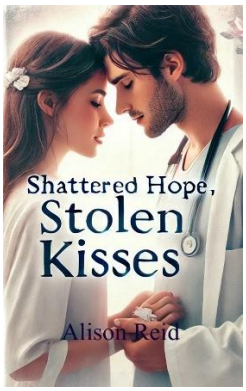
Shattered Hope, Stolen Kisses



by Alison Reid

She was left for dead. He refused to let her be forgotten.

When Aurora Vincent is brutally attacked on a dark Sydney street, her life shatters in a single night. Broken, traumatised, and fighting to piece together what happened, she wakes in a hospital with more questions than answers—and a future she no longer recognises.

The only thing she knows for certain? A stranger saved her.

Dr. Anthony Hardwick didn't hesitate when he found her bleeding in an alley. He stepped in, scares off her attackers, and refused to walk away—even after she was safe.

But Aurora isn't just another patient. She's the woman he can't stop thinking about. The one he can't seem to leave behind.
As Aurora struggles to heal—physically and emotionally—Anthony becomes her anchor in a world that suddenly feels unsafe. But the closer they grow, the more complicated everything becomes.
Because Anthony already has a life. A girlfriend. A past he hasn't fully let go of.

And Aurora is terrified of becoming broken in ways that can't be healed.
Yet somewhere between stolen glances, quiet nights, and fragile touches, something undeniable begins to form.
Something neither of them expected. Something neither of them can resist.

But when the past resurfaces and the truth of that night refuses to stay buried, they'll be forced to confront the one question neither of them is ready to answer—can love be strong enough… to rebuild what was shattered?

Tropes:

🩺 Doctor Hero
💊 Healing After Trauma
🏥 Rescue Romance
🛡️ Protective Hero
🦋 Emotional Healing
🩹 Hurt/Comfort
🩶 He Falls First

Reader Guide:

🔥 Heat: ★★★☆☆ (Moderately Steamy) *Several open-door scenes with moderate detail*
💔 Angst: ★★★★☆ (High) *Heartbreak, separation, betrayal & strong emotional tension*
❤️ Emotion: ★★★★☆ (Deep) *Powerful emotional journey with heartfelt moments & significant character development*
📖 Dual POV
🌶️ Open-Door Romance
✔️ No Cheating
✨ Guaranteed HEA