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**An eternity of passion cannot be quelled by society.**

Once upon a time Donovan assured Lily all of her dreams would come true. But how could he keep the promise of a fairy tale when her truest goals could not involve him, though her deepest desires did? Now, Lily has it all—love, passion, a family, and the career of her dreams—with Christopher. But something is lacking. She and Donovan have spent the last ten years living apart, and the soul mates are eager to reunite. Can Donovan keep his promise to give Lily all she desires, even with Christopher in the way?

**For Lily and Donovan, the past is a mirror to the future that cannot be shattered.**

Donovan is convinced Lily has been his love for all eternity. Determined to unravel the past, they embark on a journey to discover where it all began. For centuries Donovan has stolen Lily's heart while forced to suffer for his love. How much can a soul endure before the breaking point is reached and a monster emerges? Can the demons of the past be combated to pave the way for happiness in the next life? Or has the abuse suffered in this life already turned Donovan hell bound? Time and again, one woman has destroyed their happiness. It's time to silence her once and for all

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## **From Reader Review Time's Forbidden Flower for online ebook**

### **Annie Brewer says**

One word: INCREDIBLE!!!!

Bravo Diane, you rocked the house with this book. I told you, you would. Wow, I'm speechless. So much happened at like the last 30% of this book that I had to keep myself locked up from all interruptions. I needed to know what happened. And again, you didn't disappoint. Aside from the tears and curses, I was ridiculously happy. But by the end, I was a mess. It was bittersweet and beautiful. Both Lily and Donovan captivated me from book 1 and of course that hot novella. And this was no different. Way. To. Fucking go!!!

More readers need to experience Donovan and Lily's story. It's heartbreakingly inspiring. I loved every second of it. I think people need to give this series a chance. It's left a gaping hole in my heart now that I finished it!

Review to come later...

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### **Dania says**

lovely book.. from last year i was debating about this book.. but i was so scared that normally every incest book end with me holding tissue box.. but finally wow it end with happy ending and i m all smiling.. beautiful story about soul mates... and wow i love it..

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### **Rosalinda \*KRASNORADA\* says**

**The past is a mirror to the future that cannot be shattered.**

Time's Forbidden Flower is the second installment on Lily's & Donovan story. It's really hard to review this one without spoilers so I'll be very vague because I want all of you to give this series a try and I want you to go blind.

This is a love story, a special one because Lily & Donovan's love is Forbidden. Why you ask? Because they're siblings which in our society is a huge taboo, isn't it?

Diane's writing style is exquisite. So easy to read, like words are just floating in the air and you can't stop feeling what the characters are experiencing.

**\*\*\*Don't read from this point if you haven't read book #1\*\*\***

"Basically, every song is our song"

So Donovan & Lily are living very close again and what do they say? Oh yeah, **where there was fire ashes remain...**

They now have their lives, their responsibilities and another significant ones to look after but when your soul belongs to someone else, you can't look pass that fact, can you?

"I'll never be in love with anyone the way I am with you"

But, is love enough to fight all demons and be together no matter what? Even when you have a family and you need to explain them you're in love with your brother?

But what happens when you discover something that proves that this love will last forever? And when I say forever, I mean forever (view spoiler)

In my opinion, this was a very well written end for their story. I wish (view spoiler) I loved the journey, Diane!

Lily and Donovan will always have a place in my heart!

**P.S. I personally LOVED Christy's review so just in case you haven't read it, go have a look:**  
<http://www.goodreads.com/review/show/...>

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### **A.R. Von says**

Time's Forbidden Flower continues right off from where Love's Forbidden Flower left off and goes further into the future of Lily, Donovan and Christopher. A great addition to the Forbidden series that any fans of the series and genre will enjoy.

Lily is now almost living the life she's always dreamed of. She is happy and has accomplished her dream/goal. Now she's to face many bumps and choices, even more than before. Some happy, some sad. But through it all she still has Donovan...

Donovan is now healed up from his ailments and starting a brand new life. All without letting go of his feelings for Lily. I do not believe he could even if he REALLY tried! He knows from deep within his soul what is meant to be in this life and the next, is what will happen.

