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## **Believing Lies Details**

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### Tara TUG says

Wow... What a debut novel by Rachel Everleigh. Believing Lies will give you everything you look for in a book. Betrayal, angst, love and hope that when your life and your heart are shattering all around you that there is still hope for a bigger all-consuming love.

I immediately felt a connection with Adam and Sienna from the instant they started bickering, but watching it grow into a friendship based on love had me falling deeper in lust with this book. The sexual tension between these two, as they fought the inevitable, will have you squeezing your thighs together every time Adam breathes out a word in her ear.

Sienna thought she had love. The kind of love that is worth saving yourself for until one day it all changed. The planned future is now a part of her past and picking up the pieces seems a distant thought. Until Adam. Mr. pump it and dump it all the sudden finds himself enchanted with a princess. One full of attitude and heart; one who will make him see that fighting for everything you want takes patience. These two will have you laughing and sexually frustrated right along with them.

Ms. Everleigh managed to make me feel like I was the one experiencing this journey. I could see myself acting and handling the situations the same as Sienna. Trying to protect yourself and let your walls down and still be strong to not get trampled again is never easy. I loved this book and can't wait to see what comes next from this author.

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### Ashley says

It has a VERY Beautiful Diaster vibe, which was nice. Unfortunately it also had the FSoG element of the "inner vixen" in lieu of the "inner goddess". I'd like to punch both of the them in the throat.

The book had an enjoyable first half, but begun to drag out on and on!! I was ready for their non-sense drama to be resolved.

Full review to come.

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### ♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

3.5 Stars

**Believing Lies** is about moving on from devastation and letting fate pave the way to love with a few misplaced assumptions along the way.

Sienna Trudeau is left devastated and betrayed when her plan to marry goes horribly wrong. She's unsure of her future but where one door closes in book-land another sexy, gorgeous one usually opens....

Enter luscious, tattooed, slightly cocky and totally sexilicious, **he-only-has-one-night-stands, Adam Korbell.** *"He was downright sexy."* For me, it's Adam who lights up this story with his sweet, swoony talk. He has depth and personality; the story of his life touched my heart and bought a tear of emotion to my eyes. He's a passionate guy capable of loving and hating in equal measure.

Sienna has been burned and although her and Adam are undeniably attracted to each other, she has no wish to be *one of his many*. They fight their attraction and settle on being friends only, friends who enjoy to flirt. **\*\*Be still my beating heart\*\*** Adam's very male, HOT attraction to Sienna is adorable and completely melted my heart.

There are some LOVELY sexy times and a beautiful first kiss, some angst and a secret that could tear them apart forever...

The secondary characters, Sophie and Conner, are great additions to the story. The foursome have great, entertaining banter and dialogue and beautifully show the personalities of our heroine and sexy talking hero.

I've been a little torn over what to rate Believing Lies. There are parts that, hand on heart, didn't work so well for me and then there are elements I really, really enjoyed.... It felt a little like I read two stories, one where Sienna was broken by her fiancé and one where she recovered and let fate lead the way. In all honesty I think this novel would have worked better for me if it had started at a later point in it's timeline. The pace of the story could have been quicker. There were moments I was drawn into it but then aspects, like descriptions that were too detailed and mundane, would draw me out again and take my attention away from the lovely feelings this book was beginning to emote.

**The last 30% is lovely and angsty and adorable. It's at this point that my book love came through. It's true... I'm an angst junkie.** This story snuck up on me and my feels. There was a moment I shed a tear in stark contrast, I admit, prior to this, I found I wanted to skim over some parts. It took a while but I felt a great deal in the last part of this story. **A 3.5 star book is a story that deserves to be read.**

I recommend this debut novel to lovers of sweet New Adult books that can hold out for their book feels.... the waiting is definitely worth it.

Complimentary copy kindly provided by the author, Rachel Everleigh for an honest review

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## Dini Annav says

DNF couldn't stand the guy. he took her V card then made her prego then being an ass just because he saw her with her ex, said cruel & hurtful words to her when she's carrying his baby, said sorry the next day like

just saying it could mend the crack in her heart, he also had no effort to beg her forgiveness, he left her alone because he thought she needed to cooling down & everything would be ok. MY ASS! He used to slept around with girls tho I didnt mind playboy hero but those I mentioned above just too much like there's no one good thing abt this guy that made me as the reader had sympathy for him. He seduced her in her parents' house, almost had sex there, he's ill manered, he's immature! It's also boringly written!

