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A tragic past. A weak moment. One Kiss.

Jake Winston has always done the right thing, which is why he walked out of his best friend's wedding over a year ago and took the job in London to avoid meeting up with Evan's beautiful, young bride. But now, Julia needs him, and he can't just walk away this time.

Julia Hamilton is well acquainted with grief, but when she carelessly imbibes in a deadly combination of pain killers and martinis at her dead husband's funeral and confides to a complete stranger that she's unsure she can start over again, it leads to an inexplicable connection that never should have happened. After all, Julia loved Evan, didn't she? And, it turns out; Jake Winston has secrets of his own.

Julia explains it away by telling her well-meaning friends that it was just one kiss in a weak moment for both of them. It doesn't change anything. Or, does it change everything? And, therein lies the problem.

Please be advised that SEEING JULIA contains adult language and adult situations and is not appropriate for young readers. (New Adult Fiction, Contemporary Romance)

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Tia says

Love the story, love the characters.... I really enjoy a book that you have to read every word & sometimes re-read a paragraph. That may seem a little odd but I read alot & some books / authors just capture your attention. This is one of those. Heartbreak, love, hope & trust is all here. As well as alone in the after...such a very lonely place in time.

A says

A very beautiful book. Recently, I've had trouble reading romance, because many of them aren't written very well in my opinion. This one, fortunately, is an exception. What I like most about it is the language. It's not the kind of language I usually find in this genre and I just loved that. There was great detail, there was a lot of love, drama, EVERYTHING you need. There were moments when I thought it was too much of a cliché, like Evan having an affair or the quick marriage after finding out that Julia was pregnant. But those are small points and for the most I really enjoyed it.

Katherine Owen says

I wrote it! "Seeing Julia" is a labor of love. A book that took two years to write, rewrite, and finish. I won the Zola Award and first place in the romance category with the Pacific Northwest Writers Association 2010 Literary Contest with this novel. Enjoy!

♥?Melanie says

****4 Finally Found Love Stars****

What powerful story of loss, love and coming to terms with life. Julia had so much heartache in her life that you can't help but root for her and her happiness. This story was filled with growth, learning and finding where you belong.

C-Money says

5 "I feel your pain, sign me up for a straigh jacket, beautiful" stars

I am a huge Katherine Owen Fan. **LIKE HUGE!!!!!!!!!!** I love her writing hard. Everything about her books i

love. So what do i have to say about Seeing Julia you ask???(well you might not have asked, but im going to fucking tell you since you are reading this)

My poor Julia. She sure did have shit handed to her on a stick. I mean this girl couldn't catch a break. She had everything taken from her, over and over and over and over again. I mean, JESUS, give this women a break. She deserved to act exactly how she acted. I mean i woud have jumped off a building, wait thats not very good, i would have checked myself in the looney bin if i had all that happen to me

Now, i think when you read this book, you ether get Julia or you don't and if you don't then I think you need your head fucking examed. but thats me just being me. I loved her and I wll fight to defend her actions. So come at me bitch!!!

I just want to put this out there. I totally called some of the shit. Im like a pro and I got all big in the head, and then fucking bam she bitch slapped me down a peg

The writing was just, no words for how beautiful the writing was.

Highly recommend, I am bias thought, cause I HEART KATHERINE OWEN!!!

i love me some Katherine Owen. putting my big girl panties on and diving in. wish me luck

Kay says

There were echoes of 'When I See You' in 'Seeing Julia' for me, since that's the order in which I've read them, although 'Seeing Julia' was written first. Many many similarities in the two stories. I really liked this one, although to be honest, it felt like the hero Jake and the heroine Julia were on a merry go round in their budding relationship, going in circles for most of the first half of the story, having the same conversations and reactions to each other. And then Savannah enters the picture and that's when, for me, the story made me sit up and say Oh yeah now we're getting somewhere. I love a character who is so over-the-top outrageously hateful and hurtful who I can hate with glee. Her appearance changed everything for Julia and Jake and made me really like this story. Like 'When I See You' it is filled with so much angst and so much hope, which I love, and certainly not a typical romance novel, thank goodness. Loved all the characters, although sometimes I felt like I was in the middle of a 'Sex And The City' episode [and I'm not saying that's a bad thing]. I recommend this as a good read, and once again, kudos to the story teller.

