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Paige says

I love, love the Superlatives series. (2 of the 3 girls are WoC, there's so much sex-positivity in these books, and they're hilarious.) Sawyer/Kaye have always been my favorite of the couples, and I adored their book. I especially liked that we got to see Sawyer's more vulnerable side in this book (especially because in the other books, he was mostly comedic relief) and I really didn't want to say goodbye to the Superlatives gang. (Seriously, I'd read a bonus short story about what goes on at senior prom.) Jennifer Echols's books aren't super well recognized in YA, which is a shame. Overall: if you want to read sex-positive and feminist romantic comedies, read this series.

Jenna says

LOVED this series so much!!! Much thanks to Simon Teen for giving me a copy for review! For all the three books.

Okay, why do I like this series so much? Apart from being able to somehow live vicariously through the characters' lives? And somehow feel like I'm on of them and I'm in High school again. And in our class, we didn't do the Superlatives! We should have (I was part of our yearbook committee) but I don't know why we didn't. I was sure there was no voting that happened though. If I'm going to be a teacher in high school, I'll surely suggest this Superlatives thing. It's fun!

Anyway, to the story! The first book, *Biggest Flirts*, started with Tia and Will. The second, *Perfect Couple*, Harper and Brody. And this last one! Kaye and Sawyer. I was honestly waiting for Kaye and Sawyer's story because even from book 1, you'll kind of guess they're going to end up with each other.

Now I know not everyone who pair up in high school end up together, but it's just so cool to think they would! At least in this series. There's something magical and at the same time realistic, with how Jennifer Echols paired up the team and made them serious about each other. Most especially with...actually equally for the 3 pairs. It's just so obvious it's fiction when she paired all of them in the span of only two weeks or three weeks in between each story. And all three girlfriends get their happy endings? Lols. But story-wise, each couple somehow work together. Tia and Will. Will, the new transfer from Minnesota, overall great guy with great academics and extracurricular. Tia who is like their class' 'biggest flirt' but is actually hiding her inner smart self. Like she's really smart and she doesn't even make too much effort. Yeah, she's that kind of classmate who doesn't even need to study but somehow gets better grades than you. lol. And even if they're opposite. They work! Then there's Harper and Brody. Another polar opposites. The jock and the geeky girl. But she's really beautiful, she just doesn't see it. They started dating because they got voted "Perfect Couple" then it turns out they weren't really the winner there. But they still liked each other and they do work somehow. They match.

Then there's Sawyer and Kaye. With a very different story than the last two. Sawyer's been in love with Kaye for the last two years, but Kaye is in a relationship (for 3 years) with Aidan. Aidan and Kaye were voted "Most likely to succeed" but turns out it was a mistake and Sawyer and Kaye were actually voted the "Perfect couple that never was". What's funny about their Superlatives is that because of what other people voted, or what other people perceived you guys to be, you start to get curious, and you're brain won't leave you out of that big "WHAT IF" questions. With Will and Tia, it also started there. Then Harper and Brody. Then Sawyer and Kaye. It's both positive and negative. Positive in the sense that you get to see what others

see that you don't see. Negative, because it may not be really true and it just fools with you. And who you know yourself to be with. If you let yourself swirl around that vortex, you might end up losing yourself.

So, Sawyer and Kaye! I love Sawyer period. lol! He's this enigmatic guy who has so many baggages he carry with himself but at school he is this Pelican mascot who makes everyone happy. The life of the party. The incredible teaser and every girl's go to guy to make out with. He shows himself to be a douche but in reality he is really this great guy with high grades! I can actually see him succeeding in life because of what he is: responsible and smart. He works so much and still manages to do extracurricular activities and manage to get good grades. But judgement and stereotype of him (his dad was in prison for 15 years) made him defensive. Meanwhile, Kaye is this smart girl running for valedictorian, who has a mom as stiff and strict as a mummy. I liked their story, I only had one issue, the book ended up so abruptly and I rather think their conflict didn't get solved like "conclusion" kind of solved. Sawyer and Kaye fought a lot but I really won't label it as "huge fight". They're just confused little teenagers at times. But when their maturity level meets halfway, they're so serious and it makes the story rise all the better.

