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A QUIRKY RAY OF SUNSHINE BREATHES NEW LIFE INTO A LONELY WIDOWER IN THIS DEBUT NOVEL BY ROBIN HILL.

Be the butterfly, Frankie...

Francesca Valentine would rather swear off chocolate than go on vacation solo, but she made a promise to her late father to come out of her shell and live a little. When her best friend bails on their annual girls' trip, she vows to do just that, but her plan is foiled when the hotel loses her reservation. Alone and stranded in Austin, Texas during one of the world's largest music festivals, she's rescued by a mysterious stranger, and an unexpected friendship blossoms.

Ten years after losing his family in a tragic accident, Darian Fox is finally back on his feet. The onetime rock star turned successful indie label-owner is content with the isolated life he's created for himself and wants to keep it that way. But when he's forced to travel to Texas on behalf of his company, he finds it's hard to be alone in a city overrun with people. He meets the beautiful, magnetic Francesca and discovers *alone* is the last thing he wants to be.

The unlikely pair form a bond that elevates them from merely existing to living a life less ordinary. But the lines of friendship quickly blur, and when Francesca's true feelings surface, Darian will have to decide between breaking her heart and breaking the promise he made to the family he lost. With his own heart ruled by guilt, does Francesca even stand a chance?

...Spread your wings and fly.

WAITING FOR THE SUN is part one in a two part duet. Part two, RIDERS ON THE STORM, to follow. Due to mature content, both installments are recommended for readers 18 and up.

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From Reader Review Waiting for the Sun for online ebook

Marley Jacobs says

(Warning this review contains an excessive use of parentheses and stray profanity.)

The first thing I read by Robin Hill was a review of H.A. Robinson's *The Pebble Jar* - and my immediate thought was: damn, this girl can write! My second thought was: gotta get *The Pebble Jar* (p.s. so glad I did, that book poked holes in my heart!) This is all by way of saying, when I discovered Robin Hill was an author with a book in the queue, I was all over it. (I mean shit, if you can hook a girl with a review of a book ...)

Fast forward a couple months and now her words and characters are all over me - from the first page, they just crawl into your skin and live there in a beautiful way. *Waiting for the Sun* is a layered story where our MC's (Darian & Frankie) are imprinted with tragedies that have come before. And I certainly felt Darian's past; the power of his first love story was tangible in a way that juiced even more emotion out of me. I wanted him to have his happy ending - he deserved it. (Even when he was being a goddamn fucking idiot.)

And then there's Frankie. Frankie with all her jubilation and wit and quirky internal monologue - it made sense that Darian would fall for her, it made fucking sense people. This wasn't one of those 'let's stretch a rubber band until it breaks' scenarios, their attraction and their evolving love felt authentic. And their age difference was compelling to me for many reasons (which I won't go into, if only because it will reveal just much time I spent dissecting and marinating over their story.) I will say the moment Darian looks across the table at her and says, 'so you're 21?' I had to put the kindle down and stop smiling like an idiot. Like a fucking, girlie-idiot. For some reason knowing this man was crumbling for her and feeling weird about it made me giddy. I don't know. Ask my therapist about my issues - I'm just telling you it was a yummy scene to read. Suffice to say that Darian and Frankie's journey is a textured one that hearkens back to some of my go-to romance favs. And you can't speak of this story without giving a shout out to the supporting ensemble: Jane (I love you Jane!), Gloria, Texas, Drew (how you manage to successfully carve a character out of texts, I don't know - but ask Robin Hill because she fucking figured out how to do it), - and of course, there's the music! Even though *Waiting for the Sun* is a duet and therefore doesn't 'end,' your heart gets a full ride, and in that, there's a sweet sense of completion. It just happens to be coupled with the sticky excitement of more angst to come. I'm relieved to know I get MORE but until then, these characters live in my kindle whenever I want to go back to them. P.s. Be prepared to crave cocktails, waffles, breakfast burritos, olive oil, sex -all kinds of goodies when you read this book. Best to just make sure you have it all on hand before you begin.

~**Anna**~ A Romance Reader says

This book was so good! I can't believe its Robin Hill's debut!