I love stories that have to do with soul deep love, fate and the unstoppable draw of soul mates. This is one of them. I'm sad to see the series at its end but am very happy with its ending. I look forward to more of this authors future works :)

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### **Maureen Mckenzie says**

Loved the rest of the story. Left me with totally unexpected thoughts and emotions that I can't explain, and recommend this book. Thank you Diane- I thought it was brilliant

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### **Biondatina says**

I just finish the book and i have to say :

I don't understand why this book has some many lovers...

The story is ok, a love story ... maybe with some different but ok...

I think the fist book was better and i could understand the unconventional love but the second on.... i was bored... It goes, and goes with a lot of things, and revelations, and incidents, and secrets which couldn't add up at the end of the story... bring more confusion i think.

Maybe i was a bit tired from the love triangle or maybe cause was unfullilling love story. Some times I want to hit Lily to make a decision, and others i wanted Christopher out of the scene...

For me it was just a romance book.

I give 2 stars cause i have give at the fist book 3 stars.

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### **A says**

I totally regret reading this piece of crap

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### **Jessica (Stuck in Books) says**

You know how sometimes you read a book and then you have NO IDEA how to explain how you feel about that book? You just know you love that book so hard and you want to say that and tell why, but you simply CANNOT find the words? I'm having one of those moments. So I'm going to try my best, but I just want you to know that I love this book so much. For real, I can't even.

OKAY, so. I also loved the first book, Love's Forbidden Flower, and I was happy to see there would be a

sequel. I was excited to see what was next for the characters and I had so many questions about what life would be like for them after all the cluster-fudge of a situation they'd been through. Honestly, though, I wasn't expecting to LOVE this book. I thought I'd like it and have a good time reading it, but holy goodness, this thing caught me off guard by how fantastic it was.

Again, Diane Rinella has written a beautifully compelling story, and yet again she has gotten my feels twisted all up in a bunch. Lily and Donovan's situation is still something I'm not too sure about, but it is also still something that is a part of the reason this story is so beautiful and wonderful. There's just SOMETHING about those two...I can't exactly put my finger on it, but I never want it to stop.

These characters...I care so much for them. I feel the same as I did before for Lily, but I also feel like I understand her a bit more now. So I'm okay with her, but she's not my favoritest ever. Donovan... I've always felt for him, but I think I kind of love him now. I think that's because I understand HIM better now, too. And I enjoy time spent with him. He's sweet and loving and I can't just overlook that.

CHRISTOPHER. Oh, my boy. My boy my boy my boy. I still love this guy more than I can even explain. There were parts where I was like "OHHHHHHHHH NOOOOOO" regarding him and other things, but when it all comes down to it, I love him no matter what. He's just the biggest sweetheart! And his accent does make me giggle.

Anna. I hate that chick so freaking hard. Like, if she were to be in front of me right now, I'd punch her in her stupid face. And I'm usually not this mean to characters, even if I don't like them! (Well, except for Blake from the Lux series. I don't care how sorry his arse is, I would punch him.) I should probably feel bad for her or something, but I can't do it. Nope. She frustrated me so much and I can't even explain why because that would be spoilery...

CHRISTOPHER. WHHHHHHHHY. << That should make no sense to you whatsoever until you read the book. Sorry.

Actually, I'm not sorry. It felt good to let that out. \*cries\*

The ending of this book made me so happy. And I seriously wish there was more! I know Lily and Donovan's story is over, but still. I WANT MORE. Wah.

We got a lot of answers in this book, and things made so much more sense. And that's probably why I'm more okay with Lily and Donovan's situation now, because I understand that better, too. Whoa. I have so much understanding now.

Overall, this book made just as much of an impact (possibly even more of one) on my heart as Love's Forbidden Flower did. I love this book, and I love these characters, and I love this beautiful, beautiful story. If you've read Love's Forbidden Flower, I think you should definitely read Time's Forbidden Flower because it is so worth reading. There are so many answers, and it is worth the jumble your emotions will become. Especially the ending. Oh, yeah, that ending was so worth it. LOVELOVELOVE, I can't express that enough!