I just kind of wished there was some kind of epilogue for the story. Hoping the final copy has it. Overall, this is a great and fun and light series that will surely warm your hearts and keep your boredom at bay.

Note: Thanks to Simonteen for approving my request. :) My opinions of this review are my own and were not influenced by any. No compensation received for this honest review. :)

Gisbelle says

My thanks to *Simon Pulse* & Edelweiss

Point of View: Single (Katherine, aka Kaye)

Writing: First Person | Past Tense

Setting: Florida

Genre: Young Adult | Contemporary Romance

*** This book contains some slightly mature scenes which might not be appropriate for readers below 16.**

Since I loved Sawyer so much, I was extremely excited to read this book. **While Sawyer was still a pretty interesting (and hilarious) character, but I felt like I loved him more in previous books than in this one. Besides, the story itself wasn't as good as I had expected.** However, it was still way better than the first book.

One of the things I liked about this book was the easy and light flow of the story. It wasn't too cutesy or fluffy, but it wasn't all that intense and dark either. The plots did progress nicely, too.

The main character, Kaye, was just okay in my opinion. She didn't make me what to slap her a few times like I did Tia back when I was reading *Biggest Flirts*; however, she didn't make me love her like I did Harper in *Perfect Couple*. She was a little all over the place, and sometimes, I didn't understand her.

To me, the tagline was a little misleading. (view spoiler)

The ending kind of disappointment me somehow. I've never been a big fan when a book ends abruptly. I NEED A PROPER ENDING!

All in all, it was a fun and light read, though it didn't live up to my expectation, I did have a good time reading.

Alyssa says

Review posted on The Eater of Books! blog

Most Likely to Succeed by Jennifer Echols

Book Three of the Superlatives series

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Summary (from Goodreads):

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What I Liked:

Ahhh, this book was a bit of a disappointment. It was good, but disappointing compared to *Biggest Flirts* or *Perfect Couple*. I really, really enjoyed those two, and could not wait to experience Sawyer's story. I liked Kaye in the previous books, but Sawyer was who I was concerned about. Also you really can't go wrong with Echols.

Kaye is a model student - perfect grades, perfect transcript, perfect extracurricular activities (including student government AND a sport - cheer-leading!). To be honest, she is very much like me in high school - I was also the same meticulous, slightly obsessive, perfect person. I would say that I still am, but everyone

here at Hopkins is, so who knows. Anyway. Kaye is dating Aidan, the student government president, valedictorian in the running (against Kaye), and a general pain in the butt. Kaye has been annoyed with him for a while... and then she hears about her and Sawyer getting the vote as Perfect Couple That Never Was. Kaye develops feelings for Sawyer, feelings that were already there... on both sides.

This series is cute, but this book is probably the cutest. For most of the book, Kaye is "dating" Aidan - I have that in quotes because they're a couple, but Kaye can't stand him. He is demanding and controlling and doesn't like it when he doesn't get his way or when someone else has a great idea. Too bad his girlfriend goes toe-to-toe with him, in academics, student government, etc. Kaye eventually grows a backbone and speaks her mind to him (she usually let things go). And then things go way south with Aidan.

All the while, her issues with Aidan open up opportunities for her and Sawyer to get closer. Sawyer has a reputation for hooking up with girls left and right - he's the high school's "bad boy". In a pelican suit at games (he dresses as the school's mascot). I'm not sure if I liked Sawyer in this book. He didn't seem like himself, from what I saw in Biggest Flirts and Perfect Couple. In this book, he seemed a bit juvenile. I didn't find much depth to him, even with his sob story.

