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She's no stranger to love and loss...

By age eighteen, Alexa Kingsley had lost everyone. Only Joey, the lonely boy next door, remained. He'd clung to Alexa like a lifeline through years of abuse at the hands of his father, and she vowed to protect him as best she could. Alexa thought Joey was the one person who'd always be there—until the day he left her as well. Finally forced to go it alone, Alexa finds this latest loss may hurt worst of all.

He's no stranger to lack of love...

Joseph O'Connor was every bit the villain his father trained him to be, his young heart twisted into something ugly, corrupted. But his father underestimated the girl next door, miscalculated the impact Lexi would have on Joey's life, the spark she ignited that eventually, despite all odds, grew to an inferno of hope. To reclaim her, Joey must first become a man Lexi can be proud of...the kind of man she deserves.

Amidst a shadowy world of guns and drugs, will Joey's ultimate sacrifice—a declaration of love from a man who was never shown any at all—be enough to finally set him free?

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Wendy says

Re-read 5/16/17

This is the third book in this series and I enjoyed each and every one of them. I however made the stupid mistake of reading books 2 and 3 first, because....I am an idiot like that sometimes. These books are best read in order, starting with book 1, because even though each one is about a different couple, they do have a continuing storyline. So learn from my mistake and follow my advice ;)

Alexa and Joey have been introduced in book 1 and in book, we get to know them even better. Now we

finally get their story, which I must say....I was really curious about.

Alexa (Alex) and Joseph (Joey) have known each other for a very long time. When Alexa is young, she loses her parents and has to go live with her aunt. This is when she meets Joey....the young boy who lives next door and who is being abused. She wants to help him, and her first step in doing so, is to reach through the fence separating their houses and hold his hand. At that point a wonderful friendship is born.

Joey doesn't have anything good in his life. His father is a very cold, cruel and evil man, who wants Joey to follow into his footsteps. Joey's life was hell and the only thing he has going for him is Alexa.

Their friendship grows into much more, but Joey's world is a dark place and he doesn't want Alex to be a part of that darkness.

Alexa really loved Joey, he was all she had left in the world. She would have done anything for him, but how much pushing away can one person take...before they've had enough...

Alex finally has enough and tries to move on with her life...without Joey in it. She can't take being second choice to everything else anymore...

Joey had his reasons for leaving though....Question is, will he be able to win her back, when he is finally ready to leave the past behind.

This couple went through hell and back, and just like with the other two books, I couldn't help but shed some tears.

If you are a fan of emotional and, at times very dark love-stories, you should definitely give this series a try.

Aoi says

A childhood-to-adult second chance romance where the childhood bit has been covered in two paragraphs

Nancy♥The♥Bookaholic says

~~4 HEARTS~~

It was so nice to revisit with all the characters from this series. I don't know if I just enjoyed it so much or if it was a short book but I speed thru this. I'm looking forward to reading about the O'Conner Brothers.

Karen says

5 Beautiful and Emotional Stars

You loved me at my Ugliest is the 3rd and final book in Evie Harper's "You Loved me Series". All three books can be read as a standalone but are best read in order.

This book is Joey and Alexa's story. The story begins with a lot of background information about both Joey and Alexa when they were children and flips back and forth from past to present. Alexa grew up next door to Joey and was witness to the horrific childhood abuse he endured. As a result they became friends and lovers as their relationship grew. I loved Alexa's character; she is strong, beautiful, brave and totally devoted to Joey. Joey was also amazing and truly loves Alexa but needs to find his own inner peace in order to feel he is worthy of Alexa.

"When pain is all you've ever known, how do you accept that you deserve good in your life?"

The writing is excellent. I was able to feel the emotion and a connection to the characters as I was reading. The story is engaging; I felt like I was there as the story played out. I highly recommend this series. You won't be disappointed.

ARC generously provided by author for an honest review

??~Cyborg-Scifi-Lover~?? says

Wow just wow. This was just as emotional as the first 2 books in this serie. Maybe even more...
All I can say is I loved it!