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**S.M. West says**

#### **4 EVERLONG STARS**

This was a good debut novel from this author. While the story was predictable at times, the characters were engaging and I easily connected to the MCs and their group of friend. And yes, **there were some pleasant surprises and a refreshing take on a very common theme in books today.** It was a bittersweet read with some ups and downs, as well as some harsh reminders of the vital importance of trust to a relationship.

The story is about **Sienna Trudeau**, who walks away from her fiancé and her mapped out future broken hearted and betrayed.

Despite neither wanting nor looking for a man, Sienna can't help but be drawn to hot, sexy, tattooed player, **Adam Korbell.**

Sienna was someone you could easily be friends with but at times, I seriously wanted to throttled her. Yes, she had reason to not easily trust and yes, she feared being brokenhearted again but some of her decisions just made me want to scream! I could see the train wreck coming based on her stupid decisions.

Adam, for all the bad boy that he was, **Adam. Stole. My. Heart.** Yes, he was hot as f&\*k and sex-on-a-stick but it was also his vulnerability and the fact that he too had demons he struggled with. Underneath all his macho, Alpha cockiness, he was also tenderhearted and sweet.

What I really enjoyed was how Seinna and Adam's relationship grew from friends to lovers. Ms. Everleigh takes us on their journey of discovering each other as their lust grows into love. Absolutely loved the fortune cookie thingy!! I also really liked the flirtatious banter between Sienna and Adam. The dialogue was real, engaging and funny.

One thing that was so refreshing and something I really liked about this book was that **Adam was not your typical self-professed man whore who instantly flipped a switch and became a one-woman-man.** Adam struggled with his attraction for Sienna. He knew she was different and was driving him crazy but he questioned it, fought it and feared it. This made me love Adam even more and also made his love for Sienna all that more believable.

This was a quick, easy and enjoyable read that made me laugh, scream, get hot and bothered, and cry. While this story did not contain any overtly sexual content, it did not need it. It was hot without it. This may be my first novel from Rachel Everleigh but it won't be my last.

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### **Lisa Jayne says**

Review coming soon ....

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### **Vintage says**

This is so unbelievably YA I can't believe I wasted time on it. KU strikes again. All it was missing was the angsty playlist.

I am a sucker for the hero/heroine who finds love after being cheated on or ditched, but this one failed. BIG TIME.

An extra star because it was well done, and I had to finish, HAD TO, while skimming, to find out what and how these two idiots were going to end up.

Hero and heroine are *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, the younger years.

Neither one neglected once to jump off the cliff of conclusions to fall into the rocky shoals of stupidity and angst. She dumps her fiancée because she catches him having sex. I almost want to say maybe she should have stuck with her as he comes after her time and time again, but maybe he needs to move on to someone with a real working brain. No sympathy for a cheater, but it begs the question why as a virginal senior in college she is not only getting married but living with her cold-cocked fiancée. WHY?

The best characters, poor things, are the hero and heroine's best friends respectively. They hook up and deserve medals, gold medals, for being the best friends EVER as well as relatively sane characters.

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### **Andrea says**

This was a pretty good quick read. I really enjoyed it!

Review to come.

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## Christy says

### 4 Princess stars!

*Believing Lies* was an enjoyable debut novel from Rachel Everleigh. I never know what I'm going to get when I jump into a debut novel. I was pleasantly surprised with this one. I really liked both main characters and enjoyed the writing style.

Sienna has a plan for her life. She's almost done with school and she's planning on getting married in a few short months. Everything is perfect. That is until she finds her fiancé has been unfaithful and it throws her perfect world upside down. Sienna moves in with her cousin and best friend Sophie. Sophie's boyfriend happens to be best friends with the typical tattooed and sexy no strings attached guy- Adam. Adam takes to Sienna and they become friends. They are both attracted to each other, but with Adam not doing relationships and Sienna just getting out of one, they know friendship is best for them. Sienna is different than any other girl Adam's met, and he has to be in her life, some way or another.

"I'm ready to give this whole being friends idea a real try because, even though I don't quite understand it myself, I feel as if I need to be near you."

I loved watching Sienna and Adam's friendship grow. Watching them fight their feelings for each other. They stay friends for a while, but you can only fight your feelings and attraction for so long...

There was absolutely no way I was turning back. I was his.