But Sawyer was an interesting character, even if I found him to be a bit juvenile/immature. He has been through a lot, with no mother, deadbeat father, and no other family. He bounces around in terms of shelter (we can't even call it homes), and eventually ends up staying in Harper's mom's B&B restaurant (there are rooms there to live in!). I felt bad for him!

Kaye and Sawyer are a great couple! It takes them forever for them to realize that they are good together and good for each other (really, it takes KAYE forever - Sawyer already seemed to realize that he likes her a lot, from the beginning). You'd think the romance would be weird since Kaye is dating someone for a good portion of the book, but their breakup is inevitable. You could feel it from the first and second book in the series! Anyway, the romance is sweet (and bumpy too though), and there is a little bit of chemistry, though I wouldn't say much.

Overall, the book was okay... stay tuned for the big things that I didn't like about the book, that really detracted from my overall opinion of the book.

What I Did Not Like:

Kaye in general kind of bothered me. Something about her, I didn't like. Maybe because she was basically a doormat for most of the book? And not only in terms of her boyfriend (ex-boyfriend), but also in terms of her parents (specifically, her mother). I'm not saying I would be defiant at every turn and fight with my mother, but I would VOICE my opinions and concerns, even if it wouldn't make a difference. Kaye never voices her opinions with her mother - she never pushes for her mother to listen to her. She just silently hates how her mother is, but does nothing about it. Girl, you are not mute.

On the subject of Kaye's mother - let me tell you. I understand parents like her mother. Overbearing, controlling, domineering, loud, rude, stubborn, know-it-all. My mom is kind of like that (or used to be). I get it, and I know this type of parent is real. But Kaye's mother really, REALLY bothered me. I HATED her, and if I were her child, I probably would have launched a vase at her by age seven or something. Kaye's mother's attitude very much took away from the story, and made the book worse. Yes, she is (somewhat realistic). But including her and her negativity and borderline verbal harassment (disguised as tough-luck, no-nonsense mother) was not amusing, and really brought the story down. This book was no fun to read, with Kaye's mother. The mother has a serious attitude, hates Sawyer, hates Kaye's choices, controls where Kaye applies to college, what extracurricular activities she does, how much time she spends on homework, who she dates... again, I know this type of parent exists (my mom used to be like that), but this CRAP really brought the story down. And the fact that Kaye always kept silent (beginning to end) and didn't stick up for

herself, let alone Sawyer? Pathetic. Also very detracting from the quality of the story, as well as how much I enjoyed it.

Seriously, this book is losing stars because of Kaye and her mother. Not fun to read. Not a good character arc - or plot arc. Making the mother a villain like that? Didn't work for me. It's an okay story, but it's really bogged down by the parent llama drama. Kaye's mother hates everything and everyone, including Sawyer. So... this story wasn't fun to read, though everything not tainted by the mother was very lighthearted. Towards the end, the mother plays a more and more important role in the story, and it just goes straight to the garbage by the end of the book. I didn't like the ending - too much drama, and then too much happy.

And then there was the fact that I found Sawyer to be immature. Yes, he was a goofball in the first two books. But now that we have him up close and personal, I expected... more. Well, I guess I can say that he is an IMMATURE goofball. The "player" side of him doesn't seem to fit at all.

Would I Recommend It:

Nah. I mean, maybe. I liked this series, and I thought this book was okay, but I'm not sure I'd recommend it. I'd highly recommend Perfect Couple though, that book was good. And Biggest Flirts was good too! But this one is worth skipping. I know, I know, Sawyer. But he was so flat, as a character! And Kaye's personality - I didn't really like her much. So, there's that. This book was a bit of a disappointment!

Rating:

2.5 stars -> rounded up to 3 stars. Disappointing, but good enough to get 3 stars. But it's more on the negative side of 3 stars. Echols could have done so much with this book! I didn't like how she portrayed Sawyer (immature boy!), or how big of a deal she made Kaye's mother. Find/utilize a different plot arc!

