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She forgot something on the way to the courthouse ...

Sophia Abella has a good life, even if she is a little stuck. Not quite single, not quite married, she's her large family's babysitter extraordinaire, but relationships? Facebook status says: it's complicated.

But when her ex-Marine husband returns to town and takes the job of chief of police, it might finally be time to get that paper work done once and for all. After all, most of her family already thinks she's divorced.

They're not actually, in the fullest sense of the word ... divorced.

Years ago, Riley Jacobs chose the Marine Corp over his wife and has regretted his decision every day since then. But once a Marine always a Marine, and he'll use every tactical advantage he has to get Sophia to realize that she's the only one for him.

Love and marriage ... take two

## **Forever with You Details**

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## From Reader Review Forever with You for online ebook

### Talltree says

3.5 stars

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### Cathy Geha says

Thank you to NetGalley and the author for the copy of this ARC to read for an honest review.

This second chance at love contemporary romance deals with young love, trust, communication, family and fears. The book also brings up subjects like dysfunctional families, at risk youth, online dating, friendship, work and adrenaline junkies...to name a few.

Sophia and Riley met and married when young and Sophia did not weather the military wife gig with deploying husband easily. One day an ultimatum was thrown down that led to a lengthy separation spanning years. I kind of wondered how they could live apart for such a long period of time without communication or contact and just leave things as they were. Anyway, about the time Sophia thinks she is ready to step back into the dating pool again Riley comes home. Moving from active duty as a Marine to a different and quieter life as chief of police he has an agenda – to woo his wife and deal with his sister's issues. I know Sophia and Riley had chemistry and claimed to love one another but if their love was so great then why would they not at least try to communicate and fix things earlier than they did?

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### Judy says

Forever with you is book 5 in the Starlight Hill series. It was sweet, sappy, hot, humorous, as well as frustrating!

Sophia and Riley fell in love and married quickly after meeting (2 weeks quick)! They were smitten with each other until Riley, who was a Marine, volunteered for a deployment after just returning from one. Sophia wants children...now! Even though Sophia begged him not to go...he went and left her. It was more than she could take that he wouldn't put her first! She left him and went back to Starlight Hill, where her family is, to live. She was so hurt, that divorce papers were drawn up.

Sophia is attempting to move on with her life without Riley and does a good deal of "online dating". After 6 years, it's time...right? It's safer that way, because she rarely meets them. She currently is dating Bruce, who is a busy doctor, but she's never met him. While at work one day, none other than Riley walks in! He announces to her that he's the new police chief in Starlight Hill. Now she'll have to see him all the time! Oh yea, did I mention the whole town think she's divorced? Well, the papers may have been filed but she never sent them to Riley. So, they are still married!

I loved the characters in this story! The best stories are the ones that offer a second chance at love and this one was just that! What will Sophia do about Bruce, now that Riley is back? Can the second chance at love really happen, given the situations that these two are put in? Will Riley once again, leave her?

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Reviewed on behalf of Once Upon An Alpha

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## **Debra says**

### **Forever with You**

This story was about second chance at love. The h was/is married and hadn't told her family the divorce papers weren't served to her Marine. Now several years later he walks into her restaurant. He informs her he is the new sheriff in town. What is a girl to do? Does she want him back? Or does she still want the divorce?

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## **Coco.V says**

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## **Danielle says**

Sophia might have married young but once she fell for Riley there was no stopping it. She thought she could handle being a marines wife but while Riley was away she got lonely and made a friend at her new job. Sophia and Riley wrote emails and even face timed a few times but she was always glad when he came home. She thought they would start a family but then Riley re enlisted and she move back home broken hearted.

Now years later Sophia is ready to move on or at least she thinks she is but when Riley visits her she is shocked to find out he is the new Cheif of police and also he wants to give there marriage a try since he is out of the marines. Sophia will have to decide to finally get the divorce or give the only man she has loved another shot.

I really liked this story and glad these two got a second chance at making it work. Riley was total alpha and he showed it majority of the time but I loved how he tried to tone it down for Sophia. I thought Riley did an excellent job at trying to woo her and show her just how great they could be together.

From the beginning I got this feeling that Riley always kept tabs on how she was and what she was doing and while reading I was so glad I was right. He showed her how much he truly loved her and wanted to be with her.

In my last review of the previous book I said I wanted more detailed sex scenes and was glad Bell turned it up a little. But of course now that I got more I want much more \*winks\*

I loved the plot, the characters and the little details that Bell brought to this story. Her writing style is unique and stands out. I love this series and honestly I hope their is plenty more to come!