Also, I'm keeping Christopher. <3

You can find more from me on my blog: Just a Booklover

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## **Christy says**

### **5 Eternal Stars!!!!**

Once you know how it feels to have your soul satisfied, it's hard not to crave it, let alone resist caving to it's temptation.

Some people just belong together. They have an undeniable connection, a pull towards one another. They can't fight it... they are just meant to be. What if you felt this way towards another person? You needed them like you needed air. They completed you. But you couldn't be together without sacrificing everything... *Love's Forbidden Flower* is one of the best forbidden love stories I have ever read. I felt such a connection to Donovan and Lily, I loved them both and I was so looking forward to the continuation of their story. It didn't disappoint.

Years have passed. Donovan and Lily are in two different places in their lives. Lily is living her dream. She owns her own bakery, is happily married with children, but something is always missing from her life. Or someone. As happy as she is with Christopher and her family, without Donovan in her life, things just aren't complete. She still sees him, just not all the time. It's easier that way.

‘I feel so much more complete when you’re around.’

Donovan has always known that Lily is the only one for him. There will never be anyone else. He is willing to do anything, sacrifice anything to give her what she needs. If that's a normal family with a normal husband, than so be it. Donovan has worked hard to overcome his issues. He is now a psychologist, married to Anna with a daughter of his own. He loves Anna, but it is a different kind of love.

‘I’ll never be in love with anyone the way I am with you.’

After only seeing each other on holidays and vacations for years, they start to spend more time together when their mother is ill. They are there for each other. They stick together.

### **You and me, forever.**

Fate takes a turn and brings the two of them together, in the same city, for the first time. Donovan gets a great job opportunity and moves his family to the same city that Lily lives in. They are now less than an hour apart. Everything that was ever ‘missing’ in their lives is now coming together, making them whole.

It is not all easy, however. It is a struggle. Lily is committed to staying faithful to her husband... but being around Donovan all of the time makes it difficult. To have the person that owns a part of you always around, and not be able to act on it is hell. They spend a lot of time together, trying to be normal. Have family dinners, bring each other lunches at work, etc. They both struggle at times, but they can't ever forget their feelings. Can't ever let go of what they had. ?

‘Please, Lily. Don’t ever let what’s left of us go.’

‘I can’t. I’ll always love you.’

‘And I’ll always love you.’

As time goes on, it gets harder and harder not to cross that line. When things change, revelations are made, what will happen with the relationship between Donovan and Lily? Will they be able to stay behind the line they crossed? Will they do as planned, stay with their spouses through better or worse, live their lives as brother and sister... Or is it inevitable that these soul mates end up together?

The characters in this book are wonderful. My sweet Donovan... I love this man. He has lived such a tortured life, but he is still such a beautiful soul. No matter what, he is always putting Lily first. He is the greatest. There were moments... a few, that just broke my heart. I shed some tears for Donovan... (view spoiler)

. ?Lily... I love Lily as well. Though I understood all the choices she made, I’m not sure I agreed with them all. I guess I am still too stuck in the ‘what could have been’ mind set- (view spoiler). I’m not sure how I felt about Christopher in this book... It’s hard for me to like him, because I am still sour about how things went down. Now Anna on the other hand... I have very clear feelings about that one. And they are not happy feelings... the same with their mother. Worst parent ever. I loved Eric, he was great. And the kids, especially Anotina. The end scene with her had me in happy tears.

I know not everyone does, but I so do believe in soul mates. Maybe that’s why I love these books so much. Going back to all the ‘past stories’ of Lily and Donovan was intense. It made things clearer. This a couple that are truly made to be together. Their journey was not an easy one, not by a long shot, but through it all, they always had each other.

The writing in this book is stunning. The author has such a way with words. Truly beautiful. Lily and Donovan’s story has touched my heart. It’s one I won’t be forgetting. The journey of these two soul mates is incredible, heart breaking, inspiring and fulfilling. The ending left me a little conflicted, but overall, I was satisfied with how it ended. There is only one thing I wish was different (view spoiler) but I do understand why it didn’t go that direction, and I am still happy with the way it turned out. I hope more people will give this beautiful, unconventional, forbidden love story a go.