Darian Fox, Darian Fox how I love thee! He's been through so much, my heart bled for him. I can't imagine experiencing that type of pain and surviving. I really liked that he's not your typical alpha. He's a normal guy and I loved him for that. That doesn't mean he wasn't special cause he so is! I fell in love with his heart, his strength, his kindness and his love for Star Wars.

Frankie was amazing! I want to be her BFF. I liked that she's not a drama queen. I truly believe she's perfect for Darian and I can't wait to see their relationship grow.

This book ends on a minor cliffhanger, but it didn't bother me. I can't wait for book 2, *Riders on the Storm*!

Overall this was a great debut novel by Robin Hill. I highly recommend it to all romance fans, I promise you are going to love it!

Emma Scott says

I've read this novel in various stages of its evolution, but honestly, it was pretty clear it was a solid read from the start. The fact that I know this author personally doesn't change or skew my opinion of her writing, except to say that I can see so much of her in it. The precision with which she chose every word, the charm inherent in the pages, and the wit and intelligence of the dialogue are all reflections of the author, unintended though they may be.

Frankie is exactly what the blurb states: a quirky ray of sunshine. She is also authentic, with heart and sass, but realistic insecurities too. Robin captures perfectly how a star-struck, chance encounter morphs effortlessly to something deeper, hitting every level along the way. Darian is swoony and sweet, but too wrapped into his own pain to see the treasure standing right in front of him. (view spoiler)

This is a debut novel, but leaves out no element of a romance; swoony, wit, charm, funny moments and emotional. It tells a chocolate mousse love story: fluffy and delicious on the surface and then three bites in (or fifty pages) you realize how deep and rich it really is.

KAS says

5 You Had Me At “Kaput” Stars!!!

When a book hits my top three sweet spots, Angsty! Swoony! & Sexy!, I know I have just read something great! And if that same book makes me FEEL, then I have read something special. And yes indeed, this is very special! For extra good measure, it was sprinkled with humor and wit, which kept a perpetual smile on my face!

After reading the prologue, I knew I was going to be in for all the feels from “Oh, no!” to “Oh, yes!” and everything in between. I inhaled every word and didn't dare move from my 'reading recliner' as I was so totally immersed in the storyline.

Frankie and Darian are simply the most endearing characters, and I became quickly attached. Frankie's life has become boring and secluded. She is downright tired of feeling lonely. When she got up the nerve to set her spunky personality, quick wit and amusing sense of humor free, she immediately handed me her heart for safe keeping. The sinfully gorgeous Darian had my heart pure aching and my pulse rate humming as he struggled with the demons of his past always at war with his desires for a future. His lonely life was suffocating him.

When they meet unexpectedly at a popular music festival, their mutual need to “live a little” leads them to keeping each other company for the week. They quickly discover their chemistry together is sizzling hot, but someone is going to get painfully burned.

I thought it was pure genius how one spoken word ... “kaput” ... brought two lonely individuals together and set them on a path that would change their lives forever.

This is one phenomenal debut release, and I am so thrilled to now be following another author I can place in my “favorites” column!!

Renee ♥?My heroes are ordinary says

5+++++ Stars!!!!

This is EVERYTHING I want in a book, and I couldn't have loved it more!

I laughed, I cried, I SWOONED, and my tummy twisted in the most delicious way!

Waiting for the Sun is the story of Frankie, who's trying to come out of her shell and build a life, but until she meets handsome yet broken, intense yet sexy Darian, she doesn't realize what she's missing.

And it's the story of Darian, who, after a tragedy in his life and years of not really living, meets young and vibrant, beautiful and charming Frankie and doesn't know what hit him.

What starts as a favor, turns into a friendship, and then becomes a romance that neither of them is prepared for, yet once it's happened, they each have to decide if they're ready to deal with their feelings and if not, whether it's too late to turn back.

Robin Hill has written a story that gripped me from the very beginning, and as I read each chapter, I never wanted it to end. Frankie and Darian became a part of me and I felt every happiness, every yearning, and every heartache deep in my soul. That's truly something special--something that only happens for me with a very few books. From the first page, I was enchanted by the story, the writing, the characters, the wit, the charm, the romance--by ALL of it!

