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A moving story about love, redemption and what happens when life switches to fast forward.

Cassie learned the hard way: Love forgives... in the end.

In No Reverse, Josh and Cassie's epic love story went from the brink of destruction to a fragile new beginning. Now they must mend their broken family and win back the son they gave up five years ago.

But second chances need to be earned and the road ahead is rocky. With Cassie on tour and Josh trying his hand at a political career, the struggle becomes clear. When the adoption takes a bad turn, Cassie and Josh are prepared to give up everything for the fight of their lives.

Will this young family finally heal the years of heartache, or will they be torn apart for good?

* Note: There is no cliffhanger.

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From Reader Review Fast Forward for online ebook

Sarah says

I can't wait. It will be like Christmas a few days early

Zizz says

4-4.5stars

Second chance romances are never easy. For Cassie and Josh, the past six years apart have made the road to that fairy tale ending almost seemed impossible.

This was a very good sequel. Coming off the first book, I would have thought that there were no major battles looming ahead and the sequel would be the usual unnecessary ones. For one, Cassie and Josh had found each other again by the end of No Reverse. The fiancée had been dealt with - with as much grace as Josh could i.e. there was no nail-biting love triangle nor cheating involved.

BUT much to my surprise, so many bombs detonated along the way in this sequel. The conflicts just kept coming and they weren't even forced into the storyline. Given Cassie and Josh's situation, all these events were very realistic and relevant. They had a child together that Cassie had to give up for adoption. A child that Josh did not know existed until recently because Cassie gave him up to let Josh have his dream of a political future away from Steep Hill to Capitol Hill.

Finding each other again did not solve everything. There were plenty of difficulties in having to adopt Lucas given their past estrangement and Josh's recent engagement/recent filing for divorce to another couple battling them out for his adoption.

On fairy tale land, Josh and Cassie were destined to be together. Childhood friends turned lovers. They fell in love at sixteen only to get pregnant after losing their virginity to one another. They were from the differing ends of the social spectrum and at that age with the future all up in the air, it just wasn't meant to be. But given the mounting problems the second time around, you had to wonder if it really was meant to be.

"No. Everything about us was meant to be. Everything. The beautiful along with the ugly, and it's all our doing."

I loved this sequel for putting us through so many emotions that my stomach was in knots the whole time. Every bump felt real though. Yet, the two never wavered in their love for each other. Yes, trust and forgiveness was a struggle but I never had any doubts about their love.

The gist of it is that the road to happiness is never easy. Nothing is ever perfect but people who are committed to each other, stay together and work hard to stay together.

Lauren at Live Read and Breathe Reviews says

Source: eARC for Honest Review from Author

After the very touching first book No Reverse I HAD to find out what happens with Josh and Cassie.

I think with this book I was expecting more happiness and joy. For poor Josh and Cassie things do not come easy for them. The battle for them and for their son Lucas is nothing but full of hardships and tribulations.

Because there was so many trials and tribulations it felt a bit much at times but watching the growth of Cassie and Josh as individuals as well as partners was worth the read.

It's heartbreaking how decisions good or bad can have such weight in reality. For Cass and Josh they have made their fair share of bad choices but they all come back to haunt them. When all they want is to make amends for the choices and move on.

This book envelopes the true notion of second chances and Lucas just steals your heart.

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I really do adore this series and Marion Croslydon's writing and I Can't wait to find out what happens with Lenor and Zach as well as Sam and maybe will get to Shawn get a book as well? (fingers crossed)

Sara says

3.5 stars. This was a vast improvement from No Reverse, where Josh and Cassie are concerned. In this book, I felt their connection. Their struggle to navigate being married, working, outside influences trying to pull them apart, and their strong belief that they are meant to be. And the struggle to adopt their own damn son.

