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Cory Marshall-

I've been in love with him for almost half of my life. He's my older brother's best friend. He's a player, a notorious heartbreaker...and now he wants a shot at mine.

Marcus O'Connor-

He's been my best friend for as long as I can remember. He's loyal, he's compassionate...he's beautiful.

How can I possibly choose between one man who could break my heart and another who might make it whole?

Which one is the right choice for me...when I've fallen in love with both of them?



## **Waiting For Us Details**

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# From Reader Review Waiting For Us for online ebook

## Whitney says

DNF 40%

I can not stomach reading one more woman in this book being call trashy or skanky or the one that made me want to throw my kindle unprofessional. All these women had a few things in common they were all blonde with big boobs. As someone with naturally big boobs and blonde hair I've been told since I was in high school that the way I look is unprofessional or trashy just by being. Someones hair color or the shape of their body is not a reflection of their character. This next part from the book I'm fixing to mention is the moment I almost threw my kindle across the room because I was so fucking mad.

THIS IS AN ACTUAL QUOTE

"There's a woman who I surmise must be the secretary for him and the other two junior associates. She has bleached blonde hair and her large chest is on display in her red V-neck blouse... she's just Cory's type. He stops to introduce me to her and I learn that her name is Candy. OMG, I can't make this shit up. I can't wait to tell Marcus and Shelby about this. Candy says hello to me with her lips pursed as if she ate something distasteful. The only thing distasteful is her blouse. I'm kind of shocked my dad would employ someone that looks so unprofessional. Then again, one of the other partners may have hired her."

Also wtf Corey is so creepy he is 8 years older and she is a teenager. He supposedly has all these girls throwing themselves at him but he wants a 16 year old? okay weirdo.

edit: Just skipped and read the last few pages and SHE ENDS UP WITH COREY? HER BROTHERS BEST FRIEND? THE ONE WHO IS 8 YEARS OLDER THAN HER? THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN CREEPING ON HER SINCE SHE WAS AN ACTUAL CHILD AND HE WAS AN ADULT. nope nope fuck no I'm glad I quit this when I did.

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## Renee Kennedy says

I had the pleasure of being a beta reader for this fantastic book and I'm excited to express my thoughts with you. Thank you Ms. Stanton for that opportunity.

Waiting For Us by Dawn Stanton is a fabulous debut book. It's sexy, funny and full emotion- everything authors strive for when writing.

Stanton takes us through the trial of growing up with Hailey and Marcus. We see them as best buds in the beginning, hanging out and surfing. They were just happy kids, and always there for each other.

Then the summer came she met her older brother's extremely hot roommate from college, extremely hot is probably to mild for Corey Marshall. He was off the scoville scale, aren't they all when your 13 and they are older guys.

I don't want to give too much away, this book is too awesome for spoilers. You need to enjoy every spicy tidbit for yourself, but I will tell you it's one NOT to be missed.

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## **LunalandBooks says**

I received a copy of *Waiting for Us* by Dawn Stanton in exchange for an honest review.

I am not normally a fan of love triangles. However, Dawn Stanton has outdone herself in this book and *waiting for us* is an amazing romance. Marcus or Cory? that is the big question in this book and i really did love both characters.

You feel just as confused as Hailey when reading as both the boys are completely different, yet fantastic in their own right. Hailey's relationships and story arcs with Marcus and Cory are both completely different and there is never a boring moment. I had my own favourite and I can tell you that i was very happy with the ending.

I do hope that there will be a sequel for the poor boy that wasn't chosen as each character in this book shine in their own right and I really do hope I get to see them again.

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## **Laura Hampton says**

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## **4.5 Coming of Age Stars**

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## **She Hearts Books says**

Waiting for Us is a sweet story of love that spans years of Hailey's life. It begins when she is young and meets her brother's best friend Cory and her heart flutters with the first signs of love for him. Then there's her best friend Marcus who she can't imagine her life without. Over the years things happen between them and she is in love with both. I so adored Hailey. She is sweet and loves those around her so much. Both of these men are so special to her and I have to admit that I was actually rooting for Erik for a good portion of the book. I really liked him for her. I so enjoyed her story.

I give Waiting for Us 5 hearts!

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## **Bookreviewmoo says**

Fantastic for a debut novel!!! It was fab... not your usual fall in love with your brothers best friend who is 7 years your senior!!! I loved the way this book was set. In part one you have the POV of Hailey who had loved and lusted after Cory since she was 12 years old. You also meet Marcus, Haileys best friend forever!!! Yes it was a love triangle but what a triangle it was. She goes through angst of growing up and the usual trials and tribulations of life and love and loss. Then you get to part two and you are blown away as you have Haileys POV as well as Marcus and Cory!!!! Oh my... Well I could spoil things here but you have to read this book to find out what happens and why they happen!!!

As a reader I have to say this book kept me entertained and this is how a book should be!!!

Well done Dawn on a fab Debut and I can't wait for book 2!!!!

Five happy stars!!!!

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## **Shweta Choudhary says**

Fantastic  
Amazing  
Breathtaking!