I am such a sucker for the manwhores that change their ways for that one special girl. I don't care how many times it's been done... I love it. And Adam does change. He's still his cocky, sexy and confident self, but he's different with Sienna. He's not as tough- he can be himself and just be with her. She changed him and made his simple life not so simple anymore...

"I was happy until I met you, you complicated everything. Everything was simple before you came along and changed it all..."

I'd like to say things between Adam and Sienna are perfect and they ride off in the sunset together, but you know it's not that simple. There is some conflict. A LOT of misunderstandings, and you've guessed it... believing lies. I always struggle with the drama and conflict, but this was just under the line of being excessive so it worked for me.

Adam was a character that I completely adored. Sienna I liked a lot as well. There are times I wanted to scream at her, but overall she was likable. As much as I liked Sienna and Adam, I really loved Sienna's cousin and Adam's best friend. They were fantastic secondary characters.

I love a good friends to lovers tale and watching Adam and Sienna go from friends to more was great. I loved how patient he was with her after all she'd been through.

*Believing Lies* has some humor, some heartbreak, some angst, and some steam. It took an overused story line and gave it just enough extra and different turns to make sure it wasn't mundane or boring. Once I started reading, I didn't want to put it down. I had to see how things would be resolved between the two main characters. I stayed up way past my bedtime to finish this one. Overall, I found this to be a fast paced and fun debut novel with enough angst to keep me hooked.

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## **Miri says**

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4 sweet romantic stars!!!

I really enjoyed this book. It was very sweet, romantic, and full drama.

This is my first book from this author and I gotta say she's made a fan of me.

Adam is a hot bad boy. Who is used to sleeping around a lot.

Sienna is a college student and she's engaged. She's a sweet and innocent girl.

"I like slutty, but not on you, princess, because you aren't a slutty girl. So no, not too slutty. More like drop dead gorgeous."

I enjoyed how this author put the story together. I do enjoy damaged manwhore who turn their lives around for love at first sight. Adam and sienna developed a friendship first. Their attraction has given them feelings that both of them are fighting. The flirting and the back and forth comebacks were funny and sweet.

"I don't know if you're just cocky, if there's something in your eye, or if you have some kind of chronic eye twitch that causes your lid to spasm."

Eventually, both of them stop fighting this attraction and they begin a relationship. I wish I could day that

these were happy go lucky couple, but insecurities and misunderstandings drive them apart. Both of them are protecting their hearts in their own way.

This story is full of drama, laughs, sweet moments, and a really romantic love story. Their up and downs made me love the story more. I love how sienna would stand her ground when she was hurt. Adam is no saint and he lashes out when he is hurt this made me like him... because the way he reacted to things made him seem more real... I love how the relationship grew and became a very good love story.

“Ask me no secrets and I’ll tell you no lies.”

Definitely recommend this book for the hopeless romantics willing to dive into a good love story with a bad boy and a shy sweet girl.

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## Patrycja says

3.5 stars!

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## Jasmine says

### 4 FORTUNE COOKIES STARS ★★★★★

With a debut novel, there is really no way of knowing what to expect. While I did find the storyline to be rather predictable for me, I still enjoyed this quick fun read which was filled with just a right amount of angst, humor and love.

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**Believing Lies** starts off with **Sienna** who believed that her life was working out perfectly. Only months away from getting married, her perfect world is shattered when she finds out that her fiancé has been cheating on her. In an attempt to mend her broken heart, she moved in with her perky cousin, Sophie and a girls' night out at the bar has brought Sienna colliding with **Adam**, the sexy tattooed player.

Not eager to jump into any relationships after a betrayal, Sienna keeps her heart guarded but cannot deny the attraction she feels for Adam. A no-strings attached guy like Adam is equally attracted to Sienna but knows she isn't just another notch on his bedpost. An attempt to keep their relationship at arms' length begins with them as friends but slowly turns into much more once both defenses are torn down.

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Honestly I've been avoiding NA contemporary reads like a plague these days especially when nothing sticks out with all the overly common and clichéd plots. I will admit that this one is no exception to the case as the 'friends-become-lovers' plot is something I've come across one too many times.

