

Finding Cleo

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Finding Cleo by Jennifer Raines is a standalone strangers to lovers contemporary romance with a dash of suspense. Helsinki, a chance meeting, interpreter Cleo and novelist Jack, forced proximity, some grumpy sunshine vibes, a puzzle to solve until it all unravels... Based in Sydney, Jennifer is an educator and award winning author, with extensive experience speaking to audiences and is available for library visits for book talks.

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Australian Cleo Montford has spent the last two years in Helsinki, cocooned from the lies and betrayals of her past, then Australian author Jack Spencer wants to hire her to research the story her journalist father was investigating when he was killed—the unsolved murder of a Scandinavian PM.

Cleo adored her father. When he died, her mother said he'd never loved or wanted Cleo. Cleo is now slow to trust, but it's time to take her life back. She accepts Jack's job offer. She doesn't expect to find his mix of intelligence, stubbornness and charm so compelling, doesn't expect him to understand, doesn't expect to want to touch him—all the time.

Battling writer's block, Jack latches onto the old story as the basis for his thriller. Finding Hugo Montford's daughter in Helsinki is a good omen for him, until he discovers doubts shackle her to the past. She's smart, loyal and irresistible and his goal shifts to finding answers for her.

When Cleo's threatened, Jack stops their search. Cleo pushes for answers regardless of the cost.

Sometimes you have to let go of what's killing you, even if it's killing you to let go.

"Their chemistry is tender but undeniable, and the slow build of trust between them feels earned. He (Jack) sees her strength even when she (Cleo) can't, and that dynamic adds warmth to the tension simmering beneath the surface."

Goodreads ★★★★★☆

"As I have mentioned in previous reviews, Ms. Raines excels at creating characters who feel real - flawed, vulnerable, and endearingly human."

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"This was hard to put down, addictive, and beautifully written, I would wholeheartedly recommend reading it yourself!"

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