Colette says

This book was a cute, light, quick read that overall lifted spirits and intrigued me. However, there were points when I felt the characters' emotions were one-layered and jumped from feeling to feeling without reason or exploration. This left me with one-dimensional chapters that always succeeded in being unrelatable. Overall 3/5 stars; I love Jenn's other books, this one just was not for me.

Anatea Oroz says

I loved this SO MUCH! Is it possible to like Sawyer even more than I did before? It seems so...

Review to come closer to release date.

Aimee ♥ | Aimee, Always says

Jennifer Echols is back on her game, people! ***Most Likely to Succeed* was an adorably sexy read**, perfect for anyone interested in a very shippable ship, angst, and lots of drama.

I typically don't recommend overly dramatic books, but **the theatrics in this one fit perfectly with the overall mood the author set**. It became easier for me to really feel *for* the characters, sort of like I knew them personally.

Jennifer Echols' writing helped a lot, too. **It was so easy to read**, and like I mentioned with the first book in the series, **was definitely written for the young adult audience to relate to**.

To put it simply, reading this book is like watching one of those addictive drama series. It may not be brilliant objectively, but you can't seem to keep away!

I'm still a bit bummed that **the characters are pretty stereotypical**--we have the quirky class clown who has a crush on the one with all the straight As. And their gang of not-so-memorable characters.

Unfortunately, while Sawyer's still my favorite character of this series, I have to admit that there were times when **his sensitivity bordered on asshole-ity**. Yes, that's a thing now. Kaye was one of those characters who you just accepted and didn't really mind--**nothing spectacular**.

While I didn't like them individually... **I SHIPPED THEM SO HARD**. Yeah, see, sometimes I just don't make any sense. Every time they came *this* close to kissing or admitting their feelings to each other, I was mentally screaming and clutching my Kindle! **They had this awesome chemistry built up by years of pining...** My favorite kind of pining, mind you.

So, yes. Feels--**DOUBLE TRIPLE QUADRUPLE CHECK ASDFGHJKL**. Total win on that aspect.

So if you're still not sure if *Most Likely to Succeed* is for you, just answer these simple yes or no questions:

- a) Do you like **swooning so hard you feel like your eyeballs will come out of your sockets**?
- b) Are you okay with stereotypical characters?
- c) Do you like **natural writing** more than flowery prose?
- d) Do you like dramatic romance TV series?

If you answered "yes" to at least two of those, you're good to go!

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Deanna says

5/5 stars

Biggest Flirts was the book that introduced me to my guilty pleasure author: Jennifer Echols. Because of that book, I spent weeks reading ALL of her books.

So when I finally read *Perfect Couple* (book 2 of the Superlative trilogy), I was underwhelmed and felt let down. It wasn't a bad book, and as its own book--it was fine. Just, when compared to the first book (and comparing Harper and Brody to the amazing Tia and the swoonworthy and sweet Will), *Perfect Couple* didn't live up to its predecessor.

Which was why I was scared *Most Likely To Succeed* wasn't going to live up to *Biggest Flirts*. There was so much "hype" already being built for Kaye Gordon and Sawyer De Luca since book 1, to the point where I was scared I was going to be disappointed again.

I wasn't.

This is a story about a boy from the "wrong side of the track", a boy who comes from nothing, a boy who struggles through many jobs and does whatever it takes to survive falling in love with a girl who comes from everything and struggles with the stress of the future, her responsibilities, and her conflicted feelings between wanting to have a normal life and what her mother expects from her.

Sawyer De Luca has been in love with Kaye Gordon for two years, smitten and enamored by her from the moment he met her.

It seems impossible that the boy who's reputation as a flirty player with a dictionary where the word "commitment" doesn't exist would have feelings like that, but this book managed to pull it off well.

Sawyer De Luca, you are the world's most hopeless boy ever.

This book was touching, sweet, and heartbreaking (at times). Sawyer is endearing, sweet, kind, protective, and caring toward Kaye.

I cried a few times (because I'm a softy for hopeless and endearing characters who've gone through the rough).

