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If I tell you right up front, right in the beginning that I lost him, it will be easier for you to bear. You will know it's coming, and it will hurt. But you'll be able to prepare.

Someone found him in a laundry basket at the Quick Wash, wrapped in a towel, a few hours old and close to death. They called him Baby Moses when they shared his story on the ten o'clock news – the little baby left in a basket at a dingy Laundromat, born to a crack addict and expected to have all sorts of problems. I imagined the crack baby, Moses, having a giant crack that ran down his body, like he'd been broken at birth. I knew that wasn't what the term meant, but the image stuck in my mind. Maybe the fact that he was broken drew me to him from the start.

It all happened before I was born, and by the time I met Moses and my mom told me all about him, the story was old news and nobody wanted anything to do with him. People love babies, even sick babies. Even crack babies. But babies grow up to be kids, and kids grow up to be teenagers. Nobody wants a messed up teenager.

And Moses was messed up. Moses was a law unto himself. But he was also strange and exotic and beautiful. To be with him would change my life in ways I could never have imagined. Maybe I should have stayed away. Maybe I should have listened. My mother warned me. Even Moses warned me. But I didn't stay away.

And so begins a story of pain and promise, of heartache and healing, of life and death. A story of before and after, of new beginnings and never-endings. But most of all...a love story.

The Law of Moses Details

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From Reader Review The Law of Moses for online ebook

Natasha is a Book Junkie says

“If I were to paint you, I would use every color.”

You know you're going to experience a myriad of emotions just by opening an Amy Harmon book, having personally welcomed many a sunrise curled up in bed sobbing like a baby while not getting a wink of sleep, simply unable to put her beautiful words down. But *nothing* could have prepared me for the sheer exquisiteness of this story, and for the marvellous characters Ms Harmon has once again gifted us with. Every part of this book surprised me, thrilled me, made my heart burst at the seams, and the biggest gift I'm going to give you, my fellow readers, is by not telling you what this story is *really* all about.

“This is the story of love with no end . . . though it took me a while to get there.”

We meet Georgia Shepherd at the tender age of seventeen—a simple girl from a small country town, a tomboy, a loving daughter. Georgia's love of horses and her unique talent at taming them have always meant that her future would never be uncertain, but Georgia's rather sheltered small town upbringing has also made her hungry to leave home for a while, seek the unknown and experience freedom for the first time in her life. Yet everything changes when a young man with an unusual life story moves into the house next door.

“... when Moses came to Levan, he was like water—cold, deep, unpredictable, and, like the pond up the canyon, dangerous, because you could never see what was beneath the surface.”

Moses Wright was born a 'crack baby', and found abandoned in a laundry basket when he was only a few hours old. Moses has always been different from other little boys of his age, his unusual looks only overshadowed by his peculiar behaviour, his unpredictable temperament and his determination not to let anyone get close to him. Constantly tossed from one relative to another, never wanted by any, repeatedly dismissed as a 'messed up kid' who could not be fixed, his life never became easy. However, everything changes for Moses the day his great-grandmother decides to take him in on a permanent basis, despite being advised against it by her entire family, her love for him making her confident she could pull him out of his self-imposed solitude. But Moses is not an ordinary young man. He holds a secret that has shaped his entire existence, every human contact, everything he sees around him, and that very secret has made him afraid of loving anyone in his life. His incredible but highly unusual art is a visual representation of everything he keeps to himself, his only escape from the images he cannot hide from.

“If you don't love, then nobody gets hurt. It's easy to leave. It's easy to lose. It's easy to let go.”

The last thing Moses expects to find in life is someone like Georgia Shepherd. She is open, unpretentious and her every failed attempt at making Moses warm up to her and let her be his friend only seem to make her even more determined to sneak through the cracks of Moses' brooding disposition. Georgia is the kind of girl who loves freely, generously, and her pride never gets in the way of her honesty, regardless of how many

times he rejects her or mistreats her with harsh words. She speaks without thinking, says everything and anything that is on her mind, gives her heart unreservedly, and eventually, a bit of Georgia's light manages to shine through the dark cracks that Moses so desperately tries to hide.

"She was a small town girl with a simple way of speaking and thinking, a frank way of being that turned me on and turned me off at the same time. I wanted to run from her. But at the same time, I spent all my time thinking about her."

As their budding romance progresses very slowly, and Georgia grows more and more attached to Moses, heart-shattering loss strikes this young man's life again, and his future suddenly changes forever. When faced with returning to a place that only holds sorrow for him or taking off to never return to that place again, Moses decides to flee, leaving behind a heartbroken girl whose only sin was loving him without restraint.

"I'm a very ordinary girl, Moses. I know that I am. And I always will be. I can't paint. I don't know who Vermeer is, or Manet for that matter. But if you think ordinary can be beautiful, that gives me hope. And maybe sometime you'll think about me when you need an escape from the hurt in your head."