However, I do appreciate that the author did try to twist some things up in an overused plot to make it a much more refreshing and enjoyable read for me. I enjoyed that there was **no insta-love** (one of my huge pet

peeves) and **the development in Adam & Sienna's relationship progressed realistically** especially in this scenario with Sienna just coming out from a failed engagement. I also enjoyed the little touch that the author put in with the fortune cookies ♥

*"If you desire something you've never had, you will have to do something you've never done."*

Another winning point for me was also how **lovable the secondary characters are**. Sophie and her boyfriend Connor, who is also Adam's best friend really brought on some great humor to the read and was ever-ready to give the two MC's the push they needed.

My only complaint would be that **the drama/conflicts that arose came off rather predictable & clichéd for me**. As y'all know I'm quite the angst-whore, so I like it when my drama llama throws me off unexpectedly. However, this is just my personal taste. Those who love them angst in small doses will enjoy this one :)

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Overall, Believing Lies is a **quick fun read for anyone who enjoys reading that 'friends-to-lovers' plot**. Sienna and Adam's story comes with many ups and downs, filled with love and some heartbreak. Throw in some **witty banters, great humor and the right amount of steam**, this debut novel was a fun light one to read.

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★, • \* ° \* ?\*Blanka\*?\*°°\*.,. ♥★ says

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I loved it!! It had everything that in my opinion a perfect book should have: angst, tension, love, lies, fighting, forgiveness and a whole lot of sexual tension!

Sienna is a few months away from getting married to the perfect man her mother would have picked for her. She is happy, they are living together, and everything seems to be going as it should until she and her cousin/bff Sophie decide to have lunch at this restaurant/bar. One of the bartenders thee catches her cousins eye and she goes to talk over with him while his hot friend (Adam) comes over to talk to Sienna. She comes off as a bitch... a few days later she catcher her fiancee screwing someone in their apartment and their bed.. and that is when the story really begins.. Her and Adam build this hands off while flirting friendship,they seem to be getting closer and closer, her ex fiancee wants her back, her mother is still being a bee, Sophie and Conner are getting closer as well, and the one night everything shifts. Sienna hands over her virginity to Adam, even though she knows he is a male whore, wham bam thank you ma'am type of guy she still spends this amazng night with him, waking up the next morning alone. Sienna feels used, however won't be like the others and chase Adam.

Now you get to experience this manwhore transform himself into this beautiful, loveable creature. I am a sucker for manwhore's turned boyfriends!!

**I loved this novel, and could not put it down! I loved Rachel's writing style, I loved getting to know the characters, and actually connecting with them! I loved the relationship between the two cousins.. I loved how Sienna's mother was this ice-queen and then started melting bit by bit.. And my absolute favorite was the epilogue, I loved getting pieces from the other couples as well!! Can't gush enough! I absolutely CAN NOT wait to see what Rachel publishes next. <3 it**

Adam:

Sienna:

Sophie:

Conner:

## TeriLyn says

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### **4 What's-Meant-To-Be-Will-Be Stars**

*Believing Lies* by Rachel Everleigh turned into the most delightful surprise of my weekend. When asked if I'd be interested in reviewing this book the cover and blurb immediately drew me to the book. Upon starting the story, I got slightly worried this was going to be another typical bad boy falls in love with good girl story. My worries were confirmed because Adam certainly is a bad boy and Sienna certainly is a good girl. However, I found Everleigh's easy first person prose, stellar writing, and nuanced new adult story to have some surprises I didn't seem coming, some angst I thoroughly enjoyed, and some sweet and funny moments for all of her characters.

Adam and Sienna's story starts off with a witty first encounter providing the catalyst for a witty, fun, and flirty friendship. Their immediate attraction palpates right off the pages and the reader can't deny their chemistry. Sienna's not in a position to progress anything romantic with Adam while he struggles to identify the intense feelings he gets when she's around. Their friendship fills the reader with quick wit and banter, playful fighting, and some intense moments calling into the question their motives. Sparks eventually fly and the author maintains the same charisma and charm from the both of them. However, love isn't easy for Adam and Sienna. They've both been burned by their pasts forcing each of them to be very quick to jump to conclusions about the other. Their trust and loyalty constantly questioned.

