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“THE BEST BOOKS YOU'RE NOT READING. This series runs the gamut of emotions. I felt everything from pure joy and happiness to absolute devastation.” - Kelli, Alphas, Authors and Books Oh My

“Lori Otto managed to pull me in to the story so that I was so engrossed, entwined with it, so much that I didn't know where the story ended and I began.” - StacyHGG, Books Unhinged Book Blog

This special edition contains Not Today, But Someday; Lost and Found; Time Stands Still; Never Look Back; and two short stories: Love, Lost and In the Mind of a Dying Man.

Not Today, But Someday (prequel)

Nate Wilson knows he wants Emi Hennigan from the moment he sees her. Emi knows she needs Nate after one night together. A life-long friendship is born, and a pact is made to ensure that nothing will come between them.

Lost and Found (book one)

After swearing off love with Emi in a silly high school pact, Nate has been seeing other women in hopes of finding one that evokes stronger feelings than the ones he's been harboring for Emi since he was a teen. Over the span of a year, boundaries are crossed, feelings are confessed, and their unique friendship begins to blossom into something more. With a promising future ahead of them both, fate intervenes to bring two soul mates together.

Time Stands Still (book two)

No man could compete with Nate, Emi thought, until one night – one evening, one party, one journey, one second alters her course completely. That night, her brother's best friend, Jack Holland, comes back into her life with a mission. In a year's time, he slowly finds a comfortable place in Emi's life, but only time will tell if it's right for Emi – and enough for him.

Never Look Back (book three)

To say Emi's life over the past two years has had its share of peaks and valleys is an understatement – and her friends and family would agree. In the conclusion to Emi Lost & Found, Jack guides Emi through a year of self-discovery, and teaches her that faith in true love – and in soul mates – can yield happiness from even the darkest of places.

Plus two bonus short stories!

Love, Lost and In the Mind of a Dying Man

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Megan • Reading Books Like a Boss (book blog) says

Overall rating of the series: 4.5 stars. <3

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Dee Montoya says

***** 5 Transcendent Stars*****

Have you ever read story that is so beautiful and powerful that it gets deep into your veins and travels to your heart? making you feel a million different emotions all at once? experiencing this is the reason why I love to read so much and *Emi Lost & Found Series* was exactly that for me. **A truly remarkable read !!!!**

Emi and Nate have been best friends since high school, they bonded over the promise to never fall in love, trying to avoid getting hurt. One night Emi was really drunk and they kissed, making Nate realize how he wants Emi to be more than just his best friend, but afraid that he can't fulfill her very high expectations, he doesn't act on his feelings. Time passes by and their friendship grows stronger, there's always sexual tension between them but they are both afraid to move on that direction because they care about the friendship too much to lose it.

"Are you Hurt?" "Where?" "My Heart"

Nate is the total package, he is gorgeous, sexy and sensitive; but he has flaws like everybody else and his biggest mistake is that he's always looking for Emi in all the girls he dates (and there's a lot...). Emi's character is very complex, she strives to be independent but she is so sweet and caring that all the people around her are usually a bit overprotective of her. One blurry night a long time ago, Emi received a life altering kiss, and ever since then she's been trying unsuccessfully to re-create that same amazing feeling; but is it with the man who's always been there for her or maybe with someone from her past? Lucky for us, we get to experience the painful yet enlightening journey of finding the truth about love with her.

"One Transcendent kiss, that later makes lovers take soft breaths, holding hands."

Emi goes through some devastating experiences that will leave you sobbing and reaching for large amounts of chocolate. Through it all, her incredibly supportive friends and family will help her heal and learn to let go of the past and allow new opportunities for the future.

There's not much more I can say without spoiling it the story, and believe me, you won't want to miss a minute of this novel. It was written with such sensibility and passion that makes it hard to forget.

This is very intense story, and at some point you may feel the need to stop reading , but PLEASE DONT!!! KEEP GOING!! I promise, you will not regret it, this is a story about friendship, love and about learning to seize the opportunities and how to learn from our mistakes; because a lot of times in life those painful moments with time become blessings that will make us feel grateful for the hard times.