Seven years later, their paths suddenly cross again, but neither of them are the same as they once were. Life has changed them both deeply, taken away their innocence and altered their perception of what they once shared. However, some loves never fade, some loves survive all hurt, and some loves never stop reminding you of everything you should be grateful for.

"Georgia's eyes, Georgia's hair, Georgia's mouth, Georgia's love, Georgia's long, long legs."

As always, there is a subtle but very powerful message woven into every word, every single heart-warming scene. By letting us hear both the main characters' voices, we are given the opportunity to bond with them equally, to understand them, empathise with them, share their hopes. Moses' 'secret' is a crucial part of the story itself, an angle I never expected to find or adore so much, and because of the way it astonished me, I wish for you to uncover it on your own too. This is a book about gratitude, about never forgetting that there is always something to be thankful for in life, even in the grimmest of moments, and that it is never too late to seize happiness and never let go of it again. It's a story that does not shield us in any way from soul-crushing heartbreak, a few scenes being so intensely distressing that I could not breathe from the sheer heaviness of them, but the beauty of the moments of joy we are given throughout this book is what we walk away with, smiling through our tears and babbling our own 'five greats' to ourselves.

There are no words that would ever do justice to a story like this one. Ms Harmon has once again given us an inspiring tale to cherish forever, a story written so elegantly, at times even poetically, that breathes itself into our hearts and, hopefully, even leaves a small part of itself behind. An absolute delight to read, as always.

"If you would just let me in, if you would just love me back, we could have a beautiful life."

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Sara►[hiatus] (Ink Is My Sword) says

5 “I feel this book” Stars

“A story of before and after, of new beginnings and never-endings. A story flawed and fractured, crazy and cracked, and most of all, a love story.”

► **FULL REVIEW NOW POSTED:**

A Buddy-read full of gasps and theories and tears with my other half Ishmeen?.

This has become one of my favorite books of all time, and I am now in the quest to read all of Amy Harmon works. A month has passed and I am still thinking on Moses and Georgia, this story has really impacted my life. If you are a new adult/ romance genre fan and you haven't picked up this yet, I AM SURPRISED, you really should read it. And if you are hesitant to pick this up because it could contain graphic sexual content, do not worry. Although sex is still mentioned the descriptions are not explicit. **What I am trying to convey is: please read this.**

When I say this book made me *feel*, I am basically saying it engaged me and met my requirements. **After turning the last page, I felt like a ran a marathon where my feelings were my feet, and my heart was the trashed shoes.** I was emotionally engaged since the prologue, and that usually is a huge sign that screams THIS BOOK IS GOING TO BE EPIC. Spoiler alert: I was so right. Now let me leave you with all the things I loved because this book was flawless in my humble ~~not really~~ opinion.

1. **THE WRITING.** Holy fuck. If you have been reading my reviews for a while you know flawless emotional evoking writing gets me every time. Amy Harmon had me from the first word, her way of expressing is so magical and well written. I literally wanted to tear up when I found out I never actually saved my posts in my kindle copy. I am gonna continue reading all the works she has or will ever put out, because **I am officially addicted to her writing.**

2. **THE PLOT.** I usually go into my romance books not to fall in love with the plot but rather with characters, surprisingly I was so invested in both. I WAS IN THE EDGE OF MY SIT, just drowning with all the feels after each turn. Besides the paranormal touch added intrigue and a unique flavor.

3. **MOODS** it gave me. Heartbroken, fangirling, mamma bear, puddle of goo, shook, terrified, scared ~~literally I was reading this like a fucking thriller~~, admiration, sweet soul, laughing out loud, etc. **I mean there is no way out, this book just makes you feel even if you don't want to.**

4. **THE CHARACTERS.** I mean how could I not love the characters? Everyone was so imperfect and broken. My list of cinnamon rolls grew quite a bit. Both Georgia and Moses were a pleasure to get to know.

5. **MOSES**, who stole my heart and soul. He was also one of the first POC main characters I have read in

new adult and it warms my soul. I really wish this genre got more diverse.

6.**STRUCTURE.** I started noticing I am a huge fan of stories that we follow for a long period of time, in different years and stages of life. I just enjoy it so much, it makes it more real, and I get way more invested in the characters. This also helps to make character development stronger, and honestly, who isn't a fan of this?

7.**Eli.** I can't say anything else. JUST ELI.

8.**HORSES.** Ishmeen mostly skipped those parts but I was so intrigued by it all. This book really made me nostalgic for my childhood watching the tv show Heartland, I really wanna binge watch it all over again. It was so beautiful.

9.**MY FAVORITE SCENE OF ALL TIME.** (view spoiler)

10.**BUDDY READ**This is not much having to do with the book itself, but rather the experience. My buddy read with Ishmeen was awesome, perfect, it made everything 100% more enjoyable.

If you have read this review and still don't want to pick up this book I am gonna cry. Although I might cry more because I wanna re-read this so badly but my tbr is crushing me.

P.S. Please read this.