With its wonderful writing and captivating story line, this is definitely one of my top books of the year, and I'll be waiting with bated breath for more of Frankie and Darian!

Robin Hill says

Diana says

I love when I jump into a book, without knowing very much about it, and I am sucked into the story from the very beginning. *Waiting for the Sun* is a debut novel by Robin Hill, and I am so glad I read this little gem.

This story is about a young woman, Francesca Valentine, who meets and falls in love with a successful businessman in the music industry, Darian Fox. At first, it is a “friends with benefits” relationship, but when emotions get involved, everything gets complicated. Darian is struggling to come to terms with his heart wrenching past, or he may lose his chance at future happiness.

I loved both Frankie and Darian. She was quirky and her inner monologues were very realistic. Darian was a real cutie, but my heart really broke for him. Yes, there were a few times I didn't like his actions, but he thought he was doing the right thing.

I highly recommend this book, but I should warn you that this book ends with a HFN. The cliffy isn't huge, but I am patiently waiting for book 2.

Danielle ♥? Pretty Mess Reading ♥? says

****4 STARS****

There comes a point in people's lives when they have to accept the fact that men deal with loss and heartbreak a lot different than women. When women hurt, there is a hidden strength we have that allows us to find a way to go on and for men it is not the same. *Waiting For The Sun* by Robin Hill is a beautiful example how a man needs a strong woman to heal.

Darian is a shell of his former self for one of the most heartbreaking reasons one could think of. His past haunts him something terrible. (If I went through what he went through, I don't know if I ever would have healed.) For the last 10 years of Darian's life he has lived in solitude with no escape in sight until he hears something that he never thought he would hear again – but I'm not going to tell you. You're going to have to read it for yourself!

Francesca has forgotten the joys of life. She's forgotten how to live for herself. She's shy and introverted yet determined to find her place in this world. The only thing is that she didn't plan on finding it with a broken man. But does she really? You're going to have to read it for yourself!

Enter a different problem. . . Darian's a lot older than Francesca. I personally don't have a problem with the age difference but one of them do. That fact alone puts both of their hearts at risk of shattering.

“ . . . I got upset with you for making me feel like a child. . . I'm alone all the time. . . being alone is so...lonely.” – Francesca

“I’m familiar with lonely.” – Darian

It was beautiful watching Darian finding himself again. Was he an asshole who did a lot of stupid shit? Yes. But what man doesn’t. Us women have to mold them because they sure can’t do it themselves.

As Francesca discovers her self worth, Darian has to figure out how to take the leap that she needs. That people is the icing on the cake for me. I love when a woman knows or learns her worth. Girl power, bitches!

Do I recommend this book? I do! I do! I do!

Will I read another book by this author? Yep! Now she needs to hurry up and give me book 2 before I go crazy over here.

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Remember to follow all things messy. . .

Paige says

I laughed. I swooned. I raged. I swooned. And I really liked this book.

Frankie and Darian meet at a hotel while they’re both in Texas for a concert. Frankie alone on her own for the first time finds that she doesn’t have a hotel room after her best friend had to go back home. Stranded, she figures she might as well find her way back home as well. But in steps a good samaritan. Darian has an extra big hotel suit and asks Frankie if she’d like to use his extra room. Something about her drew him in. As they spend the next couple of days getting to know each other, Frankie realizes that Darian isn’t ready for anything serious and while that’s a bit of a bummer, she doesn’t mind having some no-strings fun. At least until Darian starts throwing some mixed signals. When the weekend ends in a big let down, Frankie drives home maybe more upset that she ought to be. But waking to find Darian at her house asking for more no-strings time at this in Miami, she gives in. What follows is a push and pull of gigantic proportions with one heart laid bare and one closed tight.

This debut definately made me feel. Mostly rage and frustration on behalf of Frankie but also heartbreak for Darian and also hope. Hope that they’d find their way to each other because no matter how different they were, they had an obvious connection that I needed acknowledged. While this is a first a duet, it’s not a traditional cliffhanger. There is definately more to their story and I need it asap, but this was a wonderful debut and I can’t wait for more from this author.