I love and live for books like *Emi Lost & Found*, intense and heartbreaking and because of that I highly recommend reading this book with a buddy and if you can't find one feel free to message me at any time and I will offer encouragement and support, so go ahead and pick up this books today, and be ready to dream, cry and fall in love with this fascinating characters and their story.

My playlist for *Emi Lost & Found Series*:

- *Make you Feel My Love By Adele
- *Cannonball By Demian Rice
- *All I Want by The Kodaline
- *My Immortal by Evanescence
- *Who you love By John Mayer ft. Katy Perry
- *Bound to You By Christina Aguilera
- *The Way I am by Ingrid Michaelson

*I want to give a special thanks to my new lovely-Venezuelan friend **Daniela** , she made the experience of reading this book so much more enjoyable; we totally bonded over our mutual love of Nate. She served as great support when I thought I might go crazy from crying so much. D, Gracias, Eres una nota!!*

Crystal Smith says

I believe there are soul mates and there are true loves. I believe this is true for every person on this earth, that awe each have these in two separate persons. The feelings and emotions are the same but different, on different levels but on the same plane.

Most of the books lately are all about insta-love. These are not by any means. Lori Otto takes you on a journey of friendship, family, love, regret, loss, healing...just so many emotions enfolded into a beautiful story. You simply cannot read about Emi, Nate and Jack and not hope and pray that you have that or someday have what they did. Their story is not easy, yet it is beautiful too.

I am completely in awe of Ms. Otto and her writing. This story....this story is absolutely beautiful and will stay with you forever. It will make you see love in a whole new light. So thank you Lori Otto for bringing, and taking away, these characters and creating this amazingly beautiful story.

Anjuli says

I laughed, I cried, I experienced every emotion possible with this series, and I do not regret it.

This series is truly amazing, my absolute favorite of the year. I had to mentally prepare myself in order to meet and devote my time to these characters.

First, Nate. I loved everything about him. He was artistic and passionate and the most lovable screw-up I have had the pleasure of reading about. His impulsive nature just drew me in, and I couldn't get enough. He also managed to break my heart and crush my soul, through no fault of his own. The moment I met him I had no choice but to fall in love with him.

Emi, on the other hand, managed to frustrate me with her stupid stubbornness. I experienced everything she did and could do nothing but share her pain. Like Nate, she was artistic, impulsive, but where he was extremely passionate she was slightly more reserved. I loved her free-spirit and could not handle her idealistic views, but even that endeared me to her.

Jack, always patient, careful, meticulous, just the complete opposite of Nate, and I was still rooting for him. He is the first "3rd wheel" I have ever cheered on whole-heartedly. I tend to always like one more than the other, but with Jack I couldn't help but love him just as much as Nate.

THIS SERIES IS A MUST READ & A MUST RE-READ. A box of tissues, a few glasses of wine, and a comfortable bed where you can lay in the fetal position is recommended. I have never cried so much or loved a series as much as I did/do with this series.

KindleCousins says

I read this book because it was supposed to be atypical, emotional, and life changing. I'm not that typical romance girl. My faves include Vain, Sea of Tranquility, and sempre #2. These are all emotional books with great supporting characters. A lot of reviews stated if you want a typical romance don't read this, that's why I read it. You know what I got? A typical romance with immature and forgettable characters.

First off the prequel was written wonderfully. I was pulled in from the beginning. I loved Nate and Emi. I loved the dual POV. Great read. Couldn't wait to continue.

So I continued with Lost and Found which is told in Nate's POV. It was slow and I pretty much hated the male POV throughout the whole book. I feel like with a story this consumed about a friendship it would have been better written in the dual POV. I mean maybe this was the aspect that wasn't typical...idk. So I read on and on. And I didn't believe Emi knew what the hell she wanted. By the time they got together I don't think I really cared. Emi got on my nerves, I pretty much hated her. She had not matured not one bit since high school. I hate a lot of back and forth BS. We're going to be together, no wait, okay we're on again, no wait again. Like what?! I just couldn't take it. So when the emotional part came I was already emotionally drained from the games Emi plays.