Sophie says

[(for example the genre, the ending etc.) (hide spoiler)]

Amy Harmon says

A story of before and after, of new beginnings and never-endings. But most of all . . . a love story.

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*"Time softens memories,
sanding down the rough edges of death."*

*"If you don't love, then nobody gets hurt.
It's easy to leave.
It's easy to lose."*

It's easy to let go. ”

“I didn’t want more memories.
I wanted *a future.*”

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Jennifer Kyle says

5 *Greats* Stars

“There are laws. There are rules. And when you break them, there are consequences. Laws of nature and laws of life. Laws of love and laws of death.”

Amy Harmon delivers a heavy, emotional story that for me felt like a cross between some of the ideas of the movies the Six Sense and The Horse Whisperer. Once again she delivers a well-crafted tale that is tear inducing and in completion will leave readers thinking on what she created for days.

Moses Wright, the now grown up crack baby that was left in a laundry basket is a tormented artist. He paints images and that he sees everywhere in town and through these murals he finds release. Moses feels tormented by the visions and visitors he sees but his GG helps him find a way of handling it without medication.

”So let the water fall. Let it come crashing down. Let it flow through your head and out your eyes. Water is clear when it washes the pain away. Clear when it cleanses. Let it take the colors away.”

Georgia Shepard is a feisty cowgirl. She works with therapy horses and assists her parent’s support groups. Georgia loves the horse world and is intrigued by the boy with dark skin and gorgeous eyes that has moved in with his great grandmother Kathleen, her neighbor.

There has been a rash of disappearances in the counties of central Utah and sadly Moses appears to be the prime suspect. Moses does his darnedest to keep Georgia away but her strength and personality is hard to resist.

”I didn’t know what to do with her. She was a wild card. She was a small town girl with a simple way of speaking and thinking, a frank way of being that turned me on and turned me off at the same time. I

wanted to run from her. But at the same time, I spent all my time thinking about her.”

Georgia and Moses settle into a relationship of sorts and Georgia’s optimism and personality slowly appears to win him over.

”He and I had the strangest relationship. One minute he was telling me to scram and the next he was kissing me like he would never let me go.”

Sadly we are brought through a separation, a horrifying accident and feelings of loss and great grief. Moses finally let’s his walls down and I dare a reader not to feel for these two.

Fate plays a large part in this story while Amy Harmon adds color to sadness, forgiveness and new life.

”Finding beauty in ordinary things.”

ARC provided by the lovely Amy Harmon in exchange for an honest review

♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

This beautiful story is \$99 until May 30th 2015!

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The Law of Moses is a story that will stay in my mind for some time to come. It's unique, powerful, intense and immensely beautiful with a dash of intrigue and wonder. It's about embracing life in terms of what's been bestowed upon you. It's about honesty, hope, love, pain, heartache and forgiveness. Beautiful horses and people who watch over us. It's about the bigger picture of our existence. The story is both inspiring and hopeful.... #5Greats becomes more powerful as the story progresses. **5 Greats will stay with me forever.**

The story begins with Moses and Georgia entering their senior year in school in a place called Levan and continues through to when they are in their mid twenties. The passing of time hurt my heart in a beautiful and perfect way. What happens over this time is truly unique and exquisite. Amy Harmon drew me into her fictional world of an extraordinary, messed up boy with madness in his head and a girl who finds herself unquestionably drawn to him. It's a world that's not quite what we'd consider naturalistic but the telling is completely authentic. The motivation for the characters is always honest. The author took a light twist on reality and ultimately gave me the most perfect fictional escape. An escape to a story of incredible love, guardian angels and a code for life.

It gave me goose bumps. I was not expecting any of the events, any of the happenings..... and I'm so glad I went into it with little knowledge... I happily uncovered each part if the story with eyes that were unaware.

Moses is different to other people in Levan, different, beautiful and very easy on the eye. He's mysterious

and unpredictable, making him seem a little dangerous. He stares death in the face and is known as the *crack baby* "**He was my hero.**"

Painting plays a unique and powerful role in The Law of Moses... It tears them apart and brings them back together.... It symbolizes the beginning, the end and everything in between and, to understand my thoughts here, you simply have to read this story. "**Moses..... Your art is awe-inspiring. It's wonderful.**" It's the only thing that makes the madness in his head bearable. He can't control his gift and he can't control people's reactions to it.

They share a beautiful, first luscious kiss. Amy Harmon writes the most exquisite first kisses. *I experienced the same in Making Faces.* She manages to capture that steal-your-breath-moment with heart flutters and butterflies in your chest. *So lovely.*

Exquisitely heartbreaking. I felt what was coming, knew it in my heart... but the way it was shown to me, the emotive pictures, so beautifully told with an abundance of emotional feelings, with subtly and delicate care. This author doesn't pick the easy answers, she writes raw pain..... Things that cannot be undone or changed.... *She takes us there....* Makes us embrace reality full on with a perfect dose of intrigue and mystery. We go through the feels with her characters. Through the sadness, the pain and the beautiful healing.

