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Mia Taylor has a huge heart, but just how much pain can one heart endure? Mia was living the picture perfect life, engaged to her high school sweetheart and working at her dream job at an upscale salon in New York City. She had it all. Until the day her past, present and future were taken away, leaving her to face the world scared and alone. Trying to pick up the pieces of her broken life, while mourning the devastating loss of her fiancé she just goes through the motions as an empty shell.

Enter Travis Montgomery, Olympic swimmer and totally gorgeous. He has several medals under his belt and just as many women. Mia is well aware of his womanizing reputation and refuses to be his next conquest, but finds herself coming alive again whenever she's around him. They agree to be "just friends," quickly finding that they are unable to fight the attraction between them. Mia's life becomes complete once again with Travis in it; but nothing good lasts forever, at least not in Mia's world. Torn apart by an ugly secret, Mia's heart is broken once again.

When the unthinkable happens and Travis needs Mia the most, she must reach deep inside to find forgiveness for the one man who will always hold the key to her shattered heart. But will doing so only break it further; this time beyond repair?

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Sara says

3.75 stars. A sad beginning and then insta love. I did like all the characters with the exception of Chloe. I didn't really guess the secret but what happens with them after I was like Nooooooo! Cute story with HEA

Kizzy says

I loved this book ;) so sad about eric though :(glad travis came in for his cut that day :) i was so caught up in travis and mia and loved every minute of it! I loved juan too :) I will be reading more from this author!!

JoJo - JJJ (Jo Anna) Janesko says

Well Beth has done it again. This book was wonderful. I truly loved the characters and am sad to say goodbye to them. I can't wait for Ms. Rinyu's next book. She is truly talented.

Kim says

4.5 stars

Mia had the fairy tale life with her fiance Eric. But some fairy tales take a bad turn and they do not get the happy ending.

It was so reflective of my life. I had never been happier. Until that day it had all changed, one year ago, and the sunny world that I had been living in became filled with clouds.

Mia is a sassy, independent, smart, and beautiful woman that has just been going through the motions and not really living after suffering a loss. One day, she meets a rude, inconsiderate jerk who humiliates her. But Travis was just having a bad day. He really is a charismatic, sexy, Olympic swimmer, and businessman. All the women want a piece of him and he had a reputation of being a womanizer. When Travis sees the opportunity to redeem himself in Mia's eyes, he takes it. And soon he is pursuing her and enjoying spending time with her. But Mia is determined not to be one of his many conquests and just offers friendship. But the closer they get, the harder it is maintain.

She was the complete package; she was beautiful, funny, and had a great personality. I laughed to myself, remembering how she referred to herself as ordinary. She was far from it; in fact, she was the most extraordinary girl I had ever met.

But I see more to him than a beautiful face, a perfect body, and gold medalist. I really like the person he is inside...

Their friendship turns into a sweet, beautiful love story. But Travis has a secret that could rip them apart. And he has people in his life that will not hesitate to hurt them. And little did they know what other

situations would lie ahead and test their relationship to the extreme. And even when promises are made, sometimes they are not easy to keep.

"Because I don't want to feel the pain of losing someone that I love so much, ever again."

"Mia, I promise, you will never lose me. You are my girl forever."

Mia had such strength and determination despite everything she went through. She is genuine, loyal, and has a giving spirit. And Travis is so much more under the surface than he even thought he could be. But he was not used to having so much to lose. Together they had the potential to bring out the best in each other, but at times could also bring out the worst. And their lives were not easy and could change in an instant.

Sometimes life isn't fair and takes us in a direction that we least expect. But as long as the outcome is sweet, it makes all of the heartache and roadblocks that we have to endure worthwhile.

This book had love, passion, pain and heartbreak. Their story was at times effortless and inspiring, and at others complicated, difficult, and painful. I adored Mia and Travis. I liked them as individuals and together. I always felt like despite everything, they were meant to be together. This book made me laugh, made me happy, frustrated me, and brought tears to my eyes. It was not a short love story that took place in a weeks time. It was a complete story that spanned years and a multitude of emotions, decisions, and difficult situations. But it made a powerful statement for grabbing onto those that you love and not letting life pass you by.

I felt like I really got to know these characters and understood their decisions even if they did not always make me happy. I also loved the side characters especially her flamboyant, best friend and confidante Juan . All of their families and friends were important and provided needed support, humor, and background to the story.

This was a beautifully written book by Beth Rinyu with likable, deep characters, surprising twists, emotional situations, and a good message. And thankfully no cliffhanger! I was so glad she gave us both Mia and Travis' points of view and an epilogue. I feel like I went through a complete and fulfilling journey that encompassed so many emotions and I felt every one of them.