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## Jennifer Craig says

Wow, wow, wow! Forever with You is the fifth Starlight Hill book by Heatherly Bell and they just keep getting better and better. Forever with you is the second chance story of Sophia and Riley Jacobs and this is a second chance definitely worth taking.

Sophia and Riley met, fell in love and decided to get married after knowing each other two weeks when they were barely adults. Sophia was pampered and relatively innocent and Riley was an arrogant young Marine who didn't think that Sophia would have any problems with his long absence. After he signs up for a voluntary deployment shortly after returning home from his last one, it is the last straw for Sophia who just wants him to put her first for a change. So, she moves back home to Starlight Hill where her family is.

Six years later, Sophia is hiding something – she is still married. She has been holding onto the divorce papers that she never signed. She knows that it is time to move on, but something is holding her back. When Riley moves to Starlight Hill as the new Police Chief, he makes no secret that he is there to win Sophia back. Can she open her heart again and trust in their love this time around? They have each grown and matured in their time apart, but are they strong enough to weather the storms ahead? In order for these two to make it, Riley will need to see that Sophia isn't a delicate flower who needs to be protected from the realities of life and Sophia will need to trust in their love and accept that we cannot always control the future.

I loved Sophia and Riley and it was great to catch up with characters that I met in the earlier books in the series. Heatherly Bell writes with great depth and it is easy to feel the emotions of the characters as you read. I am ready for Angie's story.

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## Beyond the Pages says

Not much to say on this one. I had to work to continue reading. I wish I could say something other than that, but I cannot.

Rating: 2.5-3/5

Recommend: +/-

Audience: Adult

Status: R, M, C

Chemistry/Intensity: +/-

Conflict/Drama: +/-

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## Tommie Morris says

Very good book! One sitting to read!! From start to finish without putting down!!!

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## Heike says

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Forever with you, Book #2 in the Starlight Hill series by Heatherly Bell

A second chance love story.....Sophia and Riley married after only 2 weeks, 6 years later Sophia had the divorce papers, but she didn't know that Riley is giving everything to re-awake their love.

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### **Debbie "Buried in Her TBR Pile" says**

Low-angst, easy 2nd chance read about a couple who married young. The H is a marine who is deployed and the h doesn't handle the deployments well. She intends to divorce H but never gets around to it. H accepts the Chief of Police position in h's town when he doesn't re-up. He never stopped loving her and wants to resume their marriage. 3.5 stars.

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### **Bec\_BookMagicReviews says**

Ever since she and her husband went their separate ways because of a big decision he made, Sophia Abella has put her all into running her restaurant, instead of worrying about her dating life. Never having been able to go through with filing for divorce, Sophia has managed to keep men at a distance. But now with her husband back in town, it seems that's no longer possible. Because Riley wants her back, and if there's one thing she knows about her husband is that he'll do whatever it takes to make her see he deserves a second chance.

Riley Jacobs knows he made the biggest mistake of his life by choosing his career in the Marine Corps over his wife. But now he's been given a second chance, if only she'll give him the time of day. Not that he can blame the anger she holds towards him. Yet, he's determined to show her that she made the right choice in not filing for divorce in the years they've been apart, because he still loves her and he wants nothing more than to prove to her that she'll only ever be the only woman for him.

What a delightful second chance romance this author has penned, encompassing a hero looking to get his wife back and a heroine that has a big decision to make. Should she finally go through with the divorce, or should she give Riley a second chance. As much as she declares she doesn't like him, there's definitely no denying that she still deeply cares for the hero. I really liked how this story started with Sophia being totally surprised by the fact that Riley is back in town, and has a job that means he plans on staying.

I really liked both characters, and the light-hearted moments they shared such as when Sophia finds herself in a bind when she's locked out of her house with no way in. That moment had me smiling, as she wasn't exactly dressed all that suitably to be outside. However, the dialogue was also intense due to the main characters back stories and the danger that Riley faces because he's protective of his sister.

Sophia is strong, brave, and independent. Yet, she's also a tad naïve because she believes the best in people. For instance, take her online boyfriend. It seems she's in for quite a surprise when she learns the truth of just who this person is? Then there's her relationship with her friends and family. She's quite close with them, and I felt sorry for her because everyone in her family are all in these wonderful relationships while she's the odd woman out. They're not afraid to give her their advice, which is good advice, of how she should give Riley a

second chance.