The Law of Moses captivated me. It's a slow burn that becomes layered with emotion, thoughts and feelings so that by the middle of the book I was perfectly entranced. I couldn't put it down and equally I didn't want the story to come to an end. The telling of it, the characters, the..... *everything.* As a reader we crave different worlds, like this story, that will make us feel, take us to another space in time.... Show us a small pocket of another life... A life of make believe. A life, even though we know its fiction, we buy into. We accept it when the writing is so gloriously real and tangible, when the author brings their work to life showing us pictures and emoting our feels in this perfect way. The Law of Moses is a **standalone** story that I'd recommend to all lovers of beautiful and tender stories of love. *It's a book that will stay with me forever.*

#5Greats. And. Go!

Arc received from the author, via Alpha Literary Services, in exchange for an honest review.

Amy (Foxy) says

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The Law of Moses has one of the most powerful prologues I've ever read.

"If I tell you right up front, right in the beginning that I lost him, it will be easier for you to bear. You will know it's coming, and it will hurt. But you'll be able to prepare."

When I finished the book I went right back to the prologue and read it again. I wanted to come full circle with the story.

Moses is an artist who expresses what he sees in his mind through his paintings. Not only does his art control him but it freaks people out. Society, around him, can't accept his gift because they don't understand it. The

neighbor girl, **Georgia**, and his grandmother, Gigi, are the first to support him. Even with their acceptance he has a hard time coping with the negativity that surrounds his artwork. Gigi uses his biblical name to help him cope with all his feelings. Biblical Moses parts the Red Sea to allow God's people to pass through and then he lets the split water come together to wash away those who are against God's peoples. Gigi wants the same for her Moses... she wants Moses to use figurative water to cope with all the images in his head.

“What color is water?” -Gigi

Water is white when it's angry. It's red when the sun sets. It's blue when it's calm. It's black when it's night. It's clear when it falls. “ -Moses

“So, let the water fall. Water is clear when it washes the pain away, clear when it cleanses. Water has no color. Let it take the colors away.” -Gigi

Five greats is the underlying theme which holds the truth that both, **Moses** and **Georgia**, search for. *“The five greats game is... finding beauty in ordinary things. And the only rule is gratitude.”* Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful for the people and things in our lives and that is also the day The Law of Moses is being released. A coincidence? I think NOT. Ms. Harmon knew what she was doing when she picked her release date.

Ms. Harmon created another brilliantly written love story. One full of deep emotions that draws the reader into the uniqueness of Moses. Remember during the upcoming holiday season to take time to be thankful for those simple blessings in our lives. Maybe do an inspired five greats with yourself when you become overwhelmed.

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Standalone

****Complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review.****

Candace says

What a beautiful story! This is the second book I've read by this author and both have been highly emotional and heartfelt. Ms. Harmon's writing is flawless and the stories she creates will leave you breathless. Expect to be captivated. Be prepared to fall in love, have your heart broken and have it slowly pieced back together. Reading her books is the best kind of pain.

Georgia first meets Moses when he moves to her small town to live with his grandmother. Infamous in the small town for his well-known troubled past, he is just the kind of trouble that Georgia's parents want her to steer clear of. However, she sees something in Moses that nobody else does. Despite the warnings, Georgia is determined to work her way into his heart.

From the time he was born, his life has been a struggle. Abandoned by his drug-addicted mother shortly after

his birth, he has been passed from one begrudging family member to the next. Run-ins with the law are commonplace for Moses. He seems to attract trouble wherever he goes.

Unable to relate to most people, Moses loses himself in his art. He can't help but to paint the images that come to him. He can't stem the flow of the beautiful pictures that pop into his head, although he'd like nothing more.

When Moses' abilities make him the center of speculation following a tragedy, things are irrevocably changed between him and Georgia. Rather than face his feelings, he shuts her out. He has no idea of the far-reaching consequences that his actions will have.

Georgia does her best to hold it together from day to day. The absence of Moses left a huge void in her life. So, when fate brings them together again, it is bound to be a raw and emotional reunion.

This book gutted me. I both loved and hated Moses. He was such a gentle, wounded soul and had experienced such heartache that I couldn't help but feel compassion for him. Then, he could turn around and do something so callous that I'd swear I was done with him. Georgia was definitely more forgiving than I would've been.

On the other hand, I had nothing but love for Georgia. She was one of the strongest heroines that I've ever read about. The things she went through, and the inner-strength she exhibited, was awe-inspiring. She was such an incredibly kind and genuine person that I couldn't help but love her.

Overall, this was an incredible story. In the end, I gave it 4/5 stars only because I felt like Moses needed to spend some more time atoning for his treatment of Georgia. I felt like he got off way too easy after he had walked away from her, only to walk back into her life years later.