These words doesn't even cover the feelings that I have for this book. This book might be Dawn's first book but it will never be my last of hers. This one has me rooted for this author and have entered my list of one-clickers where I will one-click even without reading the synopsis.

These five stars aren't even enough to express the feelings I had during this book. It was an all nighter for me. I just couldn't stop once I started it. Once it was over, I thought what should I do now?

Marcus or Cory? When both of them love Hailey who will she choose? If she chooses one, it will break other's heart. Where does this heart belong? I really loved how the characters developed through heartbreaks, relationship, friendships. I felt I actually was living in it, I was experiencing every feeling. It felt so real. I loved Hailey. She is strong and cares about everyone. She is quite a fresh character from other female characters I have read. Dawn gave us two yummy boyfriends and even I couldn't choose between them.

They both sweet and unique in their own way and I was rooting for both. I wished she choose both and have an amazing threesome relationship but it isn't possible haha.

I would highly recommend this book to everyone!!

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## **KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says**

**\*\*?Complimentary Copy?\*\*** Provided by the author **Dawn Stanton** in exchange for an honest review..Thank you!!

**TITLE:** Waiting For Us

**AUTHOR:** Dawn Stanton

**GENRE:** Contemporary Romance

**RELEASE DATE:** November 17th, 2015

**MY RATING: 5 STARS IS JUST NOT ENOUGH**

**WAITING FOR US:** Is about coming of age, first kiss, first heartbreak, loss of virginity, but most importantly opening your heart to what's standing right in front of you, from friends to lovers.. **LOVE**

You know when you come across a book where you just inhale it, breathe it, this was one of those books for me, every second, minute, hour I was lost within these pages, I never wanted to leave, I never wanted it to end, i felt everything the author wanted me to feel and that is why this book has landed on my favourite book shelf on here..when an author can do that with just her words on paper has made me a fan of hers..

Cory vs Marcus who will win Haileys heart?

**Waiting for us:** Starts us off in the year 2004 with twelve year old Hailey where she is first introduced to Cory her brothers best friend, even then she would get the warm fuzzy feels in his presence.

*I'm only twelve years old, but when he smiles at me, I feel a physical reaction, like hundreds of tiny butterflies fluttering crazily in my stomach.*

We're introduced to Marcus 2005 during school break

*Every year as school lets out in June we go to our summer cottage on Cape cod, my best friend Marcus and his mum live in the house across the street, we only hang out together during our beach time*

I love this soooooo cray cray much, once you begin this book it's really hard to put down, even though we're

introduced to Hailey when she's only twelve years old, each chapter moves up through the ages so it allows you more of an in depth connection with the characters. The feels when reading this are what is making me love this like I am, you feel her love for her best friend, the confused feelings she feels towards Cory, her first heartbreak when her first boyfriend betrays her, the love, the tears, the anguish, the heartbreak you FEEL everyone of those **FEELS**..

*I think a person's first kiss should be special so I was kind of hoping that maybe we could have our first kisses with each other?* ~ Marcus

I can not believe that Waiting For Us by Dawn Stanton is her debut novel, how is this even possible?

*It seems like such a cliché for you to be turning sweet sixteen and you've never been kissed. I thought I could help you out with that* ~ Cory

I'm kind of rooting for one of these guys over the other, and I'm hoping he's the one she ends up with, so I'm kind of speeding through the pages like a race driver to see which one she chooses in the end..prays that it's the one I want her to choose..Sooooooo she didn't choose the one I thought and wanted her to choose BUT reading why she didn't made all the sense in the world and I think she made the right choice, and maybe just maybe the one she didn't choose gets his very own book??

Ohhhhh this is a game changer nearing the middle of the book (part 2) we get Cory and Marcus's POV this book just gets better!!

So Cory and Hailey will be working together at her fathers firm, her father has asked that she shadow Cory and he teach her the ropes, being in close proximity together on a daily basis is going to heat things up with these two..The attraction is not one sided so this working together is either going to make or break them...

There is soooooo much more I want to add to my review but I don't want to wreck it for you guys, when this is released please take that plunge and one click this, it's that good!! If you love books that give you all those feels like endorphins racing through your body don't just think about one clicking this do it, you seriously won't regret it, it's truly an awesome read..

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## 1-Click Addict Support Group says

This was one of those books that kept me up late at night to read just one more chapter. I sneaky read it at 2 a.m. when I woke up and couldn't get back to sleep (just one more chapter!). I was completely sucked in and simply had to know what came next.

I was at first a little taken aback, but then completely engaged by the way it was written. It starts with Hailey's point of view through her teenage years—giving us an in-depth look at her coming-of-age experiences. Marcus is the best friend she's had since childhood. Cory is the forbidden, older brother's best



friend. The two are both nearly constant presences in her life from the time she's 12 years old, and both have played pretty significant roles in shaping who she is.

It's a love triangle—and I struggle with those. If I had paid more attention to the blurb and not gotten sucked in immediately at "brother's best friend", I might have been a little more hesitant to pick this one up. Love triangles stress me out—I spend so much time feeling bad for the "loser" that I lose sight of the swoony, happy feelings in the love connection. In this case, both Cory and Marcus were good, solid, sexy, sweet choices. My heart ached and yearned for both of them, which meant that no matter who Hailey chose in the end, this one was going to leave a mark.