While Riley, he's confident, patient, kind and very determined to win Sophia back. I felt sorry for him at the beginning, because the heroine was determined to keep him at arms length. Yet, I liked that he eventually wore her down, especially when he helps her with the being-locked-out-of-her-house incident and then helps her with her nieces. Then there's the way he cares for his sister. He wants her to get the help she needs, yet he knows he's wasting his breath until something bad happens to her that makes her realize she needs help and it needs to be for good this time. He also has a lot of work to do when it comes to his new job. Winning over the townspeople isn't easy, because they all reckon he's too young or under-qualified. However, he's determined to prove them wrong.

Hot sex scenes heated up the story at the right moments in this story, and does justice to this couple's strong strong chemistry, which was there from the moment they came face-to-face again for the first time after they went their own separate ways. Sophia isn't certain whether she can give Riley another chance, because if he decided to leave her again, she doesn't know whether she'd survive his deserting her a second time. Yet, no one has made her feel as special as Riley, and it's understandable that she'd succumb to his charms eventually.

Overall, this was a really good book where the secondary characters entertained me almost as much as the main characters. Sophia's friends want her to be happy, and I liked that they pushed her to give Riley another chance because they could see she was still in love with him. I really liked how this story ended with Sophia finally getting her dream of what she wanted most in her life besides Riley. Although, what happens to Riley and Sophia's fears for his safety rearing their ugly head made me annoyed with the heroine. How could she even suggest Riley change his profession just to keep her from worrying? Once a marine, always a marine. No way would he be happy in a job where he wasn't protecting people. I would recommend Forever with You by Heatherly Bell, if you enjoy second chance romances.

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## Books and Spoons says

Life is not always easy, and sometimes it doesn't matter how much you love someone, things still don't work out the way you wished.

Riley and Sofia still have the connection, even though very fragile by now, after years of separation. They weren't that long time together, but they seemed to know each other well, like they haven't forgotten a minute of the time they spent in each other's company. Do they still care about each other, no doubt, but is there too much hurt, pain, and hurtful memories, to keep them separated, and keep them from each other. Is there enough strength and courage to face the life together, with the possibility, that there might be hurt and pain in some level again.

The story is lovely and sweet, yet at times brutally honest with the feelings of a deployed soldier's spouse - the fear, the possibility of losing your loved one, the what if, the loneliness, the waiting. As emotionally involved I got while I was reading, it was inevitable, that it was going to break my heart a bit in the process. And it did. Because it gets real, raw, and genuine with the realities of life. But it also built it all back together, and even stronger, if you give it a chance.

The small town where it all happens, the problems of a new police chief, the trouble with his sister and her boyfriend, the restaurant, Sofia runs, her fear of losing a loved one, they all play a part in the tale, as well as her large family, and dear friends. The story goes back and forth in the past and in the present, but never was there any doubt of the time.

It was more than just a love story, it was more than just a tribute to all the military spouses, and what they

sacrifice, it was a story about love, life, and growth, living to your full potential, recognizing the dangers of mistakes, but still embracing this thing called living. It is a story, that is so easy to fall in love with, the town, the characters, and the Italian food  
~ Five Spoons

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### **Ellen White says**

Sophie, expecting Bruce, for their first official date, was a no show. The table she reserved has one ex husband, well almost, sitting there. He is the new chief of police. Six years, and he was out of the service, while she had been busy with the restaurant. A little ten minute job of a paper that hadn't been signed, she was still married to him. He would be at home, Could there still be the love there Delightful story and delightful characters.

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### **Shelley says**

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While celebrating dropping out of college the last thing Sophia Abella expected was to meet the love of her life and future husband in a bar. Riley Jacobs, the marine, never saw himself settling down until he met Sophia and he knew she was it for him.

They both fell so deeply and so fast they never thought out what life would be like with Riley in the marines and gone all the time and Sophia waiting at home for him worrying.

After the loss of a friend Sophia realizes she cannot take it anymore and Riley cannot give up the Marines, it is his life, so Sophia moves home and gets on with her life.

Six years later and Riley is out and wanting to reunite with his wife. The only problem is that everyone seems to think they divorced and the fact that his wife seems to hate him. Sophia let everyone believe she was divorced because it was just easier. But now that she has decided she must get on with her life her ex (well not really) is back and is the chief of police in her town. How can she move on when she isn't over him.

I really like Riley and Sophia. There's was a result of the situation and not really any one's fault. Then only thing that kind of bugged me about this story was Sophia and the fear she carried around all the time. There were times I just wanted her to put on her big girl panties and deal. But other than that it is a really sweet read.

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