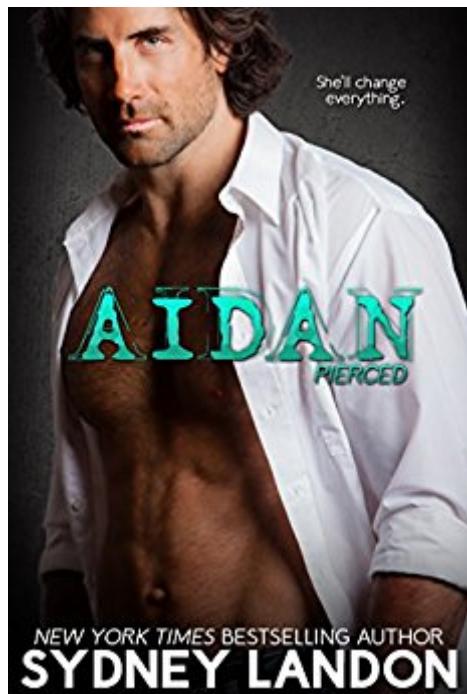


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# Aidan (Lucian & Lia Book 5)



## **Synopsis**

"She's a dirty-talking, sassy-mouthed handful who keeps me on my toes. I never know what's going to come out of that mouth next, and it turns me on like you wouldn't believe."Aidan Spencer walked away from his family and his friends when the woman he'd loved since childhood died while attempting to kill his best friends wife. Aidan had chosen to save another and in doing so had lost Cassie. For over a year, he's been isolated from everyone he loves until a family emergency brings him back home. When he meets a woman along the way whose problems are more dire than his own, he must decide if he's strong enough to fight for the woman he's falling in love with knowing there's no promise of a tomorrow for them?

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## **Customer Reviews**

Well Sydney Landon has done it again. I absolutely LOVED Aidan!!! I am truly sad to see this series end. This series has definitely been one of my favorite series. I have loved every character and storyline she has given us. Aidan in the 5th and final book in the Lucian & Lia Series. This book is

probably the most emotional book of the 5. I was crying at many different times while reading this story. Sydney covers a very serious topic in this story and I believe this book will hit very close to home for many readers out there. I have to be honest and tell you I never would have guessed this was the direction Aidan's story would have gone. I don't want to say too much because this is a book I think you need to go into blind and just immerse yourself into the story and all the different emotions you will feel. This story is told from both Kara and Aidan's POV. This is a fairly quick read but nothing is rushed. I felt she gave us the perfect story for Aidan. This was another wonderful addition to this series. To me this is a MUST READ series!!! We met Aidan back in Pierced (Book 1 of the series) and I have to be honest I loved him even back then. I knew I wanted him to get his own book right from the very beginning. This book can be read as a standalone from the series, but truly I wouldn't recommend it. I feel you should definitely read Pierced, Fractured and Mended first just to get the feel of all the characters in this series. There is a lot of backstory on Aidan told in the other books. Now don't worry if you don't want to read those books, you will get Aidan's backstory in this one as well. I personally don't remember meeting Kara in any of the past books, but I guess we might have briefly. Since she is Lia's cousin. I loved Kara for Aidan!!! They both had a lot of healing to do and I thought that they were perfect for each other. They brought out each others better side. This is a couple you are going to want to meet. I loved that we got more of Lucian and Lia in this book. And also more of Lee Jacks. I wouldn't be opposed to a story about Lee in the future ;) I also liked getting to know Peter and Charlotte (Kara's parents and Lee's Brother) in this story. I would 100% recommend this book/series to everyone I know. If you are looking for that book that is a story about healing and overcoming many obstacles, but in the end will leave you smiling, then this is the book to read!!!

Title: Aidan  
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Author: Sydney Landon  
Designation: Book 5 of Series, Can be read as a Standalone, Full-length, No Cliffhanger  
My Rating: Five Divinely Entertaining Stars\*\*\*\*\*  
Where do I begin? Have you ever read a book that affected you so profoundly, it left you completely speechless? Well, this is one of those stories. I've been a diehard Sydney Landon fan for years and generally order her books sight unseen. It doesn't matter who's on the cover or what the title is; if Sydney Landon writes it, I buy it. She ranks as one of my top five all-time favorite authors in the romance genre and I've never been disappointed with her work. But I admit, after having read the first four releases in this series, and loving them all, my expectations for Aidan's

