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Jesse's like a bar of soap: the tighter Adam holds on, the faster Jesse slips away. Or that's how it feels to Adam. It doesn't help that Jesse has a girlfriend back home and claims to be straight, but there's no way with all the sparks and physical intimacy flying between the two roommates.

When Adam believes he has reached his ultimate happiness, the bedroom walls come crashing down with a visit from Jesse's girlfriend.

Now Jesse has to decide if he can come to terms with his sexuality, while Adam has to learn to accept that Jesse might never be able to crawl out of the closet.

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Popcorn says

Err it's difficult to rate this book. On one hand I don't like cheating so Jesse was not a MC I was all warm and fuzzy over, i wanted to smack the shite out of him a lot of the time actually, but the writing was good and it kept me interested and wanting to read to the end!

Wendy says

I loved book 3 in this series, so after seeing this one on my feed a couple of days ago, I knew I had to go back and read 1 and 2.

I am not sorry and I did enjoy reading it but.... If I had to read the name JESSE one more time, I would have thrown my Ipa out the window.

OMG.. his name was mentioned about 3 times on every single page !! I used to love that name (This man's Jesse is one of my favs !!) but now.... ughhh.

I also was a bit dissappointed by Adam... obsessed much ???!

I don't feel like writing a longer review for this one. It was an oke read for me, but I liked book 2 more and 3 is still my fav.

Nazanin says

4 Stars

"I want him to want me as much as I want him. I want him to crave my body at night so much that he won't be able to sleep until he's had his release. I want to infuse his mind with my presence until he can't think about anything or anyone else."

The Drama in this book was so exhausting, so much push & pull. Adam and Jesse are roommates. Adam is gay and Jesse is straight (or he thought) and engaged. The thing is Jesse knew something is wrong with him and he has feelings for Adam but he won't to name himself as a gay. He's in heavy denial. And he hurts Adam so so so much. I wanted to slap him over and over and over again. He was so jealous of every one who touches Adam but he doesn't think just for a sec that being with his fiance what does to Adam! Jesse used him whenever he wants to! So SELFISH! But Adam always put Jesse's needs before his own and for that he got hurt so bad!

"I bet he wishes he could take back everything that's happened between us, but he can't. His body wanted mine. He whispered my name. He wanted me like I wanted him."

Told in Adam's POV (and I'm so happy for not reading Jesse's), 1st person. It's the first installment in the

Boston Boys series and it can be read as a standalone. Regardless of the drama, I enjoyed it and hope you like it as well!

"God, I want him. I want all of him – mind, body and soul. He occupies my mind every single minute of every single day..."

V says

Cheating, drama, sex with a woman??? M/M STORY?? what is a woman doing here? I'm sure I will stay far away from this story.

Susan65 says

What an emotionally draining story. It was beautiful and disturbing, happy and sad, exciting and debilitating, all at the same time. You want Adam to be more understanding at the beginning because Jesse is so very young and just realizing that he is not straight. You want to drop-kick Jesse when his stubbornness to appear straight and continues the "expectation" of others to finish school, marry and have kids...no matter what and even though he does not love his girlfriend back home. Jesse is very unfair to Adam throughout the book, expecting Adam to remain faithful to him even though he has a girlfriend and plans a future with her. Adam is not just in love, he is obsessed with Jesse and ultimately that obsession, with the help of his friend Eric, helps him to realize that what he has with Jesse is one-sided, unfair and unhealthy.

Adam and Jesse were so obviously in love and my heart ached for them. I hoped that Jesse would wake up before it was too late, but of course, where would the drama and story be if that happened? Ultimately, it was Chirpy's , Jesses girlfriend, unexpected visit that was the catalyst that catapults Adam into realizing that his happy little fantasy future was just not going to happen. He was destroyed and Jesse was an ass...plain and simple.

I was happy when Jesse came stumbling back to Adam and Adam kicked him to the curb. I was so afraid he would fall back into his obsessive love for Jesse. Even though it broke him, he forced Jesse away. It was time for Jesse to suffer...and he deserved it. Had Adam forgave him I would have stopped reading.

At this point you wonder if there is even the possibility of a happy ending for Jesse and Adam. All I will say is yes. It is not easy and doesn't happen overnight but the ending was sweet and I was left loving both Jesse and Adam and forgiving them both for their youthful idiocy.

Eric was such a great character. I can't wait to read his story next.

Mona says

4.5 Heart Wrenching Stars

All the way through...but I loved it!!

Kade Boehme says

Wooow. I put this one off for... Well... A REALLY long time cuz I knew the cheating would kill me. And oh yes, it was a swift kick in the nuts the way the whole thing played out. Good lord. But Jesse, regardless of his mistakes, was so well written because his struggle was understandable and ages old. Not that I condone how he treated the situation but it did give me the willingness to forgive, understanding. I dated a Jesse in college. Hmph ... Literally the same situation (minus the girlfriend) Virgin from a much smaller town than me and a mom who he was afraid to disappoint She after we'd been together for 8 months he cheated on me, in front of me, with my best girl friend... I forgave him, though but it usually colors my opinion of these types of stories. Well I guess after all these years (and he and I were together for 4 yrs after that and he's still my best friend) I see these situations for what they are so I deeply felt for Jesse and am impressed so much by Ms Pike's treatment of these guys. Great work. And even better, making Jesse earn Adam and having Adam get his shit together. Kudos.

DarienMoya says

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Sometimes you should just leave things alone. A fave read should just be a sweet memory and that alone, because this reread made me realize how much I really hate Jesse. And because I read this 6yrs ago my taste has grown and my views on things.

