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"I've been unsure about many things in my life except for one thing, that I have always loved him. Every single minute of every single day that I have been on this earth, my heart has belonged to him. It has never been a question, never a doubt. The love had taken on many different forms over the years, but it had always been a constant.

Everyone has their definition of love. There have been countless songs sung about it. A gazillion books, articles, and poems written about it. There are experts on love who will tell you how to get it, keep it, and get over it.

We're led to believe love is complicated. It's not the love that's complicated. It's all the crap that we attach to it and put in front of it that makes it difficult. If you're smart, you'll realize this before it's too late and simplify."

Amanda Kelly spent her entire life trying to control every aspect of it, while striving for perfection. Her obsession with being perfect, along with her feelings of worthlessness, consumed her. The one thing she thought was perfect in her life was the bond she shared with her best friend, Noah.

Everything was going according to her life plan until she woke up one day and realized she had fallen in love with him. The one thing she couldn't control was the affect he had on her. Noah had the power to give her one hundred lifetimes of happiness, which also gave him the power to completely devastate her. He was the one thing in her life that was perfect, but she couldn't allow herself to have him.

Her life begins to unravel. Events take over and force her to let go of her dreams and desires. She needs to realize that a person cannot control the events in their life, only their reaction to them...but will it be too late for her to save her relationship with her best friend? Present Perfect is a story of how past events have present consequences and how perfect your present could be if you stopped fighting and just allowed it to happen.

Present Perfect Details

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From Reader Review Present Perfect for online ebook

Amy | Foxy Blogs says

****2.5 stars****

Present Perfect was a **frustrating** journey from the very start to the end of the book. **Amanda** spent her time doubting **Noah's** feelings and pushing him away. Even though Noah was very upfront and let her know exactly how he felt about her.

He loves me, He loves me not, He loves me,..."

When I got to 30% I decided to put the book down and read two other books hoping that when I came back I would be more tolerant of Amanda's over the top behavior. Unfortunately, my feelings didn't improve. By the time the big shocker came at 71% I didn't feel anything for the characters.

At 86% Amanda summed up the book for me-

"This is ridiculous."

By no means should you judge your decision to read this book off of my review. The majority of my friends gave this book 5 stars.

SERIES:

No cliffhanger. Spinoff

Anna says

5+++ stars!!! Of the best kind of beautiful pain variety !!!!!

the butterflies that attack your stomach will do cartwheels and your heart will be weeping ♥♥

And how can I stand here with You and not be moved by You?
Would You tell me, how could it be any better than this?

'Cause You're all I want, You're all I need
You're everything, everything
You're all I want, You're all I need
You're everything, everything

Lifehouse - Everything

I've been unsure about many things in my life except for one thing, that I have always loved him. Every single minute of every single day that I have been on this earth, my heart has belonged to him. It has never been a question, never a doubt. The love had taken on many different forms over the years, but it had always been a constant.

And his name is Noah Damn. I love all things Noah. Luckily there was room in the Noah sector of my heart for this Noah....and boy did this knight in plastic armor invade!

This is a story about Noah and Amanda who he affectionately calls Tweet. They have been best friends all of their lives. Tweet has battled with self-esteem issues her whole life. She never would let Noah know her true feelings. Frustrating ~ I know.....but it all will make sense. I promise.

Noah deserved perfect because he was, and I was as far from perfect as you could get.

I needed him in my life. I knew I wasn't good enough for him, but I couldn't stand the thought of another girl having his attention.

This book takes us on a journey from when they were small children into their college years. Life happens throughout this time but one thing remains constant.....Noah and his feelings....

You've always been my girl and always will be. No one will ever take me away from you, Tweet. You're my heart and soul and that's never going to change, no matter what you say

I can't say much more without revealing too much! I will add that I loved how this book reminded me of the best bits and pieces of my own favorite books! (view spoiler)

How do you say "NO" and just obliterate a genuine heart that's attached to sky blue eyes like this ????

I can't be around you right now. It hurts too much, because I am so completely and desperately in love with you, Tweet. There hasn't been a day that I haven't loved you. I wish you would just let me love you

You do have me. Every part of me. You always have. You just don't want me

I figured if I kept telling you how incredible you were and how much I loved you that one day you'd believe it and stop all this bullshit. You're not a loser, Tweet. You're a coward, because you just threw away the chance to be with someone who wanted to spend the rest of his life loving you

I can't lose you, You're my everything

*How can I stand here with You and not be moved by You?
Would You tell me, how could it be any better than this?*

Always remember Present Perfect. Everyone deserves a thank you and goodbye~Dalton Michael Connor

Jess-i-ca ~Sometimes a Gif Witch~ says

[TFioS (hide spoiler)]

Catarina says

Five completely angsty and amazing "Tweet" Stars!!

This book left emotionally drained and looking like a balloon fish. I don't remember crying this much with a book. But I wouldn't change a thing.

This was, without a single doubt, one of the best books I've ever read. And I read a lot.