This is definitely a book that I'd recommend if you like deep, emotional stories. This book will tug at your heart strings and remind you of all you have to be grateful for. Not to mention, there is a bit of suspense and mystery as well.

You'll be thinking about this story long after you've finished. It is one of those stories. Brace yourself. It'll be emotional, but it'll be worth it.

Aestas Book Blog says

::: FULL REVIEW NOW POSTED :::

*NOTE: If you want to go into this book 100% blind, then don't bother reading any reviews. However, the **genre** of the book is not what it seems to be. The genre was something I wish I'd personally known in advance of reading. If you'd like to know what genre to expect from the book, then read on. Nothing I mention is a twist. It's just literally what this book is about.*

First and most importantly, I want to say that Amy Harmon is an incredibly gifted author. The way she writes is absolutely beautiful. I love her style, I love the unique quality that each of her stories have, and I will always auto-buy any book she writes.

However, with this book, there was a crucial element not mentioned in the blurb that held me back from fully

connecting until after the 50% mark and that is that **this is a paranormal story** and there was no indication of that anywhere. The hero has a special ability which is revealed quite early on and, as the book progresses, becomes a stronger and stronger part of the story. Moses can literally see the dead. For real. He sees them, communicates with them, and paints images of the memories they show him. This is a *huge* part of the book and, for me at least, “genre” is something I really want to know before starting.

If I had been told it was paranormal from the start, then I have no doubt I would have connected quite easily to the story. There’s a certain mindset that you get when you read paranormal where you instantly become accepting of what happens because you know that the story is no longer confined to the natural laws of our real world. But because this book is not classified as paranormal and because there are no hints of anything “otherworldly” in the blurb, that told me that this was a “real world” story. So as I read, I kept trying to figure out how this guy seeing the dead could possibly fit into our real world. Was he crazy? Was it just in his mind? What was happening? ... About halfway in, I accepted that it had be paranormal for sure (because enough people knew that Moses could see and communicated with the dead so the whole “he’s crazy” possibility was out) and from that point on, I really began to enjoy the story much more.

"There was a Times article about him and about his ability to 'paint for the dead,' and People magazine had done a small feature about the 'other-worldly brilliance of Moses Wright."

Aside from this, I really enjoyed the whole story itself. It started out when they were teens in a small town. Moses’ past was well known by all the locals and now that he was older, he was the guy everyone warned Georgia away from — an unwanted child who then turned into a misunderstood teen with a juvie record and abilities that no one could understand and what seemed like a blatant disregard for the law. But she ignored all the warnings and followed her heart. And her heart always led her straight to him.

"Maybe it was being seventeen, maybe it was first love, or first lust. Maybe it was just hot. But I wanted him with a desperation that consumed me. I had never wanted anything so much in my life."

In the second half of the story, there’s also a turning point in the plot. As the blurb hints, this is in fact a second chance romance — which is a type of story I absolutely love. I love the emotions brought about from reunions. I love everything about seeing a couple who truly belongs together reconnecting. And I also most certainly love Amy Harmon’s writing so the second half of the book was really great reading for me.

"Georgia had haunted me for more than six years, and from the look on her face when I'd stepped on the elevator, my memory hadn't left her alone either."

There's also a lot more than just a romance. It's not just about *them*, it's also a lot about *him*. Moses' journey itself is an integral part of the story. And there's also a murder mystery threaded throughout the whole book which was really well done -- especially the way it all came together at the end. I got chills!

There’s no denying that **this is a really great book** — with beautiful writing, a well developed plot, an emotional strength, and an original idea. I really do wish I had known about the paranormal elements before I read the book. I think if I had known the genre from the start, I’d have given it a 4.5 star rating.

Several of you have also asked me about the ending so I'm here to reassure you that you will be just fine. While there certainly is heartbreak and loss, I promise that there's also happiness and healing.

"I hope you can forgive me. Because this is happening. Me and Georgia. This is happening."

Here are my 5 Greats about The Law Of Moses:

1. Unique concept
2. Beautiful writing
3. Gorgeous romance
4. Fully resolved storyline
5. Strong message about forgiveness

Standalone with paranormal elements.

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A.L. Jackson says

The Law of Moses

This book deserves a standing ovation.

It needs to be made into a movie...and then 20 years later remade again.

I rarely cry when I read (I do a lot when I write, not sure why) but I sat out my living room sobbing and hoping I wasn't waking up the rest of my family who was asleep. Then after I finished reading those tears followed me to bed where I tossed and turned and tried to process what I just read.

I woke up feeling like I could cry again.

I'm awestruck.
I'm haunted.
I'm comforted.

I don't even know how to make sense of it all except to say this is hands down the best book I have ever read.

Thank you Amy Sutorius Harmon for this beautiful, touching book. I'm not quite sure I'll ever be the same, and there's a huge part of me thinking, God, I really hope it's this way.

Kristin (KC) - Traveling Sister says

Ms. Harmon takes her gorgeous writing and LEAPS through the confines of the New Adult genre with this one!