Kaye surprised me as a character. She wasn't as childish as Harper, and she wasn't as aloof and flirty as Tia. I was scared I might not like her, since she was pegged as the judgmental one in the trio.

While Kaye and Sawyer were polar opposites (just like Tia and Will or Brody and Harper), they understood each other better than anybody else. They saw through each other's facade. They cared for each other more than they'd like to admit.

And as a reader, watching their relationship grow and change for the better is sweet.

I've been rooting for these two since *Biggest Flirts* and I can now say that they're perfect. So freaking perfect together that I can understand why everybody at their school voted for them as "perfect couple that never was".

Overall, I'm so happy that this book blew me away. And I'm sad that this trilogy is over.

(Also, can I give a shoutout to Echols for having two of the three girls in this series as people of color? And there's so many minorities minor characters too!)

I just loved seeing how crazy Tia was in different perspectives, and I loved catching up with other characters: Harper, Brody, Will and so on (this includes the band teacher, who was such a hilarious source of comic relief in Will and Tia's book).

I'm so sad that this book ended, because it was clearly just the beginning of so much more.

Will/Tia and Sawyer/Kaye are my two favorite couples from the Superlative series. (I'm so sorry to Harper and Brody, because they were adorable on their own rights--but compared to Will/Tia and Sawyer/Kaye--they never stood a chance).

Would I recommend this book? Yes.

Would I recommend this series? HELL YES.

5/5 stars. (This is definitely going to be reread by me again one day).

nick says

Saying goodbye to characters that you have grown to love over the course of a series is always a bittersweet experience. I opened *Most Likely to Succeed* with feelings of excitement, because we were finally getting to Sawyer and Kaye's stories, but also a tiny bit of sadness because I wouldn't be able to see these characters again. Despite that though, I closed the book with feelings of overwhelming happiness because *Most Likely To Succeed* ended up being my favorite book in the *Superlatives* series.

One of the greatest things about this series is how realistically Jennifer Echols is able to portray teenage characters. When I read about the whole gang in the series, I find myself transported to my own high school days. With Kaye, my connection was effortless because I was Kaye in high school. She was hardworking, pushed herself to the limits and was driven to the core. What really struck me about Kaye though, was the absolute passion she had for her extracurricular activities. She went to lengths to make the homecoming dance at her school happen and I couldn't help but root for her and her goals, knowing that she wasn't just doing it to have a good college application. Kaye also experienced a staggering amount of pressure from her CEO mom. Having grown up in a poor neighborhood full of drug addicts, she pushed her children to work hard so that they did not have to face what she had to when she was younger, sometimes, exceedingly so. It was easy to feel for Kaye because her mother tried to control every part of her life unknowingly causing her to be unhappy. Over the course of the novel, we do see Kaye grow and mature into someone more outspoken, unafraid to speak out her real feelings to her mom. At the same time, I was glad that while Kaye objected to a lot of what her mom did to her, she was never disrespectful towards her. Even though Kaye's mom was a strict lady, I knew that deep down she did it to help her daughter become a strong and independent woman later in life.

Not going to lie, my main reason for looking forward to *Most Likely to Succeed* is Sawyer. I fell in love with this misunderstood goofball, who also enjoys wearing his pelican costume as a mascot, from the very first. There was just something about him that was so endearing despite his player ways. In *Most Likely to Succeed*, we get to know more about his backstory involving his broken home and his shaky relationship with his father. Despite everything though, Sawyer continued to be the funny dork that he was and put on a happy face, never once complaining about his situation. Believe it or not, I fell even harder in love with the boy than I did in *Biggest Flirts*. I also loved how Sawyer wasn't just a flirty goof, he was also someone who worked as hard as Kaye, but wasn't expressive about it. The phrase, "Never judge a book by its cover" definitely applied to Sawyer. The romance between Sawyer and Kaye was just so cute. They were an unlikely couple because of their constant teasing of each other, but we all know that made them perfect candidates to be a couple. Kaye has a jerk of a boyfriend for about 30% of the book, but they break up and there's no cheating involved. One of my favorite things about the romance was how Sawyer constantly made Kaye feel beautiful. He appreciated her and her natural afro hair and constantly complimented her on it. I thought it was so sweet. These two had me grinning like a fool when they were together. *Most Likely to Succeed* was also incredibly sex positive. Jennifer Echols' sex scenes are always classy and authentic. Besides great characters and a great romance, *Most Likely to Succeed* also had a positive depiction of genuine female friendships and it has diversity without being stereotypical, that I wholeheartedly adored.