Cassie became a stronger woman in this book, but to me she still had more to go. She did act more mature, nurturing, and finally opened up to Josh expressing her concerns and doubt. The times these two opened up and expressed their fears were the times I felt the honesty and realness of their love. It's what sold me on them. Cassie needed to let Josh be her protector and provider. Not that he needed to be the boss, he needed to feel like her man. That he was capable of taking care of her and protect her. She was so used to fending for herself, she didn't realize how that affected him. For Josh it was important to not be stuck in their teenage relationship of the past, but the adults they were now. He needed to feel that she needed him, that is some ways she depended on him. It was very endearing.

While navigating Josh working in politics, Cassie was breaking into the music scene as a singer/songwriter. There were a couple of outside influences that could have caused drama, but the new Josh and Cass promised to be honest, and when there were any doubts or questions they actually talked. No unnecessary drama or cheating. That was another plus to them.

The process of adopting Lucas brought out the good and the bad. The what ifs. Doubts. You name it. But the commonality was the love they had for him. Which was created by their love for each other. In this book, I finally saw the bond between them that I craved in No Reverse. Loving Lucas wasn't the only thing binding them together. There were many ups and downs in that process and I found myself thinking they deserved to be a family.

Overall I actually enjoyed this book more than the first.

Ellen says

4.5 Hearts

I fell in love with Cassie and Josh's story in No Reverse and have been anxiously awaiting the the release of Fast Forward to see how their chapter in this series would wind up. These two teenage sweethearts fell in love, were forced into early adulthood by a teenage pregnancy, torn apart by lies and misplaced responsibilities, then reunited five years later, despite circumstances that made it seem next to impossible for that to happen, desperate to recover the family and the love they lost years ago. Now together, Cassie and Josh face the battle of fighting to be able to get back their son Lucas, the challenges of Cassie's career as a singer, and the difficulties presented by Josh's career on Capitol Hill. Circumstances like these would challenge the strongest of couples, so needless to say, Cassie and Josh's love, their fragile relationship, their commitment, and their resolve are tested to the extreme in Fast Forward. They not only have to face the past and the circumstances and relationships from it, but they have to go through many difficult obstacles and roadblocks to adopt Lucas, while learning how to trust and love each other again. It is a definitely a rocky road, but nonetheless one that they are determined to travel.

I loved watching how Cassie and Josh's characters developed and matured in Fast Forward. It is obvious they love each other, yet each questions the other's love for them. Past relationships threaten to rise up and destroy them, and I was really pleased with how the each handled this. They go through so much together trying to get Lucas back, both trying to be strong, while learning to recognize their faults, and learning to be what the other person needs them to be. Lucas is the glue and the goal that cements them together, but they must go back to their roots, back to their beginning, and find that love is the foundation upon which family, relationship, and futures are built upon.

I love Marion Croslydn's writing. She has the ability to draw you into the story enabling you to identify with the characters and experience what they are going through right along with them. Fast Forward is told from

both Cassie and Josh's point of view, which I loved. For me, the story had my attention from beginning to end and I was rooting for these two to find their happily ever after.

I loved how Marion Croslydon ended the story and brought everything together. There is also a beautiful epilogue, which is something I adore in a book. Fast Forward is a wonderful conclusion to Cassie and Josh's story and I thoroughly enjoyed it. If you love contemporary romance, then the Second Chances Series is one that I would definitely recommend adding to your TBR list. I can't wait to see where Marion Croslydon takes the story in future installments as we read the stories of some of the secondary characters.

Quotes:

"Cass, I've wanted to marry you since you stomped on my foot back in first grade. I just couldn't do it then because we were six and it'd have been illegal."

"Family is about love, and love is something we have plenty of."

"You are worth fighting for. You are worth dying for. And you are certainly worth living for."

"I believe in you, Joshua MacBride. I have faith in you and I rely on you. You're my hero. I should have told you that a long time ago and I'm sorry I didn't."