There are three things of which I'm certain will happen when I crack open an Amy Harmon novel: I will be granted phenomenal writing, a unique, substantial plot, and a cast of characters I can't help but want to embrace.

The Law of Moses offers all that and more as it kicks off with a hauntingly unforgettable prologue, and follows through with a bold, one of kind love story that **DELIVERS!**

As much as I'd like to divulge certain plot "details", I will not steal that surprise from you. But I will say that there is something incorporated that Amy has never done before—an element I LOVE—and she worked it out wonderfully.

If I tell you right up front, right in the beginning that I lost him, it will be easier to bear.

A Spoiler-Free Gist : Moses is an incredibly original, complex hero. Graced with the gift of art, he applies his skills on the most unconventional of canvases: public property. Moses is the town bad-boy—broken almost beyond repair—but he carries a secret that just might be able to save him.

I imagined the crack baby, Moses, having a giant crack that ran down his body, like he'd been broken at birth. I knew that wasn't what the term meant. But the image stuck in my mind. Maybe the fact that he was broken drew me to him from the start. – Georgia

Georgia is a kind and generous heroine whose unfaltering love for Moses inspired me. But she is not without backbone. And even though her love seems unrequited, she fights hard for the lost boy who stole her heart. But there is only so much devastation one person can take—and these two certainly have their share of unfortunate circumstances.

She was a small town girl with a simple way of speaking and thinking, a frank way of being that turned me on and turned me off at the same time. I wanted to run from her. But at the same time, I spent all my time thinking about her. – Moses

What I love about this author is the fact that she knows how to handle dramatics. I think we romance readers long for a certain degree of intensity in our stories. But there is a point where the drama can overtake the plot, leaving the substance lost in its aftermath.

Not with Ms. Harmon. She keeps things exciting without ever crossing that line. Her books always offer powerful themes and messages. This read in particular showcases the importance of gratitude, and

emphasizes how crucial it is to face *ourselves* head on. We cannot run from who we are, because wherever we go ... *there we will be*. And it was lovely to see that fact play out in a such a beautifully touching manner.

As the fateful prologue suggests—prepare for heartache, because some parts will break you. Don't worry about the destination ... trust in the story and let the journey guide you. You will not be disappointed.

In keeping with this book's lovely theme of gratitude, I thought I'd finish this review with a list of my personal "5 Greats" for today. (I truly LOVE what this author has started!) So, at this very moment, 5 things I am thankful for are:

1. **My daughter—Always my daughter**
2. **A warm home after a cold day**
3. **Homemade chicken soup**
4. **Family and friends who never quit us despite our flaws**
5. **Books with heart**

The Law of Moses has nothing BUT heart. It's written with heart. It breaks the heart. And it will warm the heart. But I think the best thing it did was open my heart.

So I recommend you also leave your heart open for this one ... because there is so, SO much to let in.

ARC generously provided by author

Book Stats:

- ? **Genre/Category:** Romance/NA
- ? **Steam Caliber:** Mild
- ? **Romance:** Intense, second-chance love story
- ? **Characters:** Broken hero who is an artist. Sweet but willful heroine
- ? **Plot:** A love story centering on gratitude and overcoming
- ? **Writing:** BEAUTIFUL
- ? **POV:** 1st Person: Alternates between hero and heroine
- ? **Cliffhanger:** None/Standalone
- ? **HEA?** (view spoiler)

Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

[First, I am a reader who needs to be given a heads up on certain things before I read about them. Call me picky, OCD, or whatever but when it's my time and money on the line, I d

Christy says

5 stars!

A story of before and after, of new beginnings and never-endings. A story flawed and fractured, crazy and cracked, and most of all, a love story.

The main thing I love about reading an Amy Harmon book, is that no two books she writes are the same. Her writing is beautiful, her characters are so special and the stories are just phenomenal. I went into this book not really knowing what it was about. I stayed away from most reviews because I didn't want to ruin any thing. So that what I'm going to do for you. I'm not going to summarize this book- not even a little. I will, however, tell you how I felt about the characters and the story.

Moses Wright has not had an easy life. He had a rough introduction, and as he got older, things got more difficult for him. Moses has his laws and the most important law to him is thou shall not love. Because with love only comes hurt.

There are laws. There are rules. And when you break them, there are consequences. Laws of nature and laws of life. Laws of love and laws of death.

Moses is special. He is broken and he has secrets that make it extremely difficult to get close to anyone. He has these rules and laws for a reason- to protect himself and anyone he cares for.

And then comes the lovable Georgia Shepard and her 'Greats'. Georgia is such a special character. She is the light to Moses dark. She is sweet, kind, and friendly to Moses when no one else is. I loved her positive attitude and how she never gave up on Moses, even when he pushed her. I love her lists and how she would use that whenever times got tough. No matter how much Georgia went through, she stayed strong, stayed brave, and stayed as positive as possible for her situation.