"You don't need to be perfect in your life, but always be present in it. The present is the most perfect gift you can have."

Amanda believes that she has to be perfect, but also that she's far from it. The only perfect thing in her life is Noah, and their friendship, since they're best friends since ever.

And when they get older and friendship starts to grow into love she doesn't want it because she's afraid of not being good enough for him and that she will eventually ruin everything and ending up losing the most important person in her life: Noah.

He doesn't see her any less than perfect, but she is able of believing that.

But life has its own way of surprising us and it takes us to the most unexpected places, make us meet the most wonderful people and make us learn how to live when everything seems darker every day.

And life taught Amanda and Noah a lot of things, and the most important of them was never, ever, give up. "Tweet" and Noah story takes the length of several years, it's consuming, full of angst, of loyalty, love and friendship, and it's utterly beautiful.

If there are any books that teach us a life lesson, this was definitely one of them. I loved every single second of it (including the ones where I was crying like a baby, which was a lot) and I ended up this reading wanting...no...*needing* to enjoy and appreciate my life more, because all we believe it's certain, can change in a single second.

I don't like to impose books to people, but I strongly advise you reading this one. It's completely amazing, with wonderful and complex characters (I LOVED NOAH SO MUCH!!), and a achingly wonderful story. You will end this book a new and better person, I assure you.

(This book is definitely one of the reasons I love indie authors: we found real jewels like this reading.)

Sarah says

So about thirty pages into this book it became very, very clear that....

....and now that I have finished I can in fact confirm that.....

This book was angsty, emotional, heart breaking, did I say angsty already????.....and yes I definitely feel that....

I will endeavour to write a proper review of course, but firstly I must rehydrate after all the crying i have done!!!!

And by rehydrate I mean.....

In order to get over the effects of this emotional but BLOODY BRILLIANT IN THE END book!!!

Oh and thank you Lili for this recommendation Hun, I must admit at one point I wanted to smack you around the head and scream "FOR THE MOTHER OF GOD WHY?????" at you but now I want to hug you again so we are good my lovely...lol xx

Lisa Jayne says

5 PERFECT STARS.

"I may not have gotten all the beauty, intelligence or talent, but I got Noah Stewart, the one "perfect" thing I could claim as mine and I wouldn't trade him for anything in the world."

Emotional, heart-breaking, gripping, dramatic, full of love, passion and forever-you-hold-my-heart-devotion, yes this it just some of the thoughts that I would use to sum up my chaotic thoughts of my reading experience of 'Present perfect'. This story stole my heart, filled it with butterflies and I don't think the author has returned it just yet. Wow readers beware, once you pick this book up you won't want to put it down. Welcome to 'Present perfect' a story that captivated my heart and interest and left me with a favourite book, a smile on my face and a huge pile of tissues. 'Present perfect' is written to young adult perfection in one angsty, heart warming package that I'm sure for most readers will be unforgettable.

What's it all about ...

Amanda 'Tweet' Kelly has lived her whole life under a self imposed exile of low self worth. Everyday a new comparison is born out of a lack of confidence and realisation of who she actually is. One of the shining parts of her life is her soul mate and best friend Noah Stewart, Noah desperately wants his best friend and life companion to see herself as others do; a loving, sweet, funny and irresistible part of his life. For years this duo are inseparable but life's cracks start to make an appearance and this relationship is thrown in the deep end to test its strength. 'Present perfect' maps the journey of this couples lives as the years go by from childhood to adults. Heartache, love and life is shared and the reader is taken into the world of Tweet and Noah, hoping that they find their perfect ending.

What did I love?

Firstly I have to talk about the main characters of this story; Noah and Tweet, both characters completely stole my heart and both for very different reasons. Amanda 'Tweet' was as loveable as she was frustrating, her inner dialogue went from one page of laugh out loud funny to another page of heartbreaking and even though I wanted this character to learn to love herself more I really connected with her right from the beginning. Noah our 'Present perfect' hero was nothing short of amazing, he had the right mix of sweet and sexy and there was not one part of his role in the story that I didn't swoon at. I loved that I was able to connect with both characters on a level where I felt I was emotionally invested in the storyline; I cried, laughed, felt anger and fell in love. The writing style was effortless and seamless the author cleverly balanced the book out with the right amount of humour and sincerity and although the angst level was switched to high I found myself enjoying the drama. Alison Bailey spoke with a refreshing voice, delivering a well thought out story which both broke and fixed my heart and I'm excited to see what else this outstanding author will offer in the future.

Final thoughts ...

For those readers that don't enjoy YA/NA genre or overly dramatic plots I doubt this book will be for you. But on the flip side those that go ga-ga over this genre and enjoy an angsty, soul breaking love story will gobble this story right up and I recommend that you don't miss out on this soul searching, heart wrenching, toe curling story of love, life and the present perfect. You won't be sorry, go grab it readers, kisses.

Additional note to readers the following items are advisory before launching into this book: chocolate, alcohol of your choice, a giant sized pack of tissues and a large amount of patience.