Lily says

"Cass, I've wanted to marry you since you stomped on my foot back in first grade. I just couldn't do it then because we were six and it'd have been illegal."- josh

wow what a way to end an amazing story of love and trust. Fast Forward is the continuation to No Reverse. Fast Forward starts right off from where we left off in the last book. We follow Josh and Cass together again and we see how they figure out a way to complete their family with Lucas in it. We see all the struggles that the characters encounter to finally adopt Lucas as their son. We also see how Josh and Cass rekindle their love towards one another and how they start getting to know each other again. We see the couple trying to build a family in a new city and in a new town. We see Josh in his new job and Cass following her dreams in music.

"You are my future, Cassie O'Malley. The brightest of all. So, do we have a deal?"

I loved this story about second chances and unconditional love, I loved how we got to see the ups and the downs between Josh and Cass I loved to see how they learned to trust each other again and I love how much they loved Lucas. I'm glad our characters got their happily ever after because lords know they needed it. The author did an amazing job if you loved No Reverse you will love Fast Forward. I give this book 4 stars. I just wished it was a bit longer I felt like the ending was kind of rushed.

"Family is about love, and love is something we have plenty of."

Sassy Sext Addiction Book Lovers says

MaRanda's Thoughts on BOTH books

No Reverse by Marie Croslydon

Love from two different sides of the track. Josh and Cassie had been best friends since they were six years old. They tried to live out their fairytale by getting married. But Josh's father wasn't having his son marry "white trash". In Josh's eyes, Cassie was his Cinderella.

This was one of the most emotional reads of 2013 for me. Getting married at such a young age, teen pregnancy, abortion/adoption and then heartache.

6 years later, fate brings the two back into each others lives. But Josh has moved on. He is set to marry someone else, if Cassie would just sign the divorce papers. Despite all the anger both have built up towards one another, they share one goal. Lucas, their son.

This story is told in present and flashbacks. It seems like a lot, but it's well worth it.

Some fav quotes.

I couldn't get enough of that sweet taste of hers. It was like nothing else, no one else. Her taste was mine. I owned it. Right from the start, I'd owned it. I wanted the rest of her to be mine again.-pg 190

Gran always used to say that true love did not give second chances. If you were too careless to miss your first chance at it, you weren't worthy of it."-pg 242

Fast Forward by Marie Croslydon

After their encounter 6 years later, Cassie and Josh decide to give true love a second chance. They go through hell and back to be together and to get their son back. Can they prove that they are stable enough parents to win the grueling custody battle?

This story, I kid you not, sucked me in. In both books, I felt love, anger and sadness. This Author has a way with words.

I can't wait to read more from this author.

I rate both books 4.5 book marks.

Kelley says

There is a plan in place. Cassie and Josh present a united front in order to be eligible to adopt their biological son. The toughest road is behind them right? They been through so much. What could stop them now? Little did they know that Josh's father would put a stumbling block in their way. They never would have thought

that another family might want to adopt Lucas.

Can Cassie and Josh even survive as a couple if they are unable to get Lucas back?

It was heartbreaking to see everything that Josh and Cassie had to go through to be able to adopt their own son. I fell in love with Josh and Cassie all over again in Fast Forward and grew to admire their strength and courage throughout the adoption process. My only complaint is how this story ended. It was a bit abrupt and I felt a little robbed of Josh and Cassie's final "Happily Ever After". I felt like there were some unanswered questions as well.

Overall Fast Forward was a very enjoyable read. I would love it if Marion would give us a holiday novella someday to get another glimpse of Josh and Cassie's happiness.

books are love says

I love how this ended. It was a bumpy ride for Cassie and Josh. Cassie needed to learn to give up control and trust Josh. Josh needed to give up his anger and forgive. Cassie though did not make it easy for Josh. At christmas, she was horrendous and pushed him away. Almost broke Josh. Her desire to control all outcomes is destructive for them.

The journey to get their son back is not an easy one. His father and their past as obstacles to battle through and it puts a strain on them. Josh is patient with Cassie though no matter how mean and insecure she feels. He supports her no matter what. Even encourages her to pursue her career.

As Cassie is doing this Josh is pursuing his as well. His though has Cassie jealous and confused as to if Josh is going to be there. She expresses this to Josh and wounds him. Sometimes you wonder if Cassie can let go of the past and move on. Josh is trying so hard to prove himself. His love knows no bounds.