Dana Burgess says

There was before. And, there was after.
Before was magical, embraced promise,
and bequeathed good things.
Before was for the innocent.
After was the haunted, and relinquished all promise. (pg 5)

'Seeing Julia' has one chapter of before; the rest is after. The after starts with Julia at her husband's funeral. And this is where I began to cry. Katherine Owen is able to write Julia's story with so much emotion that I was almost overwhelmed. Reading it is a truly emotional ride! Julia tells us her story in first person present so each feeling, each action is immediate and real to the reader. We follow Julia through loss and grief and through the agonizing process of trying to redefine herself as a 27 year old widow and mother to seven month old Reid. Julia's 'inner circle' of close friends becomes her strength when she can find none in herself. They hold her up and pull her through.

For some reason, I expected 'Seeing Julia' to be a fluffy, unreal romance novel. I don't know where I got this idea but I couldn't have been more wrong, 'Seeing Julia' is so much more. It is deep and real and full of emotion and pain and friendship and love. I can't say enough good about it. The main characters in the novel are very well developed and the story is easy to follow and read. I could feel Julia's pain from the beginning and I could also see the inner strength that she was struggling to reach. At first I wondered at her relationship with Jake, husband Evan's best friend. The intensity of her feelings for Jake seemed out of place considering the circumstances, but as we become privy to what is really going on in Julia's mind and how her grief is affecting her, understanding dawns. The reader begins to accept this relationship for what it is as secrets are revealed and Julia's past is explored.

If there is a negative about this book it is the lack of development of the relationship between Julia and her nanny, Lianne. For playing such an important role in Julia's life, Lianne remains a shadow in the story. She just seems to be a convenient plot ploy so that Julia has more freedom to grieve without having to think of Reid. I would have liked her to have more substance.

Julia's story will stay with me for a long time. I'm a little sad that this is a stand alone book, I would like to spend more time with all of the characters involved. As it is, I look forward to reading more by Katherine Owen.

Cassandra Javier says

How do you deal with the fact that death happens every so often in your life? How do you deal with grief?

This book is a masterpiece of emotions, of the fight that someone has to do to survive. It's gripping, it's emotional--but it also has its cute moments. And who doesn't like a little romance here and there?

Pat says

While I was reading this novel, and posting my progress, I had only one word. "Compelling". This is a story about a woman who married a man one month after meeting him! She is very much in love, pregnant and on

top of the world. Evan has a somewhat "unhealthy" attachment to his dead wife, whom she has an amazing resemblance to. She can live with that. One stormy night her life as she knew it is gone. It was so hard to read the chapters about her decline into grief, pain and despair. After the funeral she is taking far too many pain killers, and far too much alcohol. She is rescued by her husband's best friend the mysterious Jake Winston. Their relationship consists of encounters that are filled with dislike, anger, but there is some strange "pull" that keeps them coming back.

She goes to Paris with her son, whom she adores, and her best friends, for a trip that is all about healing and getting back on her feet. After a few months she is working again, healthier, and has a better outlook. She then finds out about problems with her husband's estate that her "inner circle" is trying to protect her from. It's time to go home.

On her son's 1st birthday, they are having a big party, filled with her best friends. The next betrayal comes and brings her nearly to her knees. She leaves, feeling she has to have time to herself to ponder her life. She is much stronger now...all she wants is a life with her son, as he IS her life. This is a wonderful story that shows the strength of a woman, and mother, and the priceless love of friends. I couldn't put it down.

Booklover says

This was an intense emotional story, from pg 1 i got so gripped in the story, Julia's loss pain grief made me cry-the marriage which she thought was perfect is a sham then the accident, she is trying to collect herself from all of this then she gets to know of another most hurting thing Evan did, she is broken totally but yet again with help of Kimmy, Stephanie she picks herself again, plans out everything and starts to make decisions.

Jake: He was a good but hypocrite man. He was angry at Julia for going out with Grant and kissing him when he himself was sleeping around with Savannah to make her pregnant. I am conflicted about his love for Julia, he says he has loved Julia from the time he was 17 and kept following her, trying to get her, in this time he was heart broken twice, i completely support his decision when he found out she married Evan he backed out but then when they met again he says he still loves her then how can he go n sleep with Savannah? In one of phone conversations he said "Yes i love you will call you back" if he has feelings for Julia then what is this love talk with Savannah??? Never did he confronted Savannah for her lies:(

Savannah: She was B****, selfish greedy spoiled woman, way she rubbed her affair with Evan in Julia's face is so disgusting, when she did it she betrayed Jake cause she was engaged to him, she only cares about money and she proved it also by the end: (I was so happy she left but only thing that disappointed me she was never exposed fully, Jake never confronted her about the note she hid and lies she told, she went away unscathed with her actions.