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

5 plastic knight in shining armor stars!!

NOAH:

God where to start, coming into this book I thought it was going to be too Y/A for me, but then the story moves along as they get older..And man like me you will all fall in love with everything that is Noah!! Amanda at times did annoy me with her constant pushing of Noah away but putting that aside I can understand her reasoning behind it..

Don't be fooled into getting lulled into a false sense of security reading this book, I went in blind, didn't read any reviews or really took much in of the blurb..I laughed, I swore, I cried!!

So anyone getting ready to read this go grab those tissues because I guarantee this will give those tear ducts a work out!!

Loved, Loved, Loved this book!!

TWEET + MY KNIGHT IN PLASTIC ARMOR

Aestas Book Blog says

WOW!! Intensely passionate and deeply heart felt, *Present Perfect* blew me away with the incredible depth of emotion it conveyed. This is a must-read!!

Guys, this book was just *phenomenal!!* It made me *feel* with every part of my heart and I really truly mean *feel*. It was everything. **Amazing**. Breathtaking. **Heartbreaking**. Original. **Intense**. Once you start reading, I promise you will not be able to put it down!

It's a standalone romance and I read it in one emotionally charged sitting. I knew from the start that this book was going to rip my heart out and boy did it ever! Something about it just *grabbed* at me. I was so fully connected to every single word.

You know, this is why I love new indie books. Out of nowhere, gems like this just appear. These gorgeous, heartfelt, intensely emotional *gems* that end up owning my heart. I love it!

The story is brilliantly put together and perfectly paced. It flowed effortlessly. The writing was captivating and utterly absorbing. It's an emotional roller coaster from start to finish. It'll make you laugh and cry and feel with your whole heart. It'll shatter your heart and put it back together. But it's worth every tear because this is the story of a love that survived *everything*. I highly recommend it!

So... about the book:

Starting early in her childhood, Amanda spent her whole life striving for perfection. She grew up living under the shadow of her older sister - never quite measuring up in the eyes of her parents, teachers and friends and yet always wishing she could. But the one thing she had was Noah, her best friend, and he truly was her *whole world*.

"Noah had always been my best friend, my partner in crime, my protector, my soul mate, the love of my life. My everything. I may not have gotten the beauty, intelligence or talent, but I got Noah Stewart, the one "perfect" thing I could claim as mine and I wouldn't trade him for anything in the world."

Even when they were children, their connection and bond was so strong.

*"Thank you, Noah." I whispered.
"For what?" He said into my hair.
"For taking care of me."
Wiping his eyes, he sat back on the bed...
"I promise, I won't let anything bad happen to you again."*

She'd always felt close to him but one day something changed and she realized that what she felt was love. Real love - not just 'friend' love. It was just one of those things in life that just felt "right". But since she'd never felt like she could be good enough, she didn't feel perfect enough to be his girl and so she held back and kept their friendship from developing further.

"He was my best friend and I wasn't going to do anything to jeopardize that. I had to keep telling myself that nothing could ever happen between us."

I'm scared to say more though because I don't want to give anything away. It started out when Noah and Amanda were kids and then built their story in layers of detail and emotion that *showed* you the foundation of their relationship.

My heart *overflowed* with love for Noah. Holy wow was this guy ever amazing! He is now one of my all-time favorite book boyfriends!

The depth to which he cared for Amanda and was protective of her was just heart wrenching and impossible not to *feel*. I loved how open he was with her and the way he never held back his feelings. He knew she wasn't ready but he still opened his heart to her over and over again. Constantly offering it to her, always waiting to see if she was ready.

"You're the first girl I've ever noticed and the last girl I'll ever notice."

His nose skimmed across my cheek up to my temple as he whispered, "Stop pushing me away."

My heart broke for Amanda and for how little self worth the people in her life who were *supposed* to have supported her had instilled. Literally no person ever made her feel like anything more than average at best and since she saw Noah as this shining beacon of perfection, she just never felt like she could measure up. It was utterly heart breaking and the ripple effect throughout their lives was devastating. But at the same time, I understood why she couldn't give in and let them be more than friends. She hadn't yet learned to love herself, and because of that, she wasn't yet able to allow someone else to love her despite the fact that she loved him with all her heart and soul. It was just tragic to see such a wonderful person brought down so low.

"I would never love anyone except Noah. He was the love of my life, my soul mate. No one would ever replace him."

Scene after scene broke my heart as she kept pushing him away despite the fact that they were both *so fucking in love with each other!!!* It just *killed* me. I so was frustrated with Amanda but at the same time, I totally understood where she was coming from. It just hurt. A-fucking-lot.

"Noah, why did you ask me here tonight?" ...

His eyes stayed focused on the ground as he whispered, "I miss you."

"You've always been my girl and always will be. No one will ever take me away from you, Tweet. You're my heart and soul and that's never going to change, no matter what you say."