There are many reasons I love the *Superlatives* series, but to name a few, it's fun, romantic and has some of the most authentic portrayals of teenagers that I have ever read about without relying on cliches. Sawyer and Kane's romance was the perfect way to end this series and while I'm a little sad to say goodbye to them, I couldn't be happier with the way the story wrapped up! Definitely check out this series if you like books that have humor and are just in the need for a cute and fluffy romance book!

Joanna (joreadsalot) says

Out of the entire trilogy I found this book to be the second best. Perfect couple was definitely the better of the three. Now out of the three books I have been talking about Sawyer a lot. He was definitely one of the more interesting male characters in this whole trilogy. I was really looking forward to this story where he finally got his happy ending. I think that the ending for this book wrapped up a little too well. It still had a lot of things that needed to be discussed between the characters but that would have made this book like 50 more pages. It was told from Kaye's perspective but I would have enjoyed reading this from both Kaye and Sawyer's perspectives. As for the romance it was good. It really had a Romeo and Juliet feel (beautiful and tragic) that was nice if a bit cliché. Overall it was still a great read and even though I said it in my first review of this series that I wasn't going to continue, I'm glad I did.

Jasprit says

The Superlatives series by Echols is one of my favourite series yet, in the two previous books Echols has created endearing characters which have been hard not to fall for, I love how each book so far has focused on one couple, but still kept the secondary characters an integral part of the story. Sawyer was the class clown, always goofing off or getting on people's nerves, but on occasion he was known to show a softer side and this was one side that I couldn't wait to see more of in Most Likely to Succeed.

Sawyer had had his eyes on Kaye for the last two years, although he was found messing around with a different girl so often, it was clear to tell that around Kaye he was a totally different person, he could be sincere, considerate and most of all he was completely vulnerable. It was strange seeing him like this as before I'd never taken him seriously, but I loved how with this book we got to know the real Sawyer underneath the pelican costume a whole lot more. Kaye like her friend Harper found herself in the situation where things weren't really working out with her boyfriend and she was sort of getting conflicted feelings about somebody else. Like Harper's ex Kennedy, Kaye's boyfriend Aidan was a right piece of work, he liked to have control and dominate most situations as he was class president. It was awful how he felt he could say whatever he wanted to Kaye. Boyfriends are meant to be supportive, cheer you up when you've had a crap day and just be your pillar of support, Aidan was neither of these things and so I really couldn't wait for Kaye to stand up to him and end things with him. Kaye could do so much better, and although she didn't know where she stood with Sawyer, I wanted her to find out.

Sawyer and Kaye's relationships wasn't one of the easiest ones, there was a lot of hot and cold signs, parents getting involved when they didn't need to and Sawyer of course was a totally different person when he was dressed as the mascot pelican and when he was being himself. I couldn't understand how Sawyer and Kaye's feelings were genuine for one another, but they were just scared about wrecking things. In some of the sweet scenes we got to see between them, it was obvious they were made for one another, I wish so much crap and miscommunication didn't have to get in the way. Sawyer had so much of his own stuff to deal with in this book, and so I could understand why he was scared about getting his heart trampled on.

Family once again played a big part in this book and it was one aspect I truly appreciated. Kaye had such a great family, yes her mother could be a little over bearing at times, but she only wanted what was best for her daughter, she wanted to give her the best life possible, something which she really had to fight for when she was younger. I loved how Kaye's parents always balanced each other out, how Kaye's mum would get vexed in a instant and her dad would help her simmer down, even though there was a lot of tension whenever

Kaye's family popped up in a scene, you knew it would never be a dull moment!