I am not saying Josh is not at fault for things for he is but he is trying so hard to prove himself and be what Cassie needs. Too bad she keeps pushing him away. In the end these two realize that they cannot live without each other and learn to trust and love no matter what.

A beautiful series on love and trust. A series that shows love conquers all and when you learn to become partners and trust each other a beautiful world opens up for you.

Marion Croslydon says

Fast Forward is the second and FINAL chapter in Cassie and Josh's story. It is the sequel to No Reverse. It is now available on Amazon.

The first five chapters of Fast Forward can be downloaded here (<http://ow.ly/q9X8E>)

Lenor and Sam (from No Reverse) will have their own second chance at love in Second Chances # 3 and Second Chances # 4, which should be released in May and August 2014 respectively. Full title, cover and blurb reveal before then of course! Both books will be stand-alone.

Autumn Review says

First impression:

I loved Josh and Cassie's story in No Reverse. I was anxious to see if they would get their son back. I was satisfied with the ending of No Reverse, but I needed them to truly have a happy ending.

The story:

Fast Forward was about Josh and Cassie's struggle to get their son back. The adoption process was difficult on it's own, but Josh and Cassie are both at the beginning of their careers. Learning how to balance all of this stress is difficult on their relationship. They strive to rebuild their relationship, but past insecurities threaten to stand in the way, in addition to the stress of being apart and trying to get their son back.

I won't tell you what happens, but I was on the edge of my seat until the very end. They've both matured so much, even from the last book, and it was great to see how they work through their issues as a team when it mattered.

The characters:

Cassie reminds me of myself at times. She has trouble allowing others to support her. She's always been responsible for herself. I think she used it as a defense mechanism. And as much as she loved Josh, she always felt like her decisions and choices were the best for their relationship. Cassie needed to learn to trust that Josh would always put her first. Also, I appreciated seeing her follow her passion with her music career. I think it was important for her to follow that dream, just as much as it was for her to have her family back together.

I've always liked Josh. I don't think he's always handled the challenges in their relationships well, but he always put his love for Cassie first. Josh is the kind of guy that likes to be needed. He knows that Cassie likes to take the lead in their relationship, but it has created a lot of problems for them. Granted, she felt she was making the right choices for Josh, but Josh was fully prepared to make sacrifices for his family. I really loved seeing Josh fight for Cassie and their son, Lucas. I also loved that he finally stood up to Cassie and pleaded with her to have faith in him to make the best choices for them. He's really a good guy.

As for supporting characters, I'm looking forward to Lenor's book and I'm hoping that Sam will get a book too. Sam's reappearance in this book is short lived, but it made me miss him. I liked Sam in the first book, a lot.

What didn't work for me:

Ironically, what bothered me was also what I liked about Cassie. I liked that she followed her dreams, but the mother in me couldn't believe she would go off during the adoption process. I know there wasn't much they could do, but I know I wouldn't be able to stay away from my child.

Overall:

I was happy with the way Cassie and Josh's story wrapped up. It wasn't necessarily in a pretty bow and it wasn't fast, but I was happy in the end. They are a great couple and I wouldn't mind getting a novella in the future just to get an update. Although, I'm curious to see if they will make an appearance in the rest of the series. If you like stories about second chances, this is a great series to read. I'm certainly enjoying it!

Favorite Quotes:

~"One day...soon, I'll have more. Neither of you will be in need of anything. I swear to God. I'll make you both safe and happy, and I'll work hard to keep it that way. Always."-Loc 214

~"I believe in you, Joshua MacBride. I have faith in you and I rely on you. You're my hero. I should have told you that a long time ago and I'm sorry I didn't."-Loc 3419

Mika Pisueña says

"You are worth fighting for. You are worth dying for. And you are certainly worth living for."

We follow Josh and Cassie's story from No Reverse where Cassie pursues her husband for adoption qualifications and Josh pursues her for a divorce. Revelations were made and lives were altered but amongst all their love for each other prevailed.