"There hasn't been a day in my life that I haven't loved you. I just wish you would let me love you."

This book put me through the ringer. My heart was in my throat nearly the entire time I read. I couldn't breathe properly. The *intensity* of what I was feeling consumed me. I'd be smiling one minute and crying the next. I went through every possible emotion. It made me feel *everything*. All at once.

There were moments that made me want to scream at the characters and then just want to hug them. I was infuriated, heart broken, in love, mad, happy, sad, shocked, angry, relieved... totally *connected*. I loved these

characters SO much and my emotions were just in a constant state of overdrive as I kept hoping, wishing, praying with all my heart that they'd just be all right.

"What are we going to do, Tweet?"

"I need you in my life."

"I need you in mine, too."

"Be my friend," I said.

"Always."

The author deserves total bonus points for originality because this book has a HUGE twist in it. 72% and just BAM!!! It hit me. I went ice cold. Numb. Beyond emotion. I never saw it coming. Never. Not in a million years. And I can almost certainly guarantee that whatever it is you're guessing it is, that's probably not it.

I loved that it wasn't a fairy tale. Life happened. Life was gritty, real and cruel at times. It was merciless and the one lasting thing throughout it all was love.

This is a story of an everlasting friendship, a love, and an unbreakable bond of emotional attachment that surpassed and survived everything life threw at it.

There is a happy ending, guys. It comes at the end of a long, hard journey but it is worth every bit of heart ache and every tear shed. I promise.

This book leaves you with the message to live in the moment. The present is perfect. Don't waste a single second because every moment is precious. And don't be afraid to love. Love is stronger than anything.

I felt a similar kind of intensity while reading as I did from books like *Thoughtless*, *The Opportunist* and *Sweet Thing*. It made me *care* so deeply and *feel* so completely. It owned my heart and honestly, still does.

For a long time after I finished it, I just kept running scenes from various parts of the book over and over in my head - rethinking, reliving... I think that's the sign of a great story: when you're done the book, but the story keeps on playing in your head.

I'm floored that this is a debut novel. It was everything I could want in a book.

Phenomenal. Breathtaking. Intense!!

Highly recommended! This one is going on my favorites shelf!

5 ++++ stars!

My casting for Noah & Amanda:

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Beverly says

5 Heartbreaking Stars

I will begin by saying this book will test your patience and your resilience as a reader, but when it is all said and done it will be completely worth it.

I read this book last night after my bestie said she needed someone to hold her hand for a re-read. I have had this book on my TBR for over a year, so I thought why not and jumped in. I am sure she regretted asking to me to read it immediately, because things went a bit like this:

Ah...this is so sweet I just love them.

"I'll always take care of you Tweet."

Then things escalated a little bit and I got a tiny bit frustrated. (insert sarcasm)

"Noah deserved perfect because he was, and I was as far from perfect as you could get."

I think it is safe to say the ranting, cussing, screaming and hitting my Kindle started about here.

"I can't be around you right now. It hurts too much., because I am so completely and desperately in love with you, Tweet."

Oh yeah, and go ahead a cue the first set of tears...

So reading this review you are probably thinking why in the hell did this girl this book 5 stars. Here is why. This book totally and completely gutted me. I mean I was talking to myself, ranting to Chris, sobbing, and even laughing at some parts. My ranting was so loud my husband came to bed and asked who I was on the phone with. I told Chris at some point there was no redeeming this girl and I couldn't believe she put me on this path of destruction. (Yes, I was feeling dramatic.) I was wrong. I won't spoil, but in my opinion **true love wins, true love is unconditional, true love overcomes and true love conquers.**

This story is real life - it isn't pretty or easy. It is about a girl with a broken self-esteem and guy who loves her regardless of all her imperfections. It is about two people growing up together, loving each other, and trying to figure out what to do next. It is about accepting that things and people will never be perfect, but

they can be perfect for you.

This is a beautiful story and while it has wrecked me and left me thinking about it all day, I get that it isn't for everyone. I repeat my earlier statement this book will test your patience, but if you are up for the challenge it is well worth it.

AJ says

I can't remember that last time that I read a book that has provoked such conflicting emotion for me!

Parts of this book I absolutely adored! Other parts had me fuming and frustrated, and ready to hurl my kindle. And, for me, it wasn't that awesome angst that I love, it was stupid and pointless angst, angry angst, and I had a lot of trouble with it.

Told from the POV of the heroine, Amanda, she tells the story of her relationship with her best friend, and her knight in plastic armor, Noah. Having known each other since birth, they have been inseparable their entire lives, growing up together, and sharing all of the important firsts. And I was instantly in love with both of them. The stories of them as children were absolutely beautiful, and as they grew older and things between them started to change, I totally found myself crushing on a 14 year old! (which is a little scary!). But Noah is just perfection!

"You're the first girl I've ever noticed and the last girl I'll ever notice."