Hailey....\*sigh\*. This is, at its heart, a coming-of-age story, so we're privy to a lot of immaturity and questionable decision making as we watch Hailey grow and mature. There were things I loved about Hailey—she was always honest, and always communicative. The things that happened weren't a result of some stupid miscommunication or a refusal to talk. However, she made some really selfish choices and there were times I found her completely unlikeable. I think it is a testament to how well this was written, and how completely sucked into the story I was, that I had such a strong emotional reaction to her.

I'm so conflicted about this book! I loved how it was written. I was completely sucked into it, wanting to know what happened and how everything was going to play out. But I was left feeling...unsettled. It was just missing something for me. An epilogue would have been perfect, I think—to soothe my still bruised and aching heart. To that end, however, I do think it's well written and completely addictive read, and if you're looking for something sexy and angsty—and don't mind a little bruising around the heart—this one is definitely worth the ride. ~ Shelly, 3.5 stars

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### **Robyn Roze says**

I loved eye-rolling Hailey from the first page where we meet her at age twelve when the unforgettable Cory Marshall first leaves his mark on her heart. The author did a great job of developing Hailey from tween to woman, with a voice that clearly chronicled the journey from child to adult. It's the kind of writing and storytelling that caused pangs of nostalgia at the remembrances of my own childhood friendships and early crushes. We are witness as Hailey grows into a smart, confident woman who doesn't play games with men. She's honest with herself and them. I respected the ownership she took of her own feelings and her honest dealings with the emotions and desires of the men in her life.

As a reader, I was drawn into the story, picking sides, changing sides, and wishing both sides could be chosen in some parallel universe. It was nerve-racking -- in the best way possible! In the end, I was emotionally frazzled and so glad that it was Hailey who had to choose and not me! I understood her choice but knew early on, either way, that my heart would be broken for the man not chosen. It left me in a bit of a funk for a day or two, while I sorted out my own happy ending for the man who stepped aside and put Hailey's happiness ahead of his own. I refuse to give a spoiler, but I am looking forward to his future HEA.

Thank you Ms. Stanton for a wonderful coming of age story told with honesty, humor, and above all: real heart!

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## **Laura ~Swoon Worthy Books~ says**

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## **Cranky - The Book Curmudgeon says**

\*\*\*\*\* 5 Cranky Stars \*\*\*\*\*

I discovered this book by accident and it turned out to be a pleasant surprise. This is the sweet coming of age story for Hailey, Marcus, and Cory. If you haven't read it, grab it!

Hailey is the type of friend I wanted to be, wanted to have, and the woman I want to be when I'm grown up. She's fun, carefree, and loves to surf. We watch her transition from child to womanhood as the years go by at the beach. The transition isn't easy and by the time she graduates, Hailey has already experienced heartache.

Marcus, Hailey's best friend and childhood companion.

He's the quintessential boy next door or in this case, the kid across the street. His feelings for Hailey are resolute. He watches her fall in love, picks up the pieces when her heart gets broken, and is her rock in times of crisis. His loyalty to Hailey doesn't go unnoticed and it's one of the reasons I fell in love with him.

Cory, the third character. He just happens to tag along with his college best-friend, Jake, one Thanksgiving and meets a young Hailey. As the years go by, strong feelings develop. While Cory likes the ladies, it is obvious that he is driven and passionate. He's also pretty hot.

The journey these three take into adulthood is not without its ups and downs. Heart ache, upheaval, love, and happiness. All play factors, but it comes down to the choices that are made. Which one is it going to be?

Dawn Stanton wrote an amazing book with such down to earth characters. You are taken on an eleven year journey - from childhood to adulthood and get to bond with the characters. Pick it up. You won't be disappointed.

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### **Stacy Aube says**

I received this book as an ARC for a honest review. This book was read and reviewed by Stacy Aube for Cutting Muse Blog Review.

At 12 years old Hailey falls for her older brother's best friend.

Cory has had feelings for Hailey since he kissed her on her 16th birthday.

Marcus is Hailey's best friend, so when anything bad happens he is there to get her through it.

After being hurt can Hailey open herself up to love again?

I just could not put this down, can't wait for the next book in the series.

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### **Susan Treweek says**

Waiting for us is a coming of age book with lots of love, firsts and heartbreak. Marcus or Corey? who will Hailey choose?

The first part of the book focuses on the past, the author does a wonderful job of developing the characters and there relationships. the second part of this book is the present, where Hailey has to choose and leave someone heartbroken.

I can't recommend this book enough! I absolutely loved it and devoured it in one sitting, it's well written and

is told in different points of view. You are left guessing right till the end who Hailey will choose, though I do think she made the right decision. I can't wait for the next book...

\*\*Reviewed for Sweet and Spicy Reads-ARC provided for honest review \* \*

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**Theresa lanier says**

**Awesome**

I loved this book. It isn't just a easy romance, it took time and patients. It made it seem more like real life.

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