So book two begins. And yes it was emotional because I like Nate. But I didn't really feel sorry for Emi like I should have. My heart ached for Donna. And now I'm stuck in Emi's head and I'm happy she ready to heal. Jack is great. Too great. So cliché, so typical, soul mates. Again here comes Emi and her games. Hey I understand the need to just be friends, but why the heck does she have to be a tease? We need to be friends, lets make out, put your hand between my legs, no we're friends, suck my breasts, no we're friends, lets get a

hotel room, no we're friends. Dude you waited 10 years for this?! Just be friends!!!!!!! Stop playing games!!!!!!! 30 year old child with her pigtails and not wearing a coat when it's freezing because her outfit would be ruined. I just can't!!!!!!

The supporting characters in this book were the worse. Teresa was a disrespectful slut. Jenn was an inconsiderate selfish slut. Chris was a self-righteous prick. Not one of them supported her. They always went against what she wanted and thought they knew everything. Anna and Donna were the only characters I truly liked.

I started the last book but DNF. I couldn't take any sighing and dazed looks from Jack. His POV sounded just like Emi's. I skimmed through it. Whatever. I didn't care about the end to Emi's story because I didn't like her. I'm sorry I know this is a highly rated book but for the life of me I don't know why. It was the longest draw-out story ever. I hate not finishing books, but one thing I learned from this book was to live everyday like it's your last and don't regret anything. So with that being said I will not waste my time on books I'm just not enjoying.

Sophie says

I wanted so much to like this book, having read all the glowing reviews about it.

Lost & Found started out okay for me, although I found it a bit slow. By Book 2 (Time Stands Still), I found it excruciating to read. Not in the sense that it was extremely sad, but that I found Emi so very unlikeable. I just couldn't relate to her at all. Like I read in someone else's review, I felt like I was on the outside looking in, and I could not sympathize with Emi at all. She seemed to bounce from grief to recovery every couple of pages, so much so that I didn't find the story very believable.

Emi as a character, despite how long the story was drawn out, didn't seem very developed to me. I feel like the author didn't really make me understand just what it was about her that made both Nate and Jack fall so madly in love with her. My impression of her is flighty, indecisive, impractical, and overall just a big flirt. She also seems to like her wine a bit too much (I was actually half-expecting it to be revealed later in the book that she was an alcoholic). I also didn't like the way the word "fuck" was thrown in every couple of sentences, like that was such a basic part of her vocabulary.

For someone who is supposedly independent and used to being alone, Emi sure likes having her men take care of her. Not wearing a coat when she knows it's going to be cold out, just because it's going to ruin her outfit just screams damsel-in-distress to me, not something I particularly admire in a protagonist. And just what is it with the pigtails? I can't imagine one man, much less two, being "driven crazy" about them.

As for the first and third parts of the series being told in the male point of view, I didn't really feel that "masculine" tone. I lost count of how many times both men kept sighing in awe of Emi's beauty, her dimples and her "pale green eyes." In parts of the book where there was continuous dialogue, I had to consciously keep track of which character was saying which line, because they all sounded like one voice to me.

I found it hard to believe that Emi and Jack had never crossed paths in all the time Jack had been best friends with Emi's brother, Chris. There was also a part in the book where Jack invited Emi and Chris to a hockey game and getting good seats seemed like such a novelty to Chris. In all the years they'd been friends, he had never been the recipient of Jack's famous generosity?

Jack on the other hand, I found too good to be true -- kind, generous, a multi-millionaire (!), and single to

boot, pining for ten years over a drunk girl he kissed once at a frat party.

The only character I probably really liked in the book was Anna. I wish there had been more about her in the book.

Aside from the story, there were so many misspelled words that just really took away from my enjoyment of the book. Some of them (*italics mine*):

"What are you thinking"? I ask, kissing her earlobe *discretely*.

I feel his hand *discretely* pressing down on top of mine.

I don't care that you can't *bare* our children.