But what should have been a beautiful teen romance never actually happens because, despite how strongly they may feel for each other, Amanda is terrified of a relationship with Noah. Having been raised in her sister's shadow, she doesn't feel good enough for him, and she is not willing to take the risk that, should they start a relationship and things go wrong, she could lose the most important person in her life.

And here begins my problem. While, up until this point, I really loved Amanda - I love her voice, and I loved watching her and Noah together, and watch things start to change between them. She just gets really stupid! Sure, I can understand her insecurities, but Noah was constantly reassuring her, and with the intensity of their relationship being what it was, I'm annoyed with her for not trusting that more.

"You've always been my girl and always will be. No one will ever take me away from you, Tweet. You're my heart and soul and that's never going to change, no matter what you say."

Let me preface my rant by saying that stupid heroines are like book kryptonite for me. For some reason, I can forgive a hero for pretty much anything, but when those girls bring the stupid - particularly when their behaviour makes a much-loved hero actually cry *sniff* - I get so supremely irritated, it can ruin an entire book for me. And Amanda had so much stupid, she almost managed just that.

Generally, if there's a reason for said stupid behaviour, then yes, I am forgiving, but in this case I just couldn't feel sorry for her at all. She's whiny. She's all 'I'm not perfect like my sister', 'I'm not good enough', 'he deserves better', 'I'll screw it up and our friendship will be ruined'. Bleh. And poor Noah and his heart just get trampled. The boy declares love and keeps telling her over and over how much he cares for her, how awesome she is, and how much he wants her, and she just keeps pushing him away - breaking both of their hearts in the process. And, cry me a freaking river, I could not feel any sympathy towards her for

something that is entirely her fault. They both acknowledged how they were feeling, they both wanted it, and Amanda holding Noah close with one hand while pushing him away with the other was beyond infuriating

Because Noah is amazing! He is funny, caring, supportive, protective and loyal, and he is absolutely committed to his Tweet (love that nickname by the way – and the story behind it), no matter how she treated him. And honestly, he is the reason I kept reading.

“You do have me. Every part of me. You always have. You just don’t want me.”

And then to have to listen to her whine about the consequences of her pushing him away, her being so depressed, and then feeling so entitled to heartbreak when he tried to move on with somebody else. Seriously? I just wanted to smack her so bad!

“PLEASE DON’T DO IT, NOAH! PLEASE!”

“WHY NOT?!”

“BECAUSE YOU’RE MINE!” I screamed at him through my sobs.

...

“Then why don’t you fucking take me and stop this bullshit you keep putting us through? You’re going to tell me you’re okay with my hands running up and down her body? Touching her ass and her tits. You’re okay with my tongue licking every inch of her? You’re okay knowing that while you’re over in your bed, I’ll be over here sliding into her, when we both know it should be you?”

He loves her so deeply, and is so open with his feelings, that every time she rejected him, I just wanted to cry. At one point I read a scene that broke my heart so bad, I wasn’t sure I even wanted to read on. It was early in the book, and made me so sad, and I knew it was only going to get worse. I wasn’t sure I could deal with any more. And from that point, as much as I wanted to, I honestly didn’t like her very much.

“I can’t be around you right now. It hurts too much, because I am so completely and desperately in love with you, Tweet ... There hasn’t been a day in my life that I haven’t loved you. I wish you would just let me love you.”

The angst continues for much of the book, and my heart broke over and over as Amanda and Noah tried to find their way forward through the ups and downs of life, and the situation between them.

And then, there is a massive shift that takes place in the second half of the book which turns the story absolutely on its head. The ‘romance’ is still very much a part of it, but there are other factors involved which turn this angst-filled teen love story into an emotional rollercoaster that surprised me with its intensity. It felt like I hardly took a breath during the final 30% of the book. It is absolutely beautifully written, and had me tearing up multiple times.

And at this point I need to give a special shout out to the secondary characters in this book – Emily, Brad, Lisa, Amanda’s parents, and particularly Dalton. They were all so well developed, and – love them or hate them – their contributions to the story were really meaningful.

And then, there was that ending. (view spoiler) Upon finishing, I would say I felt numb, but it wasn’t that. I was so over-emotional that I just didn’t know what to do with myself! It wasn’t until I had an extended amount of processing time, (thanks to my venting buddies for listening to my ramblings!), that I could even think about writing a review! I was completely overwhelmed by it all.

The best thing about this book (apart from Noah)? The writing. It’s absolutely fantastic! The friendship between Amanda and Noah is incredible, and really well written, and the emotion is always right there! There is humour, heartbreak, and gut-wrenching sadness, and you feel it all! I thought the subject matter was

handled really well, and Amanda's journal entries at the beginning of each chapter were brilliant. But there was so much of the content of the story that ticked me off so badly, that it almost made me want to put the book down. That makes it a really tricky book to rate – so I'm picking the middle point and trying not to over-analyse it too much.

3 stars.

Inés Izal says

Hay dos tipos de historias que me las bebo como si fueran agua: las historias de amigos de infancia que terminan enamorándose y las que contienen drama.