"Any time you start feeling sorry for yourself or you go into a rant about how bad life sucks, you immediately have to name five greats."

Moses and Georgia's relationship was conflicting. It's heartbreakingly beautiful. I felt at times that these poor characters just couldn't get a break. I was heartbroken for them.

This is a special book and one I won't forget. I read it about a week ago and it's still on my mind. The themes of this book are things that will really make you think- the five greats especially. No matter what is happening in life, there is always something positive you can focus on.

The Law of Moses isn't a book you just read. It's a book you experience. You will feel. You will not want to put it down. It's a beautifully written tale of the power of love and forgiveness. It's a story of embracing our

differences, overcoming loss and being loved and accepted for who we are. This is a book I would highly recommend to everyone.

“Everyone talks about being color blind. And I get that. I do. But maybe instead of being color blind, we should celebrate color, in all it’s shades. It kind of bugs me that we’re supposed to ignore our differences like we don’t see them, when seeing them doesn’t have to be a negative.”

Penny Reid says

I never enjoy finishing or reviewing Amy Harmon's books. In fact, I'd prefer to *not* ever review an Amy Harmon book ever again. Because, the thing is, finishing her books makes me immeasurably sad.

It's like flying first class, then being told (for the remainder of your life) you will be flying in a doggy carrier within the cargo section of the plane... next to a goat. Then having to share your thoughts with the world (while you're in the doggy carrier and the goat is trying to eat your shoelace) regarding how much you enjoyed your time in first class.

I know, I know, I'm rambling. Sorry.

Things you should know about this book:

1. It's breathtaking

... that's it. That's what you should know.

I hope you, dear reader, are worthy of this book.

Penelope Douglas says

I can't. This masterpiece deserves a review, but I need to catch my breath first.

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

5 GREATS STARS <333

"The five greats game is kind of like that. Finding beauty in ordinary things. And the only rule is gratitude."

My 5 Greats:

1My family

2My friends

3Life

4Freedom

5books

Such a beautiful and unique story!!This is definitely a must read!! I couldn't expect anything less from Amy Harmon!Everybody knows how beautiful,captivate and magical is her stories!They are so touching and make you think of them for long time...This happened to me with "Making Faces" and now with "The Law of Moses"!From the prologue I knew that this book will be emotional.So I prepare my self...I need to say that there are so many moments that I cry a lot!The Law of Moses is a book about hope,life,loss,love and forgiveness.

This is the story of Moses and Georgia...two so different teenagers.Georgia is a cowgirl who lives with her parents and help them with the horses and the support group they had create.When Moses comes to live in his grandmother house which is Georgia's neighbor...Everybody will be talk about him...and especially George who is intrigued and want to meet him..Moses is the crack baby who was abandoned in a laundry basket.He is different..but also so unique!He is a brilliant and a torment painter..Their chemistry is so dynamic full of tension and it's so beautiful!

This book is sweet,intense and sad.It isn't a book you will just read...It's a book you need to experiense and feel it!!!An absolutely fantastic book that will captivate you!!One of the best parts in this book was the line about the 5 greats...I wrote mine!Now it's your turn!

*ARC provided for an honest review

Jasmine says

2.5 PARTING WATER STARS ★★?

“There are laws. There are rules. And when you break them, there are consequences. Laws of nature and laws of life. Laws of love and laws of death.”

Once again I find myself in an awkward situation where all my buddies love a book and I'm that black sheep in the pack, yikes. Honestly I was really looking forward to love this book after seeing all the 5-stars reviews and even when I wasn't even planning to read it, I still caved in because I've heard about this author's writing and the emotional punch she brings to her reads. But sadly, I didn't get a lot of that from this one and this is likely to be a case of my preference, so please don't take my rating/opinion for what it is :)

Prior to picking this one up, I've only read 2 early reviews and in one of them, I was already made aware of that **one element** that was incorporated in the book which wasn't hinted in the blurb or overall genre itself.

So to say that I went in blindly without knowing what laid ahead is not true, the only question would be **HOW** it was gonna be incorporated into it. And for what it's worth, **I did enjoy that part of the read and made it a rather compelling story for me.**

But sadly a whole lot of other elements in the book just didn't work for me. I know this puts me in an absolute minority when I say that **I couldn't get into the author's writing.** Being my first read from her, I really didn't have much expectations but from the first 20% itself, I struggled getting into the story. Her writing style was a little too rich for my liking and there was **too much inner monologue and so little dialogue.** I find myself spacing out from the story and kept wondering if the story was going to move at a pace that seems rather dragged out.

Also another thing I didn't anticipate were the **heavy biblical references** lying around this book. Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against them but at times, I found them to be a little off-putting when they spurted out of nowhere (view spoiler). Maybe I should have seen it coming judging by the title itself but I think it would've been more fair if readers were made aware before jumping into this one.