While reading, a few instances arose where I began skimming through because Sienna's inner monologues became a bit daunting and forced. Back and forth she went making assumptions based on nothing it turns out only ending burning them in the end. The choices each of them makes, the secrets, the hasty reactions all felt natural to me. Quick assumptions are a part of life and I completely related to the characters on that front. However, the heroine's stubborn demeanor and automatic reflex to run first without asking questions became too much for me at times that I wanted to shake her rather than sympathize with her. The angst of the book became a prerogative of the heroine rather than the reader to me a few times. Although I enjoyed the angst I felt her monologues could have been reduced and the effectiveness of the angst to the reader still present. In contrast though, there wasn't a lot of delving into the characters pasts besides the honestly they both gave each other about them. I enjoyed that they didn't come from these really dark places and each had some good. I'd be remiss not to mention the extraordinary cast of secondary characters. Adam and Sienna have a great group of friends. Sophie provides excellent comedic commentary and Connor is a typical guy's best friend at the most important times. Sienna's ex provides great angst as well as her Mother.

For a debut novel, I'm beyond impressed with *Believing Lies*. Rachel Everleigh wrote an entertaining, angsty, fun New Adult novel. Nothing from the characters felt abnormal. Their reactions were not unusual so the angst was real. It was the moving on from the angst that got me. However, it definitely did not detract from my overall appreciation of this author's writing and structured story. Her ability to engage her audience and draw readers into the book excelled. She certainly knows how to provide a well-rounded story with humor, passion, sadness, and joy expertly woven throughout. And a totally swoon-worthy epilogue, which always leaves me reeling. I'm so excited to have read *Believing Lies* and to have met Adam and Sienna. Their story provided me a Sunday full of great reading. I definitely look forward to more from this great new author.

Look for my review at: [She Reads New Adult Book Blog](#)

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## Michelle says

### 3.75 to 4 Stars

Sienna had her life all set. Engaged, planning her wedding – her future with a man that she thought she'd spend a lifetime with. You can imagine the shock she felt when she walks in on Trenton in bed with another woman. Leaving her apartment to hide away at her cousin, Sophie's place she is pushed to start living again. She never imagined that the man that she met in the bar that called her Princess, was going to become such a big part of her life post-Trenton. She never imagined falling so hard for a man who could break her so much more than she had already been fractured by Trenton's betrayal.

Adam is a man-whore. It was instant love with this reader. When his cousin Conner is swept up into a romance with Sophie, he finds himself constantly surrounded by Sienna. A woman he shouldn't want because when he met her she had a huge rock on her hand – but now she's available and their just friends arrangement is going up in flames quickly as the tension heats between them. Adam doesn't do relationships, he is a hit it & quit it type of guy.

As these two finally give into their attraction, they are constantly battling their inability to avoid assumptions, allowing their imagination and insecurities wedge them apart. For Sienna, she's already had her heart broken by a man she thought loved her; giving her full trust to a man is not something that she is eager to do, even if he already owns her heart. For Adam, his past leads him to a dark place where nothing sticks. Protecting himself from being left has ensured he was the one that always left first. Trying to be something more in order to get the girl he wants, shines a light on his insecurities and lashing out when he is hurting is the only way he knows.

They both must learn to have a little faith in what they feel and not jump to conclusions. By giving in to their feelings there is a chance that they'll experience the kind of love that comes around once in a lifetime.

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One storyline that I cannot resist in a romance is a reformed man-whore. The more of a slut the hero is, the more I am going to swoon. Give this girl a man that sleeps with half the female population and my heart goes pitter-patter and my panties get wet. It's part of the fantasy. And he's a wink-er. Gotta say, hot as hell when that sly, cocky smirk shows up and is followed by a wink. Panty-drop-inducing-eye-twitches... yep. Knees weak.

This was a fantastic debut novel. The angst level was high through the entire ride and although there were some typical romance moments and story twists that took place, these are twists that us readers love. They are a regular occurrences in the world of romance because they work. A reformed-man-whore, friends to lovers romance and few twists on a love story that ensures that you are kept fully entertained and captivated to the story. Adam was unexpected as a hero. When I expected him to do one thing he'd surprise me with his ability to give her space to sort it all out.

So why not more stars? Part of me felt like there were two stories at play. The first half and the second half. From the way Sienna was at the onset of this relationship to the way she was at the end, it just changed a bit of the feel of the story. Most of the high drama moments occur at the end of this story, forcing a reader to

continue on to get to those moments. I can only hope that the readers do just that, it is worth it. As a debut novel, this was a fantastic start. There were just some things that kept me from embracing it fully because there was a 5 star potential with the punch that this story packed. And the tough part is, is that I can't fully put my finger on exactly what kept me falling completely into the story. I just know that there was something that did.

*Graphics to be posted at a later date. Damn internet is all over the place, but for those who are also Facebook Friends, you view them on my profile for now.*

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