Alongside the family aspect, I was grateful to be back again with the great set of characters that Echols had introduced to us in the previous books, especially my favourite Brody. All six characters: Sawyer, Kaye, Harper, Brody, Tia and Will had such great personalities that they were characters that could cheer you up in no time, they were certainly friends that I wish I had by my side when I was in high school, it actually makes me kind of sad that this will be the last that we will see of them! *cries* (just a hint Jennifer, I would totally read a book following these wonderful characters to college if you wanted to go there)

Most Likely to Succeed was another fantastic instalment for the amazing Superlative series. I loved the character growth that Echols showed in this series, but most of all the wonderful relationships amongst friends and family that Echols was able to explore. I never usually end up liking all the books in a series, but I have loved every single book in this series, so honestly I can't recommend this series highly enough!

This review can be found on: [The Readers Den](#)

Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

I have loved this whole series, with fun likable and realistic characters, humor and romance around every corner and storyline that just got better, this series has quickly become a favorite. And even though I loved book one and two, book three was the one I was more excited about.

I have loved Sawyer from the get go and was so very excited to finally see that book three, would be all about him! I just knew there was so much more depth to him and his beach bum ways. It wasn't hard to tell who he was in love with and to see that, behind all that flirting, truly lurked an amazing guy.

And I am so happy to report that I wasn't wrong! Sawyer was every bit as great as I knew he would be and my heart went out to him as we learned more about him, his past, and his relationship with his family.

In fact, I am going to go so far as to say that this was by far my favorite book of the series, simply because of him. Sawyer is the type of guy in high school that we probably all knew and if we were lucky, could call a friend as well.

And while I loved every minute of this read, I couldn't help but feel sad at the ending. It wasn't a bad ending by any stretch of the imagination but I wasn't ready for it to be over and I just wanted more.

While all the main character's stories have been told, I would so love a book that shows them all after graduation. Where they are, who they are with. I doubt we will get one but I would absolutely love it if we did because this series has been so much fun to read, a sign that Echols really knows her stuff.

Paula M. of Her Book Thoughts! says

SAWYER. That is enough explanation.

Reading this book leaves me with a bittersweet feeling. **I'm excited that Kaye and Sawyer finally have their story out in the world for people to devour, but at the same time, I'm also so so sad that this series have come to its conclusion.** I really enjoyed reading each characters stories and knowing the superlatives, that's why you have to understand that letting series go is kinda hard for me.

From the first book of this series, Sawyer already left a huge dent in my heart although I only see him as this super funny douchebag. I immediately asked for a follow up book that has Sawyer as its main character, I don't even care who will be his love interest, I just want his story. Although I didn't get that at the second book, the little moments between Kaye and Sawyer left me wanting for more. **Thank you Jennifer for making it happen. And for surpassing my expectation. Most Likely to Succeed was everything I ever wanted.**

Sawyer and Kate were both pure brilliance. Their characterization was over the top and each of them shined in their own way. **What I love most about Jennifer Echols is that there's nothing cliché about her.** Whether its her characters or her love stories...they're all authentic and pure emotions rolls off from them. Sawyer is mischievous, sexy and very adorable. Kaye was stubborn, conservative and very sweet. **They couldn't be more perfect together.**

The way their story flowed was perfect for me. There were up and downs, of course, but at the end of the day... they're all necessary. **Great pacing, no dull moment, full enjoyment!**

I think its pretty obvious that I absolutely LOVED this story. Its far from perfect but that's what makes the book so great. **The characters are incredible and the love story will leave you breathless. Jennifer Echols ended this series with a bang! Just a fair warning though: this book will leave you in a mess of swoons and feels.**

Juhina says

The third and last book in the superlatives follows the third friend, Kaye, and Sawyer. Kaye is the overachiever, student council rise president, level headed, and the most goal oriented of the three friends. She's already dating Aidan and everyone thinks of them as the perfect couple. Yes, I know I know.. you guessed it right, now enter the bad boy, Sawyer in this case. However I highly enjoyed this novel because I really liked Sawyer in the previous two books as as secondary character. I also never really get sick of the good girl bad boy plot line. As long as it's written well, who am I to complain about it? Jennifer Echols nailed it right and I loved the conflict she created within this book and just how real and faulty and frustratingly teenager-y this characters are.