ARC provided for honest review.

Malene says

One thing is certain. Robin Hill can write. Oh my god can she write. Her flawless prose and her eloquent words managed numerous times to knock the wind out me cause the emotion behind the story and its characters were so powerful.

Waiting For The Sun is such a life affirming story of loss, taking changes not only with your life but with your heart. Francesca and Darian snuck into my heart immediately and I never let them go cause I didn't want to. Their story was too important. I felt I was on the sidelines with them experiencing their beginning of a friendship that would impact them both and change them forever. Irrevocably.

Darian and Francesca are two people I could see something of myself in. I could relate with them and that's why this story resonated so strongly with me. They've both experienced losing people they love. How they chose to deal with their losses was a different matter. Their friendship and relationship was written in a fabulous pace that gave both characters time to evolve. Individually and together.

There's so many incredible moments throughout their relationship and I loved how effortlessly the author blended romance, angst and humor into the story which gave it more depth.

It's hard to fathom that Waiting For The Sun is Robin Hill's debut cause it definitely didn't read and feel like it. She blew me away with her first book. Darian and Francesca made me laugh, swoon, cry, cheer. I pretty much went through every emotion. I want more of this captivating couple, more of Robin Hill's exquisite writing. I'll be patiently waiting for the sequel cause this story it just that damn good.

5 BadAssDirtyChocolateAndDietCokeStars

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC provided by the author for an honest review

R. Kitt says

3.5 Friends with Benefits... Never Works Out Stars

Much to enjoy about this story!

21 year old Frankie (Francesca) Valentine has recently lost her father and is finding her way back into living as a young adult, not a teenage caretaker with piles of stress. Her friend Jane and her are supposed to have a girl's vacation at the music festival SXSW, but plans change. Frankie ends up happening upon an older man named Darian who has crippling guilt and past tragedies weighing him down.

36 year old Darian Fox has been avoiding serious relationships for the past 10 years to uphold vows he'd made. He doesn't even want to be at SXSW but his record label requires it. After a hotel event he happens upon a girl he decides to help... one thing leads to another and he's in a FWB relationship with her, clearly agreed upon by both parties (Darian & Frankie).

Things get complicated...

There was sweetness, sadness, and personal mending in this story. I didn't love some of the back and forth with rather quick sorrys and forgiveness that happened between the adult couple, but with that being said, this couple was still really fun to read about and I'm looking forward to reading about how their journey continues.

Ends on a little cliffhanger.

Robin, thank you so much for giving me an ARC so I didn't have to wait for my pre-ordered copy to arrive (January 16th 2018)!! Such a great book debut! xo

Lisa Aiello says

I am floating on a happy, blissful cloud right now! So full confession...I read this book in pieces as it was being written and this is my first opportunity to read it in it's completed form, and it's like I'm reading a whole new story (side-eyeing Robin, because there's a lot of stuff in the finished product that I don't remember happening). I loved Frankie and Darian from the very start, but now I love them even more now, if that's possible. Frankie is simply perfection. She is smart, self-aware, charming, hilarious, genuine. I am NEVER about the heroine in my books, but Frankie is simply irresistible. I see so much of Robin's own personality interwoven into Frankie's, but not so much that it jars me from the story. And let's talk about Darian. Swoon...and a hard thud!! He is sublime. Broken by the cruelty of life's unfairness, lonely, gorgeous, romantic, quietly confident, wealthy, generous. That's like book boyfriend catnip, with a little sprinkle of crack on top.

So we have amazing characters...but we also have an amazing storyline and romance for the two of them. There are so many moments of beauty and truth and pure genuineness (is that even a word??) that tugged at my heart. Oh yes, there is angst, but not unnecessary angst. It is just a pure and honest depiction of the various crap that life throws in our path. I laughed out loud many times (as I said, Frankie is just hilarious.). My heart ached for both of them. And, yeah, there were waterworks too. And moments when my heart just sighed.

I truly cannot wait for Book 2.

Josiane says

My review is based on a beta version of this book so the final version may be even better!