Evan: Disliked him so much, he was a lousy husband and a coward.

Liked the friendship bond shown between Kimmy-Julia-Stephanie, way these three were always there for each other. It was really hard for me to see that after all the trauma Julia went through she was rushing into another marriage with Jake so soon.

Had few issues but overall a good read
Recommend it.

Fran says

PPFF Rating: 5/5 Stars

Not angsty but an emotional read (if that even makes a difference).

Here's what I know: death abducts the dying, but grief steals from those left behind.

The thing is, I've been trying to stay away from the whole New Adult genre which is why I've been reading a lot of Romantic Suspense lately. The former has become so much predictable, what with all the f**ked up characters and rollercoaster of emotions, not that I don't like reading them, *usually*. Anyway, a good read *is* a good read so it primarily doesn't matter much what genre a book is but it *does* make a whole world of difference when a story is so well-written. And this book is definitely *that* - beautifully written, that is - and so much more.

Granted, I do think the circumstances of the story are quite *unbelievable*, and I mean that in the literal sense. But then again, somehow, I do believe in the whole concept of the book. It's heartbreaking, the characters are captivating, and **Katherine Owen's** words so haunting. It's also quite a lengthy book and normally, I'd either feel frustrated or annoyed at all the angsty push-and-pull dance thing going on but with **Seeing Julia**, I appreciated all the emotional upheaval that it has caused me to *feel*.

The pain is too much, the loss too great. There is no more before, and the after is too devastating. There isn't enough of me left to go on. Grief has stolen too much of me now.

Right from the start, I can't help but root for **Julia**. She's lost her parents, her fiance (Bobby) and her husband (Evan) and to think she's only 27. With the help of her *inner circle* and her one-year-old son, she tries to move forward with her life, to learn how to trust, be happy and love again. And there's a cute little twist to the story... :)

The writing is gut-wrenching and oh so beautiful and they don't sound superfluous at all. In retrospect, I don't really mind how cliché and predictable NA books are but with most of them, I would usually get the feeling that the angst elements are too forced and drawn out that I'd end up rolling my eyes at how much of a fluff they actually are. Thus, my love/hate, hit or miss reaction to the genre.

And, here's what I know: I'm not drowning anymore. I can't see my island; he's gone forever from me now, but I'm standing on life's shore again. I am here.

What I love most about this book is that it made me feel so much. If I was the crying type, I would have cried a few times (for the record, I think the last book that made me really cry was **Nicholas Sparks's Message in a Bottle** and that was *ages* ago), I laughed at the few precious lighthearted moments, and I was also jealous of Julia's inner circle of friends - how much they gave importance to their friendship and how loyal they were to one another. But surprisingly, although I was sad and affected, I never felt depressed. I guess the book still had a way of making me feel hopeful even after every devastating thing that

happened. *Brilliant writing, I'm telling you.*

There was *before*. And, there was *after*.

A lot of people might hesitate to read this story, maybe fearing that it would be too heavy but I promise, the emotional journey is *absolutely* worth it. ;)

***Check out my blog: Press Pause, Fast Forward

Sharon ∞👉 is an emotional book junkie 👈∞ says

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Beth says

This is one of those "read in one-sitting" books. Loved it!

Gayla Nelson says

I liked the story but it drug out a bit long. I was also a bit alarmed by the number of grammatical errors, missing words and typos in an book by this author. Any good editor should have caught those and apparently she had 3 different people edit this book, but it had mistakes it should not have in it. Also, for such a young age for the principle characters (around 27) they all seemed to have accomplished a great deal for already having graduate degrees and/or being doctors. It made the story a bit of a stretch.

Jennifer Cooper says

Wow! I think I have read all of Katherine Owens books and just like I expected she delivers the biggest emotional rollercoaster a in her stories! Just when you think the characters are going to get their act together she tears them back down! My mind kept asking "are we there yet?", "when will you give them a break?" But in the end the hours of emotional torture are completely worth it! A reader is never disappointed at the end of Katherine's books!