Y mira que en Perfect hay de los dos, pero la autora se ha pasado 20 pueblos con el drama.

La historia en sí me ha encantado desde el principio, ver como Noah y Amanda iban creciendo y a la vez sus sentimientos iban yendo a más. Y sobre todo lo bonito y bueno que era Noah con Amanda, pero de golpe y porrazo la autora empieza a meter drama, y drama, y más drama... Y sorpresa, ¡Más drama! Y se ha cargado una historia que podía ser perfecta.

Le doy esta puntuación porque me ha tenido enganchada total al culebrón, pero no acepto ni perdono el pavo de Amanda y muchas acciones que hace, y tampoco muchas cosas que hace Noah.

Christine Wallflower & Dark Romance Junkie says

Buddy read with Skank Soraya Naomi and Dhini!!!

Don't get me wrong, this was a very well written piece of work! The first 20% was riveting! But after that I just got frustrated, I'm sorry to say this but I had no sympathy for Amanda. She was stupid self absorbed and juvenile!

I hate stupid heroines and this one was just that... stupid!

By the way, how many men does this girl need to feel like a real person???? Adequate??? My patience was tried!!! Get over yourself Amanda!

Yes it was beautifully written, but I've read and watched this plot so many times! Which isn't a bad thing. But it ended up being predictable and there wasn't even an alpha male to keep me interested! I'll over look anything for an alpha male!!!

The last 20% could have salvaged this book, if I hadn't had to read 60% of horridious content! I didn't shed a tear I tell you, and I'm a pretty emotional person!

P.S. Anna you rock girl!!!

Allison ♥?Will Never Conquer Her TBR♥? says

I chose to read this because the book was all over my feeds. I thought I'd be ahead of the game for once and dive in (into shallow water head first, that is). If you take one look at my status updates, you're probably wondering WHY I didn't DNF this book! Why, you say? Because I don't post full reviews on dnf's nor do I rate them. For all the pain and suffering I endured with this book, it deserves my following rant-review!!

Notice the warning with this book! Did anyone warn Allison (that's me)...Oh, hell to the no! One word for this book.....

Extreme, never-ending drama, angst, and emotional torture! Am I being a bit melodramatic? Maybe- the book's rubbed off on me. Seriously people, not ONE scenario in this book went with emotional ease until the very last five or so pages. **DO THE MATH!**

So, a synopsis of the story is as such....it may contain some mild spoilers but these are why it drove me BATSHIT CRAZY....the storyline in its entirety. **Deep breath, chug of wine, here I go....**

Amanda and Noah have been soul mates since basically birth. Their parents are friends, growing up together and always inseperable. When at about age 15, they start to realize this attachment is more than just friendship. Now, the gist of it is that Amanda has ZERO self esteem. She's never measured up to her older sister and feels a failure at almost everything life presents to her. She refuses to reduce Noah to having to love her. Surely their relationship will fail and she'll lose her best friend. She's not willing to risk his friendship for a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship that's doomed to fail- he deserves so much better than HER. (Get a backbone bitch. Oops, did I say that?). So essentially a quarter or more of the book is these KIDS (15) playing this cat and mouse game. Amanda didn't want him, but damn it if he looked the other way at someone else. It drove me nuts! Noah was so in love with this girl, would do ANYTHING for her and she yo-yo'ed him back and forth. He had the patience of Job for a kid, lemme tell ya. Here's where I'd started to....

Well, I'd like to say the years were good for her, that she grew up and realized that Noah was her soul mate and quit breaking his damn heart.....that would be a NEGATIVE! Every stinking time the reader would think

something good would happen, DRAMA! Someone walks in, a phone rings, a chick walks up to him....blah blah. Then she runs off. This kind of drama I can get listening to my teenagers at home. So, essentially I was screaming at Noah something along the lines of.....

Move. The. Fuck. On, Noah!

What probably put the last nail in the coffin for me was about 75% in..... I mean, we get ZERO happiness but this was just mean on the author's part. It's all tragedy for this book. We get cheating, abuse, illness, death....YOU NAME IT, but that 75% mark....get your Prozac out folks!

No, honestly, at that point I was D-O-N-E. No tears, just anger! Why would you write a story with 100% angsty drama and then drop the (view spoiler) bomb on us??? WHY?

Amanda- WEAK, MANIPULATIVE, IMMATURE, SELFISH, HEARTLESS (there is a point in the book where heartless is the only word for this girl).

Noah- SWEET, LOYAL, PROTECTIVE, CARING, WEAK (at times)

So, why did I give it two stars instead of less?

1. As painful as it was, I HAD to finish the book. It's like a horrible car wreck on the highway....I couldn't look the other way.

2. I loved Noah.

.....He put up with so much shit no kid would EVER put up with for 20-some years. He was loyal, sweet and she didn't deserve him...Shit, if my son brought her home, I'd lock his ass in his room until he grew "a pair." Low self esteem aside, she was my all time most loathed heroine out there. She even beats Kiera in Thoughtless which is a tough one to beat.