Frankie is taking a break from the doldrums of her life and stepping out of her comfort zone by going to a music festival with her best friend Jane. Nothing goes as planned and destiny takes over. That's all you'll get from me about the story LOL

Oh yeah.. and there's a guy and maybe a hot hookup.. maybe

This story is rooted in reality. While the characters and events are fictional, their actions and reactions felt very genuine which for me makes it a great read. Not a single eye roll from me.

The author is equally skilled at combining light humor and deep emotional scenes. Frankie is easy to relate to as the MC, I identified with her right away. She's not over dramatic and very self aware.

If you're looking for a great contemporary romance, pick this one up.
There's no cliff hanger per say but there's more to come and I can't wait!

Elyse Walters says

Thank you *KAS*

"A huge smiles spreads over my lips."

"Oh my God, Darian, You remembered."

"I remember everything you tell me," he says.".....

A total dude book! ha!

"I can't help but grin. And it means you'll be in Texas more".....

Part II is coming for sooooooooooooo much more fun, *guys*.....(women are allowed this much fun too)

Guilty pleasure reading --viva-la-melty!

Na says

4.5 stars

"Be the butterfly, Frankie. Spread your wings and fly."

When I started Waiting for the Sun I had no idea what was coming for me. It's a wonderful, heartbreaking, refreshing story which touched me deeply. At about 37% into the book I had to write to the author assuring me that I won't leave the book heartbroken with a cliffhanger because this is going to be a two part duet.

The first time my heart broke was with the epilogue already. We don't get the full story then, but it's obvious what tragedy is going to happen, which will leave us with a stunningly beautiful man (inside out) broken and shattered beyond repair. Or so we think... Think again, then now we'll meet Frankie. A troubled girl with her very own ghosts of the past haunting her.

The first encounter between Frankie and Darian leaves sparks of chemistry all over the upcoming pages. There is something you can't quite get a grip on, that pulls those two together and you feel it instantly. It's obvious from the beginning that they are good for each other. Getting to know each other slowly and trying to get the other out of his snail shell the story progresses with steady flow. Usually with a pounding heart and a smile on your lips. But often enough your heart will ache. Mostly for Darian.

The more Darian tries to fight falling in love with Frankie or let's say accepting he's falling for her, the faster

he fell without realizing it.

"Lonely is so much lonelier when you realize what you're missing."

""For the first time in ten years, I'm not lonely," he says, "and I have a feeling you aren't either.""

The question this book tries to solve is, how can a man who suffered such a tremendous loss, come back to life and learn to love again. Darian's earth was shattered 10 years ago and he never allowed himself to live again. Until Frankie. Frankie seems to be his magical unicorn healing him while he heals her.

""Love happens when it happens. Some people fall in love, some people start out that way." And some people refuse to love at all."

Sure enough the lines blurred quickly while trying to contain a friendship course. Friends with benefits never ends well. Either one or both get hurt in the process. I fell as hard for Darian as Frankie. It was impossible not to. Besides his troubled and haunting past, he's adorable perfect. And even though he's quite rich, he's down to earth you wouldn't expect from a man in his position.

"Sometimes there is nothing we can do to help the people we love so we do what we can to make them smile."

But Darian's troubled past cracks the happy bubble soon enough. And honestly, it would have been a miracle if it hadn't. I understand his mixed feelings and that he doesn't allow himself to love again as he blames himself for the tragedy that came down on him. But how lucky must a man be finding true love twice in his life? And thank god he comes to his senses. That he deserves love and to breath again. This was the hardest part for me. The mixed feelings, the hurt, the confusion, the denial. My heart broke for Darian.

"You know the saying sometimes love isn't enough? I used to think it was such bullshit. Love is everything."

While reading Waiting for the Sun I had always one specific song in my mind, every time Frankie and Darian were together, specially while intimate. That song is called "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran. Even though not all lines fit for this couple, a lot of them do.

Waiting for the Sun is special, deep and heartbreaking, down to earth and so full of love your heart might burst. Can't wait getting my hands on the second book!

Thank you Robin Hill for giving us this wonderful story. Your writing is exceptional captivating!

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.
