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Why did he have to say hello, when she could only say goodbye?

Everybody likes Nathan Hawthorne. But he's looking for more. More life, more love, more reasons to live. After the sudden death of his brother, Nate moves to New Orleans, hoping a fresh start will bring him clarity. His easy smile and California charm wins him the attention of every girl at his new school. Too bad he only has eyes for Camille.

Camille LaRue is a nobody, and she likes it that way. Her life has always been predictable. She has cancer. She's terminal. She's going to die. Cami can't change her fate. The only thing she can control is how she'll say goodbye. And that's why she doesn't have time for Nate, no matter how much her heart tells her otherwise.

When Nate says "Hello" to Camille, everything changes with one simple word. But how can she risk her heart when she only has a few measured heartbeats left? Luckily for Camille, Nate knows the best things in life are worth fighting for. He brings chaos into her orderly life, showing her just how much life she still has left to live.

A stand-alone love story about a boy who learns to live, from a girl who wants to die.
For fans of *The Fault in Our Stars*, *13 Reasons Why* and *Everything, Everything*.

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Char ? Denaë says

This book... Where do I start? I read the first two books in the 'Boyfriend' series by Christian Benjamin and really enjoyed them. Of course, I'm going to read the third book. Right? Without really reading the blurb, I got right into it. All I have to say is that I had to stop reading several times because of the tears. To make it even worse, I'm a teenage cancer survivor, myself, who started dating my boyfriend, now husband, right before my diagnosis. Wow. What a trip to the past. I'm not going to spoil anything but, if you're planning to read this book and have looked over the reviews, you probably already have an idea of what happens.

Do not let that stop you from reading it!

It's a beautifully written story that reminds the reader how short life is and that none of us know when it's our time. Enjoy life, no matter what your circumstances, and cherish every day with the people you love. Along with this heartfelt message is lots of humor and cuddly moments. You will absolutely love the main male character, Nate. He is the ideal of 'book boyfriends'. Handsome, hunky, funny, adorable, charming, etc.... etc... I think even the coldest reader would fall in love with him. And the main female character? She's the tragic heroine, Camille. She's so closed off and independent at first but her inner strength will humble you, and she's adorable, in her own right.

If you can handle some tears, and I mean make sure you have a new box of tissues, you love young adult romance, and a tragic but beautiful love story melts your heart, give this book a go. I don't think you'll regret it.

P.S. This book does have a (kinda') happy ending and I loved that about it. You can make me cry but give me something to smile about, especially at the end, as well. Love, love, loved it!

Lucinda says

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review. Tears!!! The characters are extremely relatable. This is such a beautiful story even if I am dehydrated by the end. I highly recommend the book if you are able to handle the emotions this book leads you to have. Beautiful story.

Shari says

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review. A Heart Wrenching Beautiful story! Tissues are a must! You will be in pieces! Makes you want to hold on to the beautiful things in your life and not let go. This story will stick with you! An absolute incredible Must Read! Awesome job writing this book , the characters were so real to me.

Thi says

This story left me a blubbering mess. I knew how it would end but I wasn't ready. I don't think you can ever prepare yourself to lose someone even when you know their time is limited. You can only grab as much time as you can. I just love the characters so much and would highly recommend this book to everyone.

John Clark says

Prickly girl (with good reason), boy fighting loss and sadness. Their meeting rocks each other's world in powerful ways. Cami accepted her unkind fate at a much too young age and sealed off most of the world as a result. Nate thought New Orleans might help the overwhelming pain caused by losing his older brother. Neither expected the giant spark their meeting would ignite. You know early on what the end will be, but probably won't care because getting there is akin to falling a long way at night. You don't know much more than the fact that the landing will hurt a lot, but the stars above you are so mesmerizing. The ending is sad, beautiful, amazing and still hopeful. All in all, one great read.

Sandra says

This is the best book I have this year. I cried at some parts of the story. It is a moving story. Voluntarily reviewed this book. Read it! It is worth the time.

Modern says

The title of this book says so much. But you HAVE to read this book to feel and understand, not just the message from the author, but the fundamentals of life. Life. Live. Love. It's so simple yet we let our fears and "plans" get in the way. This book is excruciatingly beautiful. It's poignant. It's sweet. It's not just for the YA, it's for everyone. Could not put it down.

I received this book from Booksprout for a voluntary, completely honest and non incentivized review.

Ashley says

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It's much better than the other two in the series. The characters are more relatable, their lives and trials are touching, and they don't act out in horrible evil ways. I found myself tearing up at some parts and just wish that the characters acted a bit older/the age they should be. But that's my main nitpick for this story.

Chelsea says

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A touching read. I cried multiple times. This is the best book in the collection. The characters were wonderfully developed with multiple layers of depth. I was amused by the Ashley's and I wonder if the author watched Recess. The plot is phenomenal and the way the characters interact is natural. I can't wait to read more from her.