"but *it's* colors are so rich. It's beautiful..."

There was also one part near the end of the book that had me raising an eyebrow.

"It was difficult for her foster parents to say goodbye, especially when the *alligator tears* streamed from Livvy's big brown eyes."

"Alligator tears"? Really?

This is a 1.5-star (out of 5) book for me. I'm giving it 2 stars only because there's no option to give half and because it's not as bad as other 1- (or 0-) star books that I've read.

Overall, this was a story that was just long-drawn-out for me, and one that I feel could have been better told in maybe half the length of the actual book. When I was just purchasing this book, I was looking forward to waiting for the rest of the books in the Choisie series to be released so I could read them in one go. Now though, I don't think I will be purchasing those books after all. As it is, I'm still agonizing over the fact that I still have "Not Today, but Someday" to read. It now feels a bit like homework I don't want to but have to do, to me.

Penny Reid says

So... where to start?

Hm.

Ok.

Here we go.

These books are not going to be for everyone. These books are for people who like to read in much the same way a seven course meal is for people who like to eat. If you want a pop-tart then you need to skip this series. This is serious business. For real, people!

1. Set your expectations: I didn't read any reviews before starting this series and, honestly, I wish I had. I went into this expecting a romance novel and all the cotton candy that is now associated with that phrase.

This was not a romance novel. This is a story of a romance (there is a difference).

2. The Feels: These books will shock you, make you crazy, make you cry (you, not me. I don't cry. But they will make you cry). There is love and sex (lots of sex) and frustration and irritation and just basically everything. And, you will still think about the book after you finish.

3. Characters: You'll have a love/hate relationship with all the characters (especially Emi). In my opinion, the character I understood the best was Nate; he seemed the most real to me, flawed, he grew the most. Emi was a girl and then she wasn't. Jack was dreamy and patient and dreamy.

4. Author has skilz: The writing is excellent.

5. Pace: The pace is drawn out (but, as a literary device it makes sense). It is not the type of book/series that you devour. You have to read it over several days, absorb, think; it's a story you come back to.

Now that I am exhausted digesting my seven course meal, I think I'll go have a pop tart.

Lydia H says

See COMPLETE post here with more INFO: <http://heabookshelf.blogspot.com/2013...>

"I believe all things happen for a reason, though... and sometimes it takes a while to figure out that reason."

DEEPEST SIGH EVER

I had a permanent case of swollen eyes and tension head ache while reading this series. Seriously. Never in my life had a book caused me to feel SO MANY EMOTIONS at the same time. To say this was one hell of a rollercoaster, wouldn't even begin to cover it.

The writing style was just incredible. I felt like I *knew* these characters, like they were real and very much a part of my life. Book one, *Lost & Found*, is written in Nate's POV. I'm a sucker for male point of views, and Nate had me eating out of his hand. LOVED HIM!!!!!!!!!! aaaaaahhh!! *I truly loved Nate*. Book two, *Time Stands Still*, is written in Emi's POV, and book three, *Never Look Back*, is written in Jack's POV. Again, LOVED reading a book from a male POV and just like with Nate, I was a goner with Jack.

So, about these characters....

I absolutely loved Nate and Emi since the prequel and had already established a deep emotional connection with them. They both made me laugh, get angry, and just hands down, feel like I was about to have an anxiety attack! Nate made me swoon more times than I care to admit. He was just so... NATE. *sigh* He made everyone feel special and loved.

Emi... oh, Emi. My heart broke for her SO.MANY.TIMES. Especially, during book two. Lori Otto definitely put her through the ringer... in MANY, MANY, MAAAAAAANY ways.

Jack was truly AMAZING..... there are no words that can describe how much I loved his character. He was so patient and caring. He too, made me swoon A LOT.

Chris, Emi's brother, was THE best brother EVER - can't stress this enough. I loved reading about him just as much as I did about the main characters. Honestly, **all** the secondary characters were great - very well developed and definitely added more depth to the story. Oh, and Clara, Emi's niece, was just too darn

cute!!!!!!!!!! HAD to mention her.