I really liked Kaye. The thing I liked the most about her is that she didn't feel obligated to meet everyone's expectations. The moment she felt that this or that isn't right for her, that was the end of it. Her mother is very controlling and I was happy that she was able to respectfully stick up to herself from time to time. Sometimes parents don't understand exactly how different the world runs from when they were back in high school.. and I'm sure we won't understand that when we have kids too. Sawyer though, he was just so adorable and cute. I generally don't like the bad boy/class clown characters but Sawyer's was endearing. I loved how vulnerable Echols made him to be.. and not the typical "oh he's a bad boy because he has issues and that's why he's lashing out". Sawyer isn't really a bad boy per say, but he does have a reputation that preceded him when he transferred to this current school. I just loved how different his character was from usual love interests.

Most Likely to Succeed is my second favourite book after Biggest Flirts. I was in the biggest reading slump

due to my school stress but once I started it, I ended up finishing it in two days. I definitely recommend The Superlatives trilogy, and you can also read them out of order, however I recommend you read them in order and purchase all three at the same time, or atleast after you read and liked the first one, because you're going to want to binge read them all.

Siiri (Little Pieces of Imagination) says

I have liked the previous books in this series a lot: they're great reads that I've read during a night or two and they're always filled with so many fun moments. This one I had looked forward to a whole lot, because it's about my otp of the series whom I have been rooting for since day one. Let me tell you, this book did not disappoint! I loved it from start to finish.

"My mother had told me a million times that because I was a woman, I had to work twice as hard as a man for the same amount of respect. And I was black, so I had to work four times as hard. To get twice as much respect, I had to work eight times as hard, and that's what she expected of me."
(— taken from the ARC, 27%)

Kaye is such a great character and so is Sawyer. They're different in a lot of ways, but also similar in the way that they're trying to break free of the life set for them by other people. Sawyer comes from a very problematic family and past, yet he is incredibly sweet, caring and I just can't help but fall in love with him more with each book I read. Kaye is a POC heroine who comes from a family that "has it all". They're rich and well-respected in the community, but since they're POC, it's definitely harder to gain that sort of respect than it is for white people, hence it's expected of Kaye to always bring her A-game, never anything less, which could take a toll on even the toughest people. Seeing these two start fighting for their dreams was very endearing.

With this book Echols tackled some of the very important issues such as misogyny, sexism, feminism, racism, discovering one's identity, exploring one's sexuality etc. The author also talks about sex in a YA book which is almost always a no-show in this entire genre. It's very important to tackle these topics and it was done in a great way. In addition to discussing these topics, this book is filled with awesome sisterhood moments and a lot of swoon! I got very emotional as well, but me crying over almost every other books is no surprise to anyone.

I really, really enjoyed this one and I can't recommend this book enough (I also can't wait to obtain a US paperback edition of this pretty; /waits impatiently for it to come out next year)! Most Likely to Succeed is a great book to end the summer with or extend your summer in the fall that seems to be arriving at lightning speed. So yes, go pick this up, my friends!

Overall rating: 4.5 out of 5.0

Thank you to Simon Pulse and Edelweiss for providing an ARC. My thoughts are my own and in no way did the review copy affect my opinion on the book.

original thoughts:

after reading: loved this one so much! definitely my favorite out of the series and my otp didn't disappoint. full review to come!

pre-reading: OTP OF THE SERIES -cough- I AM READY FOR THIS