Leigh says

Another awesome read for me that I couldn't put down. I'm so sorry it took me so long to finish this series because I loved books 2 & 3. I will definitely read more from this author.

Shanny says

Shanda says

DNF at 40%

So the beginning with their childhoods was rushed and so I couldn't connect to them. I felt like the author was telling me things about them but not letting me *FEEL* them. It is very important to use wording that gets me to the bones of the character and they didn't feel right to me.

Michelle says

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Amy says

"I didn't drop your hand, Joey, you ripped it away from me. You chose something else. You never put me, us, first, and I'd had enough. You can't always be the one dictating where our relationship is or where it should be. That's not fair. Relationships are about compromise, both sides agreeing. You decided for the both of us."

You Loved Me At My Ugliest is Joseph and Alexa's story. Now, I don't know about you guys, but I have been curious about their story ever since I first met these characters. And boy does their story not disappoint. This story first starts off with a glimpse into the past. We get to see how Alexa and Joseph first meet and how over the years their relationship has changed and grown. Joseph's family life was extremely difficult. He had a father who treated him horribly and a mother who would never leave his father. The only light in his darkness was Alexa. Alexa knows love and loss better than anyone. By the time she reached her 18th birthday, she had no one left. No one expect for Joseph. Alexa loved Joseph like no other and even followed him to the depths of hell. She would do anything for this man that she loved. However, every person has their breaking point and Alexa has finally reached hers. Alexa is forced to go it alone and it rocks her to her very core. Alexa is trying desperately to move on, but it's not so easy. Joseph will always own her heart, no matter how much pain he's caused her. Unbeknownst to her, Joseph is working hard to secure their future. He wants to be the man that Alexa deserves and will do anything to give them a safe and happy future.

You Loved Me At My Ugliest was a wonderful addition to this series. I was caught up in Lexi and Joey's story from the very beginning. The bond that the two of them shared was so strong, so powerful. You just wanted things to work out for them. I felt so bad for Joey. He had such an awful upbringing and he really

struggled with the decisions that he made. None of them were easy, especially when it came to Lexi. He loved her something fierce and would do anything for her. I loved getting to see this side of Joey. And Lexi, boy is she stronger than most would give her credit for. She has seen and experienced things that no one should and yet, she is still going strong. She tries so hard to move on from Joey after he breaks her heart, but their love was one to not be smothered. I loved seeing her go after Joey and seeing her stand by him when most would walk away.

Overall, I really enjoyed this story. I thought it was well written and captivating. I loved finally getting to see Joey and Alexa's story. Their story is not easy. It's heartbreak and frustrating and beautiful all at the same time. I loved getting to see how everything finally came together, and how all the previous stories connected. There was never a dull moment. I really enjoyed all the twists. Even though Joey and Alexa's story wraps up the You Loved Me Series, it does pave the way for a few spin off series' and I'm really excited about that. I can't wait to see where this author will take us next.

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My review can also be seen at: <http://onceuponabookblog.com/2015/07/...>

Lina's Reviews ♡????????? ♡??Book Blog?? ♡????????? ♡ says

This was an amazing conclusion to the series! The dark and extremely dramatic trilogy comes to an end with the tale of Joseph and Alexa!

Our characters have to fight their past and their future in order to make it through happy and alive.

What grabbed me most about this book were the flashbacks we had throughout the story. We got to see how Joseph met Lexi and how their bond was created. We got to experience the terrors Joey had to go through since he was a child.

Alexa's relationship with young Joseph broke my heart and the way their love endured hardships spoke to my soul.

The series was addictive and emotional and this book is no exception. We get to see glimpses of our other beloved couples from the series as well.

The writing was flawless and the characters were well-rounded and developed. You can feel the love that burns between our couple and their chemistry and need to be together brought tears to my eyes.

Fantastic read! If you loved the other books in the series, then you don't want to miss this one.

4 Stars from me!

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Wendy ?: ♦●•CCBH Blogger•●♦ says

+++ 5 NEVER LET GO STARS!+++

"Life gives you choices, but love, love only has one road, and it's paved with sacrifice."