Thanks to Beth Rinyu for providing me with an ARC in exchange for an honest review. Will be posted at :
Reviews by Tammy and Kim.

Beth Rinyu says

I can't wait for you guys to read my latest novel Drowning In Love. I hope that you fall in love with Travis and Mia and their beautiful love story the same way that I have over these past few months. I'm keeping my fingers crossed for a a July 2013 release. Until then...here's a teeny tiny teaser and the prologue.

http://www.goodreads.com/author_blog...

Brandi Money says

Full review coming soon...

4.5 Stars!

The story is so wonderfully told and jammed packed with feeling. My emotions were all over the place. It was impossible to not fall in love with Mia and Travis. Despite tragedy, Mia is so beautiful, both inside and out. Travis learns quickly just how precious she is to his survival; unfortunately, life has different plans for them.

This is a story of love, strength and overcoming the odds. This book puts a lot into perspective and forced me to examine myself. Oddly, I was left desiring to be a better me.

Did I mention that Travis is super hot!?

Jennifer Sons says

4 1/2 Stars

I loved it! A story of true love, determination & survival! So emotional! I loved Mia & Travis! Mia is a strong loving woman that would be any man's dream! Travis is a super hot sweet athlete that Mia changes to Her dream! I can't tell how much I DISLIKE, no that's not a strong enough word, HATE Chloe, Travis's agent! I could've punched her in her throat! Things go wrong & tragedy strikes once again leaving everyone devastated! Will love prevail?!? Can't Mia & Travis find their ways back or will they drown in love?!? Awesome story!!

Megan Wasko says

A Beautiful Emotional Love Story....

This book was Wonderful, at every page you turned you were brought into the Lives of Travis and Mia as if you were actually their. You felt all the emotions coming from them. This book had Sadness, Heartache, Laughter, Hope, Promise and Love.... If you have not read this story yet I HIGHLY recommend that you do, you will fall in love with it like I did.

Jessica's Book Review says

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Holy Hotness Batman! I now have a new book boyfriend and his name is Travis Montgomery... he is sexy,

rich, beautiful, an Olympian, and a swimmer... yep that is right, a SWIMMER! I'll give you a minute to picture that..... yum right?

Drowning In Love by Beth Rinyu is different from anything I have read from Beth before. It's steamy, like really steamy but done very tastefully but still has a very strong emotional pull that Beth is known for in her books. The book is also done in both Travis & Mia's Point of view and alternate between chapters. I loved being able to get into the mind of both characters and what they are feeling. What I love most about Ms. Rinyu's books is how attached I become to the characters. I fall in love with them all and feel what they feel. I become so involved with the story and characters I am always sad to see it end and Drowning In Love is no different.

I was immediately pulled into the book from the very beginning. The story begins with Mia and Eric; you know what is coming for the two which makes reading a scene with them happy and together tragic to read. I was in tears by the end of the first chapter; from that moment on I needed Mia to find Travis ASAP to take her pain away.

“Sometimes happiness can be taken away in a blink of an eye, leaving you scared, alone, and wondering how you will ever pick up the pieces of what was once a fairy tale life.”

There is a medium size build-up for the two until they become romantically involved. It felt real and I understood the connection between the two. I loved reading about them getting to know each other and seeing how different they were but they still clicked. Some of the book was a bit predictable but it worked well and was beautifully written. Towards the end something major happens and I did not see it coming at all! I thought the major drama was Travis' secret, which does cause problems but there is a lot more. Travis, poor Travis... I couldn't believe what happened. My heart broke for him and Mia all over again. My favorite part of the book was the second half and reading what Travis and Mia were going through. It felt almost like a completely different book but the first half of the book.

“I was so in love with her, but if she knew the truth, it could destroy us, and the longer I waited, the worse it would be.”

Drowning In Love takes place over a few years, the book moves at a very fast pace and I read it within a few hours not being able to put it down. You will fall in love with the characters and story just as I did. Beth Rinyu is one of my favorite writers and I cannot wait to read more from her in the future.

Drowning in Love is a fabulous read about falling in love *again* and overcoming the impossible and never give up.

I give Drowning In Love 4 Stars.

ARC provided by the author in return for an honest review.

Barbara says

What an absolutely wonderful story, could not put it down! Story of life, loss, love and heartache. Loved Travis and Mia and the ending so perfect. Will for sure reread this book again.

Georgia Cruz says

10 AMAZING, HEART-MELTING STARS! BETH RINYU HAD PULLED IT OFF AGAIN!

I vowed that I will read all of Beth Rinyu's books, so I'm proud to say I did the best decision ever! I always love how the author always involves a picture of a loving and caring family. This is why I always had tears in my eyes. Families and kids just makes my heart squeezed and it only adds to the icing on the cake!