story were even greater than for any of the previous books. I could hardly wait to get it in my hot little hands. In all honesty, I truly believed it impossible for Landon to meet those expectations but I was sorely mistaken. Surprisingly, she not only met them, she completely surpassed them and totally blew me away! I generally order her books months in advance, then anxiously await each release but it's always worth the wait and this time, she has truly outdone herself with Aidan, the fifth and final book of the Pierced: Lucian and Lia Series. This is one of the most emotionally engaging stories I've ever read and that's saying a lot because I've read thousands and thousands of books, too many to even count. It's not often an author manages to engage all five of my senses while reading a story but Landon did exactly that. I could see the characters in my mind and hear the pain in their voices; I could smell the air they breathed and taste the salt of their tears, but more importantly, I could feel their heartache, pain, and despair. I became fully immersed in their world and totally engaged in their lives. By the time I finished the first fourth of the book, I was sniffling and reaching for my box of tissues. And by the time I reached the halfway point, I was sobbing uncontrollably. It was absolutely gut-wrenching. Landon not only tugged on my heartstrings, she broke my heart and ripped it from my chest. But this story was also hopeful, heartwarming and at times, quite humorous. By the time I reached the final page, Landon had miraculously mended my broken heart and healed my weary soul. And that, folks, is entertainment. Personally, I think it's Landon's best work to date. It was imperfectly perfect! But there's so much more I love about this book. Yes, it's exceptionally well-crafted and edited, as is with all Landon's books. The dialogue is intelligent, snappy, sexy, sometimes funny, well executed and flows effortlessly. The narrative is beautifully written in the first-person with multiple perspectives, primarily from the two protagonists: handsome, grief-stricken playboy Aidan Spencer, and beautiful, troubled and very unhappy cancer survivor Kara Jacks. But without a doubt, my favorite component is the extraordinary cast of well-developed, relatable and thoroughly engaging characters who come to life and completely capture your heart. I fell in love with both Aidan and Kara. I felt they were each realistically flawed but perfect together and played off each other brilliantly, not to mention their attraction and sexual chemistry was smokin' hot. The scenes between these two characters sizzled with heat, attraction, passion and emotion. My heart literally ached for the heartbroken, long-suffering Aidan and the deeply depressed Kara and found myself cheering for them to find the peace of spirit and mind they each so desperately sought. Most of the characters were introduced in the earlier books of the series and for that reason alone, I highly recommend reading the first four books prior to this one, but the author does a remarkable job of including ample backstory making it possible to read this release as a standalone, which brings me to yet another reason I love this book. We were able to

catch up on the lives of our favorite characters from series and that's always a big plus for me. Landon is an exceptionally gifted storyteller and skilled wordsmith who excels at bringing her characters to life in worlds and situations that are easily relatable to the reader. She masterfully combines every single one of these elements to craft an enthralling contemporary romance filled with the perfect combination of drama, heartbreak, angst, attraction, passion, healing, hope, and love. If you're looking for an incredibly moving story about two unhappy, lost souls searching for peace of mind as well as spirit, each reeling from personal tragedy and both desperately trying to find a way to live and love again, then this is the book for you. Aidan Spencer had given up on life a year ago when he saved the life of his best friend's wife and unborn child, but couldn't save the woman he'd loved for years. He left everything and everyone he's ever cared about when he drove away from his home in Asheville, North Carolina and never looked back. He stopped 300 miles to the south in Charleston, South Carolina for gas and never bothered to leave. In his state of mind, one place was just as good as the other. Anywhere he could escape the painful memories, guilt, and heartbreaking loss surrounding his life, even if only temporarily, was a good place to be, and Charleston seemed the perfect place to drown his sorrow with booze and meaningless sex with every available woman, and there were quite a few. So what were the odds that someone from Asheville would come waltzing into the bar he frequented....and that someone would have to be Kara Jacks, the very beautiful, look-alike cousin of his best friend's wife, the very woman he had saved. Talk about a small world! Who would have guessed the lovely Kara had come to Charleston also seeking peace for her weary mind and body by trying to escape her life in Asheville? Kara had lost her way in life, suffering from severe bouts of depression after recovering from cancer. Everyone told her how lucky she was to have survived breast cancer but she didn't feel lucky, nor fortunate or blessed; she just felt damaged. She attempted to find peace by isolating herself from everyone including the people who loved her, whereas Aidan tried to escape his guilt by numbing his pain with alcohol and meaningless sex... until now. Who would have ever thought these two lost souls, both with wounded spirits, could have so much in common and with just a little effort, together may be able to find the peace they each desperately seek? But can they let go of the past and learn to live and love again? We'll see! When rating and reviewing a book, there are several questions I always ask. First, did I like this book? I think it's obvious that I not only liked it, I loved it! Second, was there anything I didn't like about the book? Quite honestly, no! Not a thing! Third, would I recommend it? Absolutely, but only for adult readers since it does include some steamy dreamy love scenes. Fourth, will I read this author again? You bet! Just as soon as she releases her next book! And finally, was I entertained? Oh my lawd, yes! Completely and totally entertained! Once I

started reading, I couldn't bring myself to stop. I spent a wonderful evening, gripping my e-reader, with tears flowing freely from my eyes as the pages flew as quickly as the hours but by the time I read the last word, I was happy, satisfied and well entertained. Fabulous entertainment and an awesome read!

I cannot believe this series is over. I have absolutely loved every book in the series with this one being no exception. Aiden is Luc's best friend they are non-blood brothers. Aiden was on a self imposed exile after who he thought was the love of his life died after trying to kill Luc's love. During his exile he began to realize he loved Cassie but was not in love with her. Enter Kara. Kara was on a rediscovery also after going through breast cancer. They recognize each other and one thing leads to another but both are only in it for the sanctification they received. Luc emails Aiden with news that his mother is very sick. Aiden leaves and returns home. Kara stays as she is not ready to go back. She returns when she hears of his mother's passing. They reconnect and decide to see where it goes and what happens. Kara never told Aiden about her cancer and feels now is not the time as he is still reeling from the death of his mother from cancer. We know secrets always come back to bite you. Will they be able to get past the secret that feels like a lie or will it be too much. This book is full of laughs, lots of tears and some anger. I cannot recommend this series enough, you will not be disappointed.

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