

Lily Callina's new romance "Beyond Broken," the 4th in The Matchmaker Series, explores healing and love after trauma.



Humble, Texas Nov 5, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - In her powerful new novel, "[Beyond Broken](#)," the fourth instalment in The Matchmaker Series, author Lily Callina offers a deeply emotional contemporary romance that explores the resilience of the human spirit in the face of devastating trauma. The story delves into the lives of two wounded individuals learning to trust, heal, and find love after their worlds were shattered.

About the Book:

"Beyond Broken" is set against the backdrop of personal tragedy and the long, difficult path to recovery. It follows the story of Genesis, a woman who witnessed the murder of her mother during a brutal home invasion orchestrated by her own father at the age of twelve. The trauma leaves her with severe agoraphobia, confining her to the safety of her home for a decade. Her only constant friend is Benjamin, the police officer who helped save her life that day.

A Life Confined by Fear:

The narrative opens with Genesis, now an adult and a successful author of children's books, navigating a life limited by the walls of her home. Her world is small, curated for safety, and shared only with her loyal service dog and her therapist, Annie. Her friendship with Ben, who lives across the street, is her primary connection to the outside world, maintained through texts and occasional video calls.

A Catalyst for Change:

A devastating house fire forces Genesis to make a choice: face her ultimate fear of the outside world or perish. Rescued by Ben, she is hospitalized and must confront the reality that her survival now depends on leaving her sanctuary. During her recovery, she experiences a profound vision of her mother, urging her to live again, finally. This becomes the catalyst for her decision to accept Ben's offer to stay with him while her home is repaired.

Forced Proximity and Hidden Pasts:

As Genesis moves into Ben's home, their carefully maintained friendship deepens into a complex and tender bond. With the help of a mystical new support dog, Titus—a gentle, ethereal being sent from Heaven to guide and protect them—Genesis begins to step beyond her brokenness tentatively. However, Ben carries his own heavy burdens from a childhood marked by severe abuse, leaving him with deep emotional and physical scars. He believes himself to be damaged and unworthy of love, fearing he could become like his father. This internal conflict causes him to repeatedly reject Genesis's growing affection, despite his own feelings for her.

A Crossroads of the Heart:

Heartbroken and determined to move forward, Genesis meets Ashton, a handsome and attentive man who represents a seemingly safe and uncomplicated future. Her decision to explore this new relationship forces Ben to confront his deepest fears and insecurities, setting the stage for an emotional climax where both must decide if they are ready to fight for a future together or let their pasts dictate their endings.

About the Author:

[Lily Callina](#) is a daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, writer, and former social worker. A survivor of many broken hearts, she has found strength in her faith, her love for rock music—especially Nickelback—and her passion for storytelling. After spending 34 years in a helping profession, she turned to writing as a new way to connect with people and explore the resilience of the human spirit.

Availability:

"Beyond Broken" is available on [Amazon](#) for readers seeking a heartfelt and emotional story of love, healing, and the resilience of the human spirit.

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