In order to keep my promise about this being a **spoiler-free review**, I won't go into the plot. But I will say this....

I **thought** I knew what it meant to "ugly-cry".... but no. I definitely did NOT know. It wasn't until **this series**, that I truly found out what it meant. I cried... and cried.. and cried... I reached a point where I literally had to put down my Kindle because I could NOT take the pain I was feeling. My heart was SHATTERED into a million pieces... I felt like Lori Otto had literally put it in a blender!!!!!! I swear, never in my life had I cried SO HARD while reading a book! NEVER.

Thankfully, by the end of the series, my heart had been slowly put back together. Just as it had been broken, it had healed through Emi's journey. **The ending was BEAUTIFUL**. I found myself crying, uh-gain, but this time, they were happy tears.

Even though I feel that there were a few scenes that might have been dragged out, the overall pace of this series was perfect and very realistic. Yes, your heart will break, but it will also heal. Trust me. I couldn't have asked for a better ending. Now, I'm just wondering how I will read another book while feeling hung over from the Emi Lost & Found Series. *Lori Otto, I'm a HUGE FAN.*

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS SERIES.

Christine says

HOLY SHIT!!! THIS IS HANDS DOWN ONE OF THE BEST SERIES I HAVE EVER READ...LIKE EVER!!!!

If you haven't already read this series then I would totally recommend you put whatever you're reading down now and start reading this..! Like now!! Whatcha waiting for go **NOW!!**

I was thinking about writing a review for each book but then I figured a bulk one would work too so here it is...and I promise that I'll try not to spoil the entire series so here goes.

This is the Lost & Found Series by Lori L Otto.

This is the story of Nate, Emi and Jack.

Nate and Emi have been best friends since High School. They have always been attracted to one another but for fear that acting on that attraction could damage their friendship they have never given into the attraction. Nate falls hard and loves even harder. Emi is more reserved. She has been scarred by her parents divorce and acts more with her head than she does with her heart.

Jack meets Emi at a college party. For him it was love at first sight. They have an instant connection that hits him full force and he can never seem to forget the way her lips felt against his. Though their meeting only lasts a few hours he can't get back what he lost that night.

Thirteen years later they cross paths. After an introduction, an engagement party, a dance, a song, a late night drive to the convenient store...their lives will forever be changed and nothing will ever be the same again.

Nate

Emi

Jack

I can't describe how much I loved this series! Hands down the **best** series I have read this year, actually it's one of the best ever.

This series was beautifully written. I fell in love with all the characters especially my Nate. I love him so much, that I will keep him in my heart forever. The thing I absolutely loved about this series is that it makes you feel. I found myself lost in Emi, Nate and Jack's world. I felt their love, pain, longing and...just *everything*. I was brought to my knees in book two and I still don't think I'm completely over what happened, and I write this review with tears still flowing from my eyes, but that is what makes this series so damn special.

As much as I wanna say more about this series I think I'll stop coz I don't wanna be an ass and spoil the series for the rest of you but I will say this. Buy it, read it, love it.

Expect a lot of this

this..

and this

this...

more of this...

and definitely more of this

And to the author...Lori you are a cruel cruel woman but I love you! Kudos for writing such an **AMAZING**

series and I am definitely gonna be looking out for more of your books in the future.
I still kinda hate you though...just kidding...not really...♥♥♥

I leave you with this beautiful poem

5 HEART WRENCHING, SOUL SHATTERING, BEAUTIFUL STARS

Jill says

WOW!

Aestas Book Blog says

***** FULL SERIES REVIEW NOW POSTED *****

Choosing to read this was one of the best decisions I've ever made. *Emi Lost & Found* is a beautifully written, powerful, and *unforgettable* love story that made me feel every possible emotion.

This is a story that will stay in my heart forever.

This series took over my life. I've now been through three sleepless nights staying up til the wee hours of the morning to read 'just one more chapter'. I've cried almost harder than I've ever cried over a book before, I've laughed, I've felt love, loss, confusion, anger, betrayal, elation, relief... pretty much everything.