Ashley Tomlinson says

I knew this was going to be a book that broke my heart and was probably going to make me cry. I wasn't wrong. Cami and Nate were so adorable in this sad story. Nate was the sweetest guy ever, I don't think a guy that sweet actually exists. He's a lot like me when it comes to loving sweets I have donuts in my kitchen right now, in fact.

This is a book that deals with some heavy issues, like childhood cancer. Cami is by far the strongest character in existence. She fully accepted everything whether she liked it or not. It sucks that it took Nate to bring out her friendlier side but at least she opened up to her classmates.

I'm not going to talk about the ending because I knew it was going to happen. When you go into a book like this it's easy to hope for a happy ending but that's not how life works so I'm kind of glad it had a realistic ending. As sad as it was. I can only hope Nate is in another book because I'm not ready for that sweet boy's story to be over yet.

Christy English says

My Favorite book in The Boyfriend Series

I liked the two previous books by Benjamin, but this was so much more than the previous two. It made me laugh and cry.

Jodee says

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How many HS seniors do you know that have a bucket list? Well meet Camille, Cami, she's a HS senior who has been fighting cancer since she was 9 years old. She is a girl with a plan on a mission. Now meet Nathan, Nate, who just moved to New Orleans from California and is dealing with his own struggles. He lost his brother just 3 years ago, a loss that he is still dealing with. Nate immediately likes Cami. She doesn't want to like him but he doesn't give up and wears her down. She likes the fact that he treats her like a regular girl. She decides that she likes it so much that she keeps her cancer diagnosis from him. They help each other deal with their problems.

This is a wonderful heartwarming story. I just love this author and I have loved all of the boyfriend books. This one is a must read

Lily Cooper says

W.O.W. I don't normally take the time to write long reviews but this book deserves paragraphs and paragraphs of love and admiration. I certainly didn't go into the book expecting everything that I got from it. This love story was truly something extraordinary and beautiful and much better than any other love story I've read. You can literally tell the author put her heart and soul into every word upon the page and after reading her authors note I applaud her for doing so. She's created a masterpiece and I will forever have Camille and Nate in my heart.

Laurie Beemer says

Eyes hurt from crying so much. This book was so emotional and overwhelmingly beautiful. Every page, every part of the story just tore my emotions out even more. Cami and Nathan are one of the most amazing characters that I have read in a very long time. I love this series but this is by far my favorite. Such an amazing and a must read. Thank you for allowing me to read this book and write about it honestly.

Jennifer G says

Hello. One little word. One word with power to change a mind, a life, the world. This book is one of the most moving books I have read in a while. I had a hard time reading at points because of tears in my eyes; tears of joy, tears of anger, tears of relief, tears of sadness. I was truly overwhelmed with emotions at times. Camille has made up her mind, she has a "plan for dying"; she's going to finish her bucket list, graduate high school, say goodbye, and that's the end. Period. She has her reasons, she has her plan. Then Nathan Hawthorne enters her life bringing chaos and sunshine. He scares her to death, he makes her feel things it's too late to feel, he makes her want what she can't have. This isn't a book about dying; it's one about living.

Camille is a heartbreaking character. I can't imagine her life, her pain, her strength. She was so strong in many ways, so scared in others. She was fragile, but above all she was lovable. Nate was a character. Having suffered loss, his determination to live every moment was beautiful. He was beautiful. His romantic side, his ability to love fully, his incredible thoughtfulness, his caring heart, and his bravery made him ideal for Camille. These two together were perfection. Both sets of parents played an important role in this story. Each set showed how much pain a parent can cause a child while still loving them. Parents are human too; they make decisions out of fear or pain that they believe is in the child's best interest, that actually isn't or they emotionally remove themselves from their child unknowingly. Just because humans grow older doesn't mean that we stop making mistakes. The love and mistakes from their parents all played their parts with Camille and Nathan's story. Ultimately love won. And I must mention two other characters; Poo LaRue and Ronnie. Both lightened the mood at times and were important in Camille's life. For all of Ronnie's craziness, the man had wisdom. He was a remarkable addition to the cast; a saint disguised in sugar and glitter!

I am not going to go into ANY detail about this book. This book shouldn't be spoiled for anyone. It's incredible. There are so many scenes, so many conversations that will linger with you. It's very special book. Camille and Nate are precious, their love story is not your typical high school one. This book will destroy you at times (in the best way). It will make you appreciate simple pleasures in your own life. It will fill your heart. It may make you want to make your own wall. At first, I wasn't sure I liked the last two paragraphs of the book, but after thinking about it, possibly obsessing about it, I decided that it was perfect, considering everything. Please read the Author's Note and the Acknowledgements.

*Note to the author: Christina Benjamin well done! Thank you for this book. It touched me more than you can imagine, My own note to add to your Hello to Dalton. Jacob, you are always loved, you are always missed. Until our next hello.