3. Noah's endearment for Amanda made me melt.....he called her "Tweet." Cute story goes with that name.

4. The author saved my rating with the ending. It has an Epilogue that not 100% HEA but HFN. But she tortured us literally until the final pages before giving us that. I've got one thing to say about this author....she's a sadist! Luckily I was in a masochistic kind of mood today..... I survived.

Will I recommend this? If you love excessive drama to the point of kindle throwing, predicable angst, and long, drawn out torture, this book is for you.....I'm out.

Oh, and I've decided I'm done with YA genre. When my kids are the same age as the H/h, it loses its wow factor and turns just a bit weird. This isn't why I didn't love it specifically as that's not fair. Just sayin', I'm done with YA.

Christy says

5 Stars!!!!

I ugly cried my way through this a SECOND time! Now I'm ready for Noah's book!!!

Beautiful, emotional, gripping, intense. Just couldn't put this one down! How do you review a book like this... a story that makes you feel intensely, shatters your heart and destroys you. But also a beautifully unique story that takes you on such a journey and captivates you. This one really got to me.

Some people are just bonded in a special way. It's like they were made for each other. They share this special connection. You can't really explain it, it just is what it is. Amanda and Noah share this bond. They've known each other since the day they were born. Noah has always been the constant in Amanda's life. Her knight in plastic armor. Amanda is unsure of herself. The only thing she has ever been sure about is Noah.

Amanda and Noah have been best friends since the day they were born, which happens to be the same day. They were born minutes apart. There is no one better than Noah. Noah is everything to Amanda.

Noah had always been my best friend, my partner in crime, my soul mate, the love of my life.
My everything.

Noah has always been there for Amanda. No matter what. He protects her, stands by her, loves her unconditionally. Even as children, he is the one perfect thing in her life. The one thing she can count on, no matter what.

'I promise, I won't let anything bad happen to you again, Tweet.'

As Amanda and Noah get older, their feelings for each other start to change. They grow and develop. Amanda starts to feel something more than friendship for Noah, but she doesn't think he could ever return those feelings. Amanda has some serious self esteem/self worth issues.

Noah deserved perfect because he was, and I was as far from perfect as you could get.

?Noah has some serious feelings for Amanda. He is in love with her. He wants more than friendship with her, but all she ever does is push him away.

"You deserve better than me, Noah."?

"There isn't anyone better than you for me."

Amanda has always felt unworthy... never good enough. She feels as though her older sister is the perfect one. She tries to be perfect, but no matter what she does, she just doesn't feel she's worth it. While reading, you will get frustrated with Amanda. You may want to scream at Amanda, you might even want to throw something at her... All Noah wants is for her to know that she is enough. Noah knows Amanda is perfect for him. She just doesn't believe it.

As time goes on, things between them get complicated. Remaining friends only isn't easy for the two of them. Noah wants to be more. Tweet knows that if she and Noah get together for real, she will somehow screw it up. That can't happen. She can't lose Noah. He is the most important thing in her life. Amanda is instant they stay 'just friends'.

Noah tries and tries to get Amanda to see that she is what he wants. The only one he wants. Nothing could ever break their bond.

The story follows Noah and Amanda from childhood until college age. It is such a devastating journey. There were points I had to put the nook down and take a 'chapter break'. My heart just couldn't take it. My heart was beating out of my chest... I swear this book gave me hives. I was just distraught. Amanda's insecurities was the cause of so much pain and devastation for herself and Noah.

"I can't be around you right now. It hurts too much., because I am so completely and desperately in love with you, Tweet."

"There hasn't been a day in my life that I haven't loved you. I wish you would just let me love you."

"I just need some time to figure out how I can have you in my life without having you be my life."

"You do have me. Every part of me. You just don't want me."

"I can't lose you. You're my everything. Not having you in my life wrecked me before, but not having you in my world would completely destroy me."

Noah was one of the most amazing guys. He wasn't perfect, he made his fair share of mistakes, but he was only doing the best he could with the situation he was thrown into. You will fall in love with this guy. It's just impossible not to.

There were so many other important characters in this story... many of them I felt a crazy amount of hate for. And most of their names started with the letter 'B'. Also a character I loved named Dalton who was there for Amanda when she really needed someone.

I loved how unpredictable this story was. Things started happening that really shocked me. I truly didn't know what was going to happen next or how everything was going to turn out. Then I got hit with a giant curve ball that I didn't see coming at all. It was a total game changer.

Not every day do I pick up a book that has this strong of an impact on me. This book gave me a major case of 'the feels'. And how I love books that make me feel. Cry, sob, laugh, smile, just FEEL. It gave me the same feelings I had while reading *The Sweet Gum Tree*, *Thoughtless*, *That Boy* and (view spoiler). It really pulled on my heartstrings. It was angsty, it was heartbreaking, it was incredible. The writing was amazing. The story was frustrating and beautiful. You will need massive amounts of tissues while reading this one... and don't forget the chocolate cake! An unforgettable journey of two people who were truly meant to be together.