The author calls this an *atypical romance* and I totally understand why. It's an unconventional story in every way. It steps outside the box, it defies the norm, and it comes out on top. It put my heart through the ringer but having finished it now, I can tell you that this is **one of the best stories I have ever read.**

However.... it took me over a year to psych myself up to reading this series.

I'll be honest, it scared the crap out of me.

I love emotional stories — they are my favorite kind — but *this one*, ho boy!! I knew that one certain part of it would devastate me. So many readers told me that they ugly cried and I was sure I would too. But did I want to put myself through that??

Well, I had to work myself up to it... but I always knew that YES, I did!

I've always known the “big spoiler” from the end of the first book and I am so glad I did because honestly if I had dove in without knowing, I might have been too angry to process my emotions. But for me, knowing it

in advance allowed me the time to come to terms with it, mull it over in my mind, and decide if this was a story I really wanted to read.

And again, the answer was yes.

When I was reading and I came to “that point” where the big spoiler happened (ps – it’s not cheating) and I *sobbed*. Guys, I hadn’t ugly cried this much since *The Bronze Horseman*. I was a wreck. I literally couldn’t breathe, couldn’t see the page through my tears, I was just overwhelmed with the emotions it drew out of me. My poor husband came running into the room and freaked when he saw me. I pretty much just sat there sobbing in his arms for what felt like forever.

At this point, I wasn’t sure I could go on. Honestly, I strongly debated putting the series down for good. I was *devastated*. But this story kept drawing me in. It was painful and took the term “heart breaking” to a whole new level but it was also beautiful. Very real. Raw. Not white-picket-fence-perfect to be sure... but I was *feeling* this journey *so* strongly and I couldn’t wait to see the healing process.

As the story went on, I can truly say that my heart was pieced back together. Did it still hurt? Yes. Absolutely. I don’t think that part will *ever* stop hurting. I’ve been writing this review with tears pouring down my face at the memory of it. But I can honestly say that the story came full circle. The new developments and healing happened in such a believable, beautifully written way that I couldn’t help but be swept away by it all.

The most accurate way I’ve heard this described is quite simply an *atypical romance*. The things we’ve come to expect from the romance books we read each day do not happen here. Yes, there is a romance — and intense, soul deep connection between the two people in love, but the story and the way things play out is anything but normal. But somehow, it just works.

As a quick background, this is a **completed series** -- comprised of a prequel and 3 main novels -- with a fully resolved ending. This series takes place over a span of approximately 15 years. It was never rushed and took the time to fully allow you to experience each moment with the characters. It’s not a quick read though and my advice is not to read them until you have the time to read all 3.5 books at once. Trust me. Even though they’re broken down into 3 main books, it is one continuous story and it simply will not have the same impact on you if read them separately. So, when you’re ready, just commit to them.

I have the biggest book hangover imaginable now. I feel like I know these characters -- like I’ve lived their lives with them -- and letting go of them isn’t easy. My thoughts keep going back to them.... and I know they will for a long time to come.

I’m having a hard time finding anything to compare this series to for you guys... Regarding the first book and start of this series, I think the closest I can come to in terms of ‘feeling’ is the *Love Me With Lies* trilogy and *Present Perfect*. It’s obviously not at all the same story but it did evoke some similar emotions in me. But then in the second and third book, I just have nothing *at all* to compare it to -- it’s just totally “different” and I can’t even come up with a remotely similar comparison. There really is nothing else like these books out there and I just *love* that about them. They’re utterly unique and incredibly powerful.

Regarding rating -- **I loved this story with all my heart**. I truly did. In terms of writing, originality, and the sheer epic level of emotion it evoked in me over and over again, I have to give it 5 stars. This isn’t to say it’s perfect though because it did have a few flaws for me but honestly, I consider them insignificant and there is just no way that I can sit here, looking back over this *stunning* series and give it anything less than the 5 stars it deserves.

I can't recommend this series highly enough. Go into it with an open mind and just allow it to take over your heart. It blew me away. I felt pure happiness, absolute devastation, and the ultimate healing.