Evie Harper once again delivers the angst on a silver platter, so much so, that you're bound to feel it through the pages.

Joey has lived in his father's shadow for as long as he can remember. Having to be forced to be like him and act like him. But Joey despises his father. He witnessed his cruelty at the age of 8 the moment he beat and belittled his mother; the only person in the world who has ever shown him love. Joseph plays his part to save his mother but the moment he meets **Alexa Kingsley** he's on his knees worshiping the ground she walks on. He'd kill and torture for that woman. She becomes the strength he needs to finally fight against the monster that is Marco O'Connor and the new threats that take his place.

"When pain is all you've ever known, how do you accept that you deserve good in life?"

Alexa has loved Joey all her life. He's been a part of her since she was 10 years old but love wasn't enough. Alexa felt **Joey** always put her last, wondering when he would finally choose her first. But Joey had his reasons, reasons that were hard for anyone to understand unless you were in his shoes.

Alexa is **loyal, sassy, and stunning**. She's a woman that could easily rule the world and she fought to save those women that were being sold and beaten because of Marco. She was the doctor that oversaw the women's health, but after being beaten for trying to help two slave girls escape, she finally had enough of that world and she ran away.

Joseph never gave up on finding her. He'd scorch the Earth and turn it upside down just to have her in his arms once again. Oh man I can go on and on about this couple and never tire. They went from being childhood friends to lovers. A beautiful love that was ugly at times.

"My heart splits in two as I lie next to a good man who adores me, yet here I am, crying for another man. However, not just any man, someone I have loved all my life, a man who is ingrained into my soul, someone who will always be a part of me, no matter the different paths we take."

I wanted **Joseph's** story from the moment I met him lurking in the corner of Marco's office in book 1. And let me tell you, **Evie** did not disappoint! Joey owns my heart and my soul *heart-in-eyes emoji*

This being the last book in the series, **Evie** sure saved the best for last. She managed to piece it all together perfectly and give these amazing characters the happiness they all deserve.

After a grueling 3 days of tears, smiles, and feels I can rest easy knowing this series will always have a special place in my heart. *You Loved Me At My Ugliest* was especially heartbreakingly, gut wrenching, and beautiful. Thank you, **Evie** for giving me the opportunity to be a part of these characters' journeys.

"This world may be a dark and bitter place, but in its most precious corners, where my family lives, we make our own happily-ever-afters. We fight and die for them, because true love and real happiness are worth fighting for."

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KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

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MY RATING: 5 STARS

An emotional beautiful read

Oh gods I have **stalked** this author and this book right from the get go, freaking love this author and her writing style, the **dark**, the **emotions**, the **grit**, all things that make this one of my **favourite** authors..

The synopsis for this speaks volumes, I hope both characters can find happiness from their traumatic childhoods.

The beginning of the book speaks of Joey's horrific childhood, his conditioning under the thumb of his abusive father. Years and years of unimaginable abuse..

Growing up in a battlefield Lexi gave me tenderness and love simply by holding my hand through a fence.

“Always, Joey. I’ll never let go.”

He promised me a future, one where he was a good man and worthy of me, as if I needed those things. I didn’t. I only wanted my Joey, the way he was, is. I only wanted to finally start a life.

I chose to end things between us for good

It wasn’t easy to walk away from Joey. It was one of the hardest things I’ve ever done in my life, but I had to do it, for myself.

To now, where the previous book ended..

Joey ~ *My father turned my affection into ugliness. My mother's fear for my safety kept her at a distance, and my fear for her sanity pushed me away.*

She knows all of me my ugliest parts

Fucking love this author, I've loved this whole series it just sucks you in, I especially loved these two characters, reading the interaction between these two you feel their friendship, their pain, their loss and their love, and I freaking love all those feels!! I love an author who can bring emotions out of me just by words written in a book..And this author does that for me time and time again, she never disappoints..This was like a rollercoaster on speed with the feels that kept coming at me..

I'm off to stalk the author to see what else she is going to bring us readers!!

My father taught me to always be the stronger one, to make those around me bow down through fear