Character-wise, I have to admit that I couldn't connect to both MCs for the most parts. **The connection between both MCs seemed to have just transpired out of nowhere;** one moment they seemed to be distant and in another, it escalated so quickly. I was hoping for more of a substantiated connection but I didn't get any of it here at all. At one point of the story, I had to ask a buddy about (view spoiler). It was tough cracking Moses even given with his POV & it frustrated me that there wasn't a solid reason enough for me to buy his hot and cold behaviour towards Georgia.

But I think the **major plotkill** for me was at the midway when the author decided to (view spoiler). **What I didn't enjoy more** was that (view spoiler). Honestly, this made me even more hesitant to buy their love story.

Apart from the issues I had with the book, there were still **redeeming qualities that still managed to grab my heartstrings.** It was completely heartbreaking to read a certain scene and I'm sure which evoked a lot of emotions from the readers. My favorite parts of the book were how (view spoiler) And **the "5 Greats" theme was another lovely addition** to this book that I believe everyone can take away from this read.

Overall I appreciated how the book conveyed a **powerful underlying message of forgiveness and the varying colors of life may it be anger, sadness or happiness.**

While I felt that it was a truly interesting premise that the author explored, sadly the other parts of the book just didn't work for me. However, I believe fans of this author's writings would surely enjoy this read and please don't let my review/rating deter you from picking this one up :)

Thanks Supreet, Sandy & Ilze for putting up with me during the buddy read! ♥♥

Brandi says

5 brilliant stars

A story of before and after, of new beginnings and never-endings. A story flawed and fractured, crazy and cracked, and most of all, a love story.

The Law of Moses is an eloquently written, complex story about love, loss and forgiveness that will take you on an unforgettable emotional journey. A truly unique story with a powerful message.

Honestly, it has been a few days since I have finished reading this one, and it is still haunting me. I've struggled with how review, but I keep coming up short. I don't want to be responsible for spoiling anything, and IMHO, this book should be read. Just do it. Just jump in, with an open heart and mind.

“There are laws. There are rules. And when you break them, there are consequences. Laws of nature and laws of life. Laws of love and laws of death.”

Vrsha (PeekAtMyBookReview) says

****FULL REVIEW POSTED****

Rating : 4 ‘CRACKED’ Stars

My Views : Amy Harmon gave a heart wrenching story of Moses which is definitely going to linger in my thoughts for days. This is the type of story that stays with you for a long time. The story of a cracked baby whom nobody wanted to deal with but finally brought smile and peace to other people with his art and talent.

Style of writing : I loved the poetic flow in her writing. It's philosophical and at times she'll write something and I'll spend hours pondering about that. There's no doubt that Amy Harmon is an amazing writer; **she created Magic with her story and her writing.**

Characters : The story is mostly about Moses who is the cracked baby then later the cracked artist. Moses carried loneliness, and pain with him and only Georgia was able to get in between the cracks of Moses. Georgia on the other hand is the carefree heroine who seeks trouble and Moses is the one who is trouble, so yes they were a fab pair.

Favorite Part : My favourite in the whole book was Eli. **He was so cute.** That little man touched my heart so deeply.

What did not work? Even though I loved the writing, the story and the characters, there were times when I felt like **the pace was quite slow** and nearly at the end I thought that it dragged a bit to reveal the secret.

Similar books? None..

Recommended : Yes, this was one Lovely read which needs to be read at its own pace and time. If you're

looking for a book which is deep in meaning and at the same time enjoyable this one is for you.

PRE-REVIEW...

***drum rolls*...I'M FINALLY STARTING THIS ONE...**

Big Thanks to all GR Friends who've KICKED my ASS for not reading this one...I'm finally on it!!!

Click On The Color Splashes To Join Me ;)

Catarina says

4 Emotinal Stars.

Georgia loves horses and works with them doing horse therapy. Moses is a boy who once was a famous baby for being abandoned in a laundry mat by a crack whore mother, and he's now a messed up artist that people tend to ignore.

When life throws Georgia and Moses together they can't help but fall in love, even when Moses tries his best to avoid it. Georgia loves him no matter how broken he is, but there's secrets that he carries that may push her away... If Moses doesn't push her away first.

And so starts a story of love full of smiles and tears, of new changes, and most of all... of healing.

Amy Harmon delivers once again a beautiful and amazingly written love story. But despite liking the book I felt like I've been wronged. If I had known previously the subject of this book I would have looked at it with other eyes and would probably give it a higher rating, but the way the subject was delivered, it only felt like a bad surprise.

However, if you're a fan of Amy, you should read this book. It's another great reading from one remarkable author.

Rating: 4 Stars.

Characters Development: Let me out this way: Moses was an asshole. But he was one of those broken assholes whose only redeeming quality is their feelings for the heroine, and so we can't help but liking him. Georgia was sweet and I love how relentless she was. A pretty nice heroine.

Steam: Meh.

Sensible Subjects: (view spoiler)

Love Triangle: (view spoiler)

Cheating: (view spoiler)

HEA: (view spoiler)