This truly is a one-of-a-kind, *unforgettable* love story.

Series rating: 5 stars

⌘⌘ PLOT EXPLANATION WITH SPOILERS ⌘⌘

If you don't want to go into the story blind, I've explained the whole plot here for you. Personally, I knew this going in and I am so glad I did. But that's just me and I know every reader is different so this choice is totally up to you.

(view spoiler)

⌘⌘ READING ORDER CLARIFICATION ⌘⌘

This review was for the **completed** series. You can buy it in one big bundle on Amazon - just search "emi lost and found" and it'll be the first result.

The full series includes the following books which must be read in order:

NOT TODAY, BUT SOMEDAY (prequel)

LOST & FOUND (book #1)

TIME STANDS STILL (book #2)

NEVER LOOK BACK (book #3)

*note: some people read the prequel last but I *highly* recommend reading it first. it might not seem like it at the time, but as you read the story, you'll see what a huge impact those events had on their lives.

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Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

If you are even remotely interested in this series, then read this overview and ignore my individual reviews of each book.

For the past 6 days, I've been in a trance. Basically I was just so fully immersed in the Emi Lost and Found world I lost touch with reality.

My comfort food:

Trash that somehow I was able to ignore for the past few days:

My face for the last 6 days:

But despite everything, I think this series is worth reading. It will open your eyes and possibly make you look at the world differently.

Life is beautiful.

Don't take anything or anyone for granted.

Life is short so *live* everyday.

To quote Nate: *"I believe you can love more than one person in a lifetime."*

Appreciate everything.

I almost wished I waited until after I read the entire series to rate it because as a whole, this series rates 4.5 stars.

My recommended reading order:

1. Not Today, But Someday
2. Lost and Found

3. Time Stands Still
4. Never Look Back

The prequel Not Today, But Someday can be read after book 3, but I highly recommend reading it beforehand. It helps set up the premise of book 1 so you can better understand the characters. You will thank me after when you're done with book 3. Of course, if you want your heart ripped out completely then you can read it after book 3.

That is all.

Dirty Dayna says

The complete Emi lost and found series

5 Found Stars

This is one of those gems I discovered by being a member of Goodreads. MY obsession started with the free prequel Not today but someday and I decided since this was one of the most amazing prequels I just had to buy the series. I read the prequel in Jun of 14 (review to follow)

This is the prequel to the series and serious this is one of the best prequels I have ever run into and I am lucky and got to snag this one for free.

Emi was moved in the middle of her school year after discovering her father cheating in public. She has to transfer school and find something besides chocolate to consume because chocolate reminds her of her father feeding his mistress strawberries and chocolate. After she fights going to school for 4 days she finally goes to school and walks into it blindly. She is not ready to be happy, to find love or even friendship for fear of another betrayal she can't handle.

Nate comes off at the beginning as a little rough around the edges and just floating through campus after his girlfriend left him for his friend.

Emi and her sister have a falling out because her sister comes home and tells her she is pregnant and getting married after 2 months of knowing someone and Emi takes off into the city she doesn't know. Nate tries to find her and figure out what haunts her so besides the color of her eyes. Due to the weather being very bad Nate brings her to his house (or mansion) and they stay up painting and listening to music.

Nate is a wise character and says many profound things while he is still a teenager (so there are those teenagy moments)

Emi and Nate have that perfect friendship and you vie for a perfect relationship Not today, but maybe someday. They make bets against each other and I love their easy banter. Emi convinced Nate to quit smoking by saying they will have their last smoke together (it was Emis first time) and Emi also bet Nate if they both take a 1.5 year oath of celibacy they may be together. Not today, but maybe someday

After this I debated how to buy the series individually or the entire thing. Needless to say 9 dollars for 4 books was a hell of a deal for me so I bought it Oct 14. But somewhere along the line I forgot about it so I decided my new year's resolution was to pull at least 30 of my TBR books that just had to be read and challenged myself to read them. Since I already read the prequel I skipped that in the book and went right into the series. This is one of those series that you honestly won't completely love the first book unless you read the prequel so I am glad it is included in the complete series. This book gave me every emotion and it was one of those series I just told everyone about the entire journey.