In Fast Forward, Cassie and Josh are back together and they are pursuing both of their dreams. Cassie's dream to be a well renowned singer and songwriter, Josh's dream to be a politician and serve his country and both of their dreams involving getting their Son back from the system and build a happy family. But the road to fulfilling all of that is not a walk in the park. Cassie must make a decision, her own personal dreams of being a singer or getting her own son back and this time she can't have her cake and eat it too. While Josh struggles as a junior staff at a Senator's office where the ghosts of his past keeps finding him, namely in the form of a sexy blonde, Megan and her ex supposed-to-be father-in-law, Senator Carrington. Then there's the Loretis, the perfect American couple who has their eyes set into adopting Lucas also. Will they ever get their family back? Or maybe their second chance were just not meant to be?

I cannot compare my fondness of No Reverse to my fondness of Fast Forward. Yes, I have cried my eyes out on the former but I had my heart thumping and my hair pulling in suspense and frustration on the latter. The feelings the novel invoked in me were like a fire. Unpredictable and dangerous. I keep anticipating if one of them will slip up, yes, there are near instances but they regain their footing and both Josh and Cassie's determination moved me.

Whoever said that adoption is an easy process? We may have been brainwashed by the movie industry when a movie about adoption ends in a scene where the couple/individual goes up to a child, tells them they're gonna be their new mommy/daddy, hugs them, the child hugs back and **BAM!** The End. But nooooo, Fast Forward tells the true story behind every adoption. The nitty gritty details. That even in Josh and Cassie's case, with them being the biological parents, adoption is a very tedious process. One that can potentially ruin a relationship if the foundation is not strong enough.

I can also say that even and if their adoption will be granted, the path to raising Lucas will be full of potholes, bumps, and twists and turns. Especially, when he grows up and becomes inquisitive on his adoption. I am not asking for a third book, I am pretty much contented on how Croslydon ended things. I have waited for months for this sequel and yes, she has certainly delivered. Josh and Cassie's story has truly been an eye opener for me. I hope that others will, too.

Marion Croslydon

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4 Second Chance Stars

This was my chance- our chance- to make things right. I'd made a promise to Cass and damn it all to hell, I'd never break it.

Sweet mother of feels what an emotional roller coaster Josh and Cassie's story took me on. I'm still trying to get all my feels right because...damn...just damn.

Fast Forward is the highly emotional conclusion to the story introduced in No Reverse. Please note that if you haven't read the first book, this review might have minor spoilers.

Josh and Cassie have now reconciled and are back together trying to make a new life for themselves while fighting to get custody of their son. But nothing is ever easy for them...not even close.

I'll be honest, this book is not really my typical preference. As emotionally charged as the first book was, I really enjoyed it. This one, while not being what I'd normally read, I still enjoyed. The writing is phenomenal. Marion Croslydon has a way with words, that much I can tell you.

So why the 4 stars? This book had a little too much drama for me. It was one road block after another followed by 5 more for these two. The second they would resolve one thing, something else would happen. It was non-stop.

Between the drunken/abusive father, the adoption, Josh's new job and ex-fiance, it was non stop drama. Some may really enjoy it, but I prefer my drama in doses...not through the whole book.

That being said, the book was beautifully written and the love story between Josh and Cassie was truly touching. Watching everything they go through and how it made them grow as people and as a couple was great. The epilogue was the perfect way to close their story. So while it may not be anything I'd go back to, it was still a very enjoyable read.

If you're looking for an emotional love story of second chances, then this book is definitely for you.

Read my review for book 1, No Reverse [here](#)

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Lindsay Catari says

Sorry, this was worse than the previous one. too much drama for two 24th years old even though it looked like something out of Teen Mom..

The only character worth reading for was Sam and just out of curiosity.!

adnke says

Josh is Cassie's one true love and she is his even though they have to work out trust issues the love is there. The fight to adopt Lucas adds to the stress of their putting together their marriage back together but in the end they are a family.
