Cleeton once again makes easy work of affirming her 'go-to' author status. Eric and Becca's story was one I immensely enjoyed. Its distraction free, stripped back feel gave me time to get to know them, as well as absorb the emotions created.

Wild Aces in an interconnected series, so although each novel can be read as a standalone, I insist you read them in order. You'll thank me later.

Easy's novel, *On Broken Wings*, is hotly anticipated and I'm looking forward to expiring from all the delicious angst.

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## Nicola says

Having adored, *Fly With Me*, the first in Chanel Cleeton's *Wild Aces* series, I couldn't wait to acquaint myself with Eric "Thor" Jansen.

***"...it was the force of Eric. Six-feet-two-inches of Eric."***

Following the tragedy that unfolded in the first book, Eric finds himself taking time away from base, returning home to South Carolina determined to lay old ghosts to rest. Ten years previously he left, determined to become a successful fighter pilot, but in his wake he left a devastated and broken-hearted fiancée.

This time around readers are treated to second chance story of love, regret and rediscovery between Eric and now-attorney, Becca Madison. He wears his heart on his sleeve and sets out to break through her defences to prove to her that whilst he left Bradbury a boy, he has very much returned a man and his feelings for her haven't diminished over the years.

***"What we had—what we have—you and I both know it isn't a given. I've never found it with anyone else, never felt the way I do about you. And I think you feel the same way."***

It's not plain sailing by any stretch and I did spend a fair proportion of *Into the Blue* questioning just how Becca and Eric could find their HEA because her career is important to her and not particularly conducive to air force life, however there is absolutely no doubt that they are meant to be together. Chanel Cleeton has

once again created a couple to absolutely adore, who are completely relatable and pull all the emotion from you and, whilst the first book had the edge for me, *Into the Blue* is still a strong addition to a wonderful series which I highly recommend.

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