It starts off with the friendship of Nate and Emi. And them going through the emotions of being friends even though Nate is in love with Emi and all along Emi is trying to find the transcendent kiss that rocked her

world.

Nine years is a long time to hold on to a feeling-one that I felt for only 10 seconds of my life

I totally used Randi that night...and she wouldn't be the first woman I would use to keep my attraction to my best friend in check.

my last night in New York, and I'm planning to spend it with Kiersten. With a woman I've chosen over the girl I love. It doesn't make sense to me. It shouldn't be this way

Emi believes that Nate is the man who kissed her 9 years ago who left her feeling like she needed that kiss for the rest of her life and she gets together with Nate and both families are on cloud 9.

After a month of an intense relationship they discover they are soul mates which is how book 1 ends.

In book 2 its starts off with Emi and Nate headed to a convenient store for a pregnancy book, some chocolate and a giraffe. As Emi and Nate are driving back to the hotel Nate gives her a gift of a stuffed giraffe that says *One transcendent kiss, that later makes lovers take, soft breaths holding hands.*

(view spoiler)

In book 2 we deal with loss and how Emi overcomes it. I completely feel like Emi was right in her grief. You can feel her emotions in every sentence she tells us

these tears today Nate. I don't know if they will every stop. I know I'll never stop loving you. I can't imagine not missing you, every minute, every hour, and every day. I don't know if it will get any easier. I hope it does. But I hope you know that if I cry fewer tears, that don't mean I love you any less. You were my soul mate. No one else can ever be that to me. We were to each other. We get to keep that part of each other.

(view spoiler)

I cried for an entire day over book 2 ... it destroys you

In book 3 we see Emi moving on with her life accepting that Nate left and loving Jack. At first I was so angry that Emi moved on but then I realized ... Nate wasn't her transcendent kiss Jack was. And understanding that was a deep thing for me. I was able to see Emi in another light and I was able to see how deeply they cared for each other. My heart hurts for Nate to this day... but this ending was perfectly sad, surreal, loving, and satisfying. You have complete character growth along the way and even Emi's childish demeanor at times faded

Gina Valdez says

It is hard to write a review for this story without giving away spoilers. But for those who are perusing the site looking for something to read, I would recommend the Lost and Found Series. And so begins my review with it's many spoilers...

I have never read a series that the author starts the beginning of the second book by killing off the main love interest. What?? My world was shattered as I had begun to love Nate, not for his assuming good looks and charm, but because he loved one girl to the depths of his soul. I had survived the roller coaster of their love affair through the first book and the world looked so bright. Then came book two, Time Stands Still and for several chapters in my world time stood still too. There have been very few books that I have read through a veil of tears. This was one of them. I actually sobbed at points because I felt the author really conveyed the very raw emotion of grief in Emi and all those who surrounded her. I had to mourn myself as my idea of Nate was crushed on that New Year's Eve. So the second book for me and probably Emi was a mourning period. I was not ready for Jack to immerse himself into the picture so quickly. The author knew this too, so

Jack slowly made his way into the story and into Emi's heart. Of course Jack could be nothing short of a saint or this story would have never worked. It was only through his patience and generous spirit that I allowed myself to slowly accept that Emi must move on. Book Three, Never Look Back, brought it all full circle. Emi, was her most annoying self in this book. Frustrating beyond belief at times. Pushing away the most important thing in her life. Never believing that she should be happy. The author still managed to find ways to make Nate a background character and I still found ways to cry. Happy ending? I wouldn't say that. Who really has that? Happy in spite of circumstance is more like it. I feel that they made the best of a situation and love played the central role. God gives you only what you can take and blesses you two fold for the suffering. I think in the end Emi and Jack received their blessing for a happy life. But I will always miss Nate.

Tricia says

Fantastic series! Worth every moment of reading and every tear! This sat on my Kindle for a very long time, thank you to my favorite booking friends for encouraging me to start and supporting me through it all.