Terry says

What an amazing story from start to finish! This author sure knows how to write. I loved Travis & Mia's story - it was a beautiful story. I experienced so many emotions from laughing, crying, cheering, being so angry, & of course fanning myself. These 2 went through so much together & they were meant for each other. The epilogue was perfect and beautiful.

CasPerfitz~SLiTsReaD says

"awwwww".... that's the word I thought of after finishing the book... It was cute, hot and beautiful. Travis is a dream... Mia is beautiful inside and out... together they are just perfect. Their story is beautiful.

Paula says

Sometimes life isn't fair and takes us in a direction that we least expect. But as long as the outcome is sweet, it makes all of the heartache and roadblocks that we have to endure worthwhile.

Drowning in Love begins with Mia and Eric. They were high school sweethearts and now engaged to be married. Mia has everything she's always wanted. She is about to marry her first love and start a family. This is everything she's ever dreamed of. Sadly, Mia's dreams come crashing down around her when she loses her fiancé before they have a chance for their happily ever after. She's devastated and overcome with grief. For a year, she mourns and simply goes through the motions of living, not feeling anything. Her life has become an empty shell of her former life. Until she meets the gorgeous, confident, charming, famous Olympic swimmer, Travis Montgomery.

When Mia and Travis first meet, they don't hit it off too well. Travis was having a bad day and was rude and inconsiderate to Mia. But Travis immediately redeems himself and charms her into going out with him. She goes and has a really great time with him. He's charismatic, considerate, and good company. Travis is known for his womanizing ways and Mia knows this. She decides that it would be best to just be friends with him. She doesn't want to be another one of his conquests. So, she proposes they just be friends and they both

agree. They quickly find out that being friends is impossible when they can no longer fight the intense attraction between them. Travis sparks something inside Mia that makes her feel alive again. Mia can no longer fight the attraction she has for Travis and goes for it. Travis doesn't just want Mia for one night. He wants her for keeps. Things quickly change between them. A relationship is formed and they fall in love. BUT Travis has been keeping a terrible secret from Mia. This secret is the biggest betrayal to Mia and could tear them apart.

I feel like this story is broken up into two parts. The first half of the story is about Mia and Travis's falling in love. They have an instant attraction, but the relationship develops slowly and maturely. They may come from different worlds, but they fit into each other's world perfectly as they learn about one another. Mia is down to earth and sugary sweet. She doesn't care that Travis is a rich, well-known athlete. She loves Travis for Travis. She has such strength and determination. She loves and forgives easy. She has a big heart. And, once we learn more about Travis, there is more to this sexy man underneath the surface. He's kind and giving and protective. He could have any woman, but he only wants Mia. With Mia's big heart and sweet personality, Travis can't imagine going back to his many non-emotional one night stands ever again. Together they are beautiful and brought out the best in each other. But, unfortunately, they also brought out the worst in each other.

The second half of the story is where things become complicated and difficult for this couple. These two go through so much as the story is told over years from both Mia and Travis' POV. Travis' secret causes a lot of heartache and pain. Things between them unravel in an instant when it's revealed. They are both hurting emotionally and thinking irrationally. And, as if the ugly secret wasn't enough, Mia and Travis' relationship is tested once again. I really wasn't prepared for what happened. Shocked... is an understatement. Once the shock settles in, I could see where the story was going, and then I became worried and nervous for Mia and Travis. I didn't want to see them go through any more heartbreak. But, alas, Miz Rinyu does not let up. My poor aching heart took quite the beating. Things definitely get worse before they get better. And it does get better...

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Mia and Travis' story is beautiful and devastating at the same time. This story captures the complexities of love. Emotionally, I was put through the wringer. There is a lot of drama in this story that stems from this couple not communicating or trusting one another. I felt a tremendous amount of affection for this couple but, at the same time, I felt incredibly frustrated with some of their decisions. One of the main things that I found the most frustrating is that they never just *talked*. Every decision, every mistake, and all the heartache they experience put the incredible love they have for one another through the ultimate test. It was hard going through hell and back with this couple. But seeing them overcome the odds made it worth it. So, if you love complicated, highly emotional, and endearing love stories, *Drowning in Love* is the perfect book to read.

Rating: B

Heat: Hot

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Linda says

I was so hooked when the author released the prologue teaser. While reading the book, I found that I had been hooked since page two. Normally, it takes me A LOT longer than that!! This book was addictive. I LOVED the characters and the story. I highly recommend this book! I would love to say so much more, but I don't want to give anything away and ruin it for anyone! LOVE LOVE LOVED it!!!!!!