Everyone deserves a thank you and goodbye.

Alexis *Reality Bites* says

MILD SPOILERS -mature content reader discretion is advised.

4.5 STARS out of 5

Genre: New Adult Romance

NOTE TO READERS: This review has mild SPOILERS. READ AT YOUR OWN RISK.

I was so hesitant to start this book after seeing so many conflicting reviews from my friends. After skimming through reviews I bought the book but decided to hold off on reading. Then one day I scrolled through my kindle in search of my next read and there it sat waiting. One tap of my finger and I was reading one the best book openers in 2013.

Noah and Tweet

If the feathers didn't stick, there'd be no chick.

From day one Amanda and Noah were meant; you read it clear as day that even as children these two had a bond that could not be severed. You think things are going smooth and that a romance would bloom and easily take root however no such luck.. Opposition comes in the form of self doubt.

Amanda has always saw herself as less than or not good enough even as a child. This brings major complications for her future self. The family dynamics Amada has with her parents and sister is very... interesting. I never felt she was unloved or maybe I should say loved any less than her sister though comparisons are made on the two by both the mother and father.

To be or not to be

As teens Noah and Amanda are still the best of friends except with the teen hormones in full effect. They sort of tap dance around liking each other with Amanda holding back completely as Noah pushes for more a then friends title. Amanda pushes back to stay friends; the tug of war goes on for quite some time. But a horny teenage boy can only take no so many times...

“I promised you I’d stay in the friend zone and I will. But the line has already been crossed, Tweet. I wish you’d step over it with me.” -Noah

The tug of war is were some gave up. It is completely frustrating to read about someone rejecting what is so clear to everyone else but I had patience and stuck it out. The fact that Amanda acknowledged her stupidity and her inner voice told her to fight or do what was right gave me hope.

HOPELESS

I suddenly became hopeless as Amanda continued to make bad choices, one after another in succession. She quickly settled for what she thought was good enough. The girl was so ruled by FEAR and DOUBT that she wouldn’t recognize bad if it was spitting in her face and saying bitch I hate you. I cringed, **LITERALLY** cringed at some of the things that happened to her.

Just when you think it can’t get worse then this...

Bad goes to severely worse with just a few words.

Nothing like life altering moments to bring a pause to the mind and with it comes some perspective maybe even clarity. Well this slowly happens to Amanda.. She realizes she can no longer run from love because **EVERY** thing he does is with her in mind. Plus a push from a hot guy named Dalton Conner helps her out **A LOT**

“All we have is the present. The present’s perfect, young grasshopper, because we’re breathing, moving, laughing, crying, and are surprised when we finally meet someone we connect with. Stop living in the past and wasting your present. You need to tell Noah how you feel.”

Such a memorable moment!

FINALLY..Amanda becomes **BRAVE!!** Confessions with declarations of love flow from her mouth and all I could do is hold my breath and wait. *Grins* How does the saying go? Better late than never, right! **RIGHT!!**

“I love you. I’ve loved you from the first moment we met. I love you deeper every time I see you. And, I know the timing is awful, but there’s never a perfect time. So, no matter what happens, I needed you to know how I feel.”

Noah

My heart ached for this guy. How he took things in stride and managed to put one foot in front of the other to move on and not be a man whore after pouring out his heart is a true testament to his character. He is one of the sweetest most loving male characters I’ve ever had the pleasure to read about and I am glad I did!

My thoughts

I am so happy I read this book and I want to thank Anna, so much for recommending it to me. To not meet Dalton Conner or Noah Stewart would be a tragedy.

The writing I prefer to love my heroines and that was not the case with this story. I did not hate Amanda, I just did not like her for a big portion of the book. You have to be careful how you write your hero's and heroine's it can truly make or break a book. I think Alison Bailey outlined Amanda's character well enough for you to understand her choices though some may disagree. Either way her refusal to give in and be with Noah will infuriate readers no matter what. I am still unclear on why Amanda's character took on the role of a woman who becomes so weak when it comes to men. I had a HUGE issue with that but it what it is.

Overall I enjoyed it and I am looking forward to Brad's book. That teaser at the end... HOLY SH!T.

My Ratings

Characters- Sweet but quite a few will annoy you and one will blow your mind because he is very memorable!

Writing Style-!

Plot/Storyline- Soul mates, friends to lovers, from youth to adulthood.

Steam Factor- Medium/Moderately Steamy on a scale of 1-10 I say 6

Overall- I enjoyed it!!! And am very happy I read it!

Now go forth and read. Then come tell us about it on Goodreads!

For more reviews got to <http://realitybites-letsgetlost.blogs...>

8-12-13 Okay...after reading/skimming a few reviews I've decided to hold off until I am in the proper mood for this book.

I received two rec's in two days from two trusted friends for this book! *clears throat* MOVES UP to the top of the tbr list!!