So lots of things that bother me, but overall I still really like the book. Its a 4 ?? s (rounded up) this time around.

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4.5

Books fall under three categories for me, the ones I can't wait to read to cause a pants losing, the books I anticipate reading, and the others where the blurb sounds interesting and it gets added to the pile. A Life Without You is one of those where the blurb sounded interesting and I decided to give it a try, well folks I'm glad I said yes to reviewing it because I freaking loved it. It's one of those where I wanna run naked through some fields singing " the hills are a live with the sound of music \*awesome\*". This book caused a pants losing of epic proportions and I'm so in love with the story.

Adam is in love with his roommate Jesse, but he doesn't want to tell him he's gay because he already lost a roommate because of his sexuality. The only thing that's different is that if Jesse left him it would hurt more than anything else. When a friend dares Jesse to kiss Adam all his secrets come out, and it puts a strain on their friendship. The kiss he shared with Jesse was life changing and he knows that he is in serious love with his friend. If only Jesse will admit that he also wants Adam, judging by the hard piece of length in his pants.

The story unfolds with the boys growing attraction, and the sexual chemistry they share. All isn't well in their room, because Jesse has a girlfriend and he refuses to let her go. Adam is willing to take anything he has to offer, even it kills him to be the fuck buddy, knowing that nothing more will ever come of their relationship.

Jesse is character I love but sort of hate. He has a girlfriend whom he is cheating on, and he has Adam on the side. He wants the security of being the straight boy, but he also wants the chemistry and the love he has for Adam. Then he pulls a douche move by forbidding Adam to be with anyone else, while he cuddles and eventually has sex with the girlfriend. He seems like such a bastard but yet my heart goes out to him, I can just imagine his inner turmoil being faced with the possibility of being gay or just gay for Adam.

Adam I really liked but also found him very passive at times. I understand love and finding your soulmate but he just took way too much crap from Jesse, and because of that he got the shitty end of the stick; just a few too many times. I did love the boys together, talk about sexy as hell and so utterly sweet. It was great to see how they got from point A, to point B.

Overall, Erica Pike has written a fantabulous book and I am so in love with the story. I was all smiles from the beginning to the end, it kept me enthralled and jumping out of my pants. The author is going down as a must read for me, if she keeps writing about beautiful boys such as Jesse and Adam. *A Life Without You* will also keep you interested with awesmazing supporting characters, and I want more of these fun and sexy boys. All that eyeliner and leather had me hyperventilating over my iPad, and wanting all of them to get together in a serious orgy of limbs and holes (gawd it would have been sexy). I Love This Book!

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### **Chris says**

3.5 stars. Good m/m romance about a gay college student who has a crush on his engaged straight best friend and roommate... his apparently bi-curious straight best friend. Emotions definitely run high in this one (and the POV is first-person present), but it worked for me. And I'm very curious to see who the next book will be about!

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### **Anke says**

Done with it and probably not going to do a re-read ever. I liked the other stories by this author and therefore was looking forward to reading this book, but from the beginning I asked myself, what Adam was seeing in Jesse. Besides his looks there was nothing positive or engaging in his character. And don't get me started about his on-and-off with Adam - grrr! The longer I was reading, the more it was getting on my nerves. From some point on I just wanted to know how it ends. The story was wrapped up nicely, but it left me somewhat puzzled - for all this back and forth during quite some time, the turnaround happened rather abrupt.

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### **Tiya Rosa says**

[because Adam is a creepy guy who seems to think "No" means "I just need you to suck my dick harder so I won't be able to think coherently enough to deny you anymore". The cheating blowjob felt a bit rape-y to me. Or at the very least, disturbing non-consent. Just because the guy sprouted a hard-on and came when you gave him a blowjob does not make forcing his dick down your throat okay when he clearly said no. I don't care if you love him. And the constant touching even

## Vio says

This started off so well and then all the drama and tears just got too much for me I literally wanted to scream! Adam geez I desperately wanted to choke some sense into him how many times can you stand to be rejected OMG, thankfully his best friend Eric came to the rescue and finally knocked some sense into him. Then there was Jesse I could rant and rave about what an absolute jerk he was he likes to experiment and have sex with Adam even though he constantly tells Adam he's not gay and doesn't love him.

(view spoiler)

I gave this 3 stars only because I enjoyed Eric he was a fun and loving friend Adam and Eric would have been so good together.

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## Andersón. says

Just perfect for exam weeks.

review to come.

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## Deeze says

[I did have a little issue with the length of time for Adam's breakdown. A month to be practically catatonic with no medical aid seemed a little off to me. But thats a personal niggle (hide spoiler)]

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## Elsa Bravante says

Me da la risa y no sé cómo puntuar este libro, 2? 3?. Dos chicos en el college, uno gay y otro con dificultades para admitírselo a sí mismo, no digamos a los demás, y criado dentro de una familia muy conservadora. El libro tiene mucho sexo y mucho drama llama, uno de los protagonistas es un verdadero capullo con el otro y requiere de toda tu comprensión y análisis centrándote en lo joven que es y cómo se ha criado. Pero, eso sí, no te aburres, y el drama es solamente amoroso. Varios rolling eyes, preparaos.

Le voy a dar 3 porque no voy a mentir, con alguna levantada de ceja, me ha entretenido muchísimo. Lo mejor ha sido uno de los secundarios, Eric, su libro es el próximo, voy a leerlo... Soy débil.

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