(view spoiler)

*\*\*ARC kindly provided by author, Diane Rinella, in exchange for a honest review\*\**

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## Katie says

Good golly, what an ending! I thoroughly enjoyed reading Love's Forbidden Flower; it's about a relationship that is not acceptable in society, but the true love aspect and hardships the couple go through are eternal. Time's Forbidden Flower continues on their story and the struggle between their love and the love for their families. Diane Rinella has a great writing style and it allowed me a glimpse inside the characters hearts and minds, even for just a short while.

Lilyanna and Donovan are siblings that discovered feelings for each other that are not your ordinary brother/sister feelings. They are stronger and more intimate and highly unaccepted. Donovan and Lily made a very tough decision and knowing that they couldn't have children together, decided to make families with others. Lily still loves Christopher and accepted his proposal; because he is on the other side of the world, two weddings take place and Donovan finds it hard to walk Lily down the aisle, not once, but twice. Donovan brings his own surprise and tells Lily of his engagement to Anna. Jealousy seeps through, but Lily has to remember how happy she is with Christopher and let Donovan create his own family.

We skip ahead now and both are successful in their own right. Lilyanna has her own bakery, with Christopher working during the day and band practising at night; they have two beautiful children, Graham and Antonia. Donovan is a psychologist and Anna a nurse they have one daughter, Sunshine.

Donovan found that healing himself he could also heal others, although he has set backs and triggers that bring forth memories of his past, they all help to keep his triggers hidden. But Anna seems to have her own troubles and provokes Donovan by bringing his triggers out in front of him. What is Anna's story?

Donovan and Lily have unearthed their love is literally eternal and have travelled through many past lives. Lily visits a specialist and starts to travel through her past lives to find the point where they couldn't live happily. Within each life, Lily found that everybody in her present life are also a part of her past and have the same characteristics. Their very first life was in Egypt where the eternal love began, but along the way they became cursed. What happened?

The temptation is too high for both Donovan and Lily since he moved to Los Angeles, so they decided to distance themselves. Donovan is finding it very hard, especially with their Mother's illness and her behaviour toward the siblings.

Lilyanna and Christopher seem to be drifting apart as Christopher is getting more involved in his band and the upcoming tour. Christopher has family complications of his own and Anna is having a breakdown. Everything appears to be falling apart.

Will Christopher and Lilyanna separate? Will Donovan and Lily ever truly be happy together? What is Anna's story? Who is Antonia's (Lily's daughter) father? Why is their Mother so twisted and hateful?

I absolutely love the ending of this book. There were so many surprises along the way of Donovan and Lily's (or Lilyanna's) journey and I didn't have any questions unanswered. The full circle and mysteries were all solved and at the end I was smiling. The complicated premise and characters were brilliant and Ms Rinella is very gifted in her writing abilities. I cannot wait to read what Ms Rinella brings out next.

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### Mistress says

***"Love doesn't need to be perfect, it just needs to be true."***

\*breathes out reverently\* Oh **WOW!** Wow, wow, wow... Reading this book is like living multiple lifetimes. I feel like I *actually* lived them. I became a part of this book; it drew me in from the beginning. I had the hardest time putting this **extraordinary story** down. I had several sleepless nights as I stayed up until 5am reading because I just couldn't bare to stop experiencing this undying love. When I was forced away from my reading, I couldn't stop thinking about this captivating story, about this miraculously epic love. My heart was crushed too many times to count throughout this journey, but there was always a glimmer of hope. That hope is what I lived for while experiencing this tale of love that transcends time. Oh my, I really can't do this story justice with my words. I wish you could *feel* what I feel inside. I have a lump in my throat and tears shining in my eyes as I type this. The sense of all-encompassing love surrounds me and I feel like I'm floating. I know this review is overly emotional, but I can't help it. This story is different, set apart... it is original, creative, soul-shattering, alluring, and completely unforgettable. I can't explain that feeling I get when I finish a book and feel like I just read something that has changed me and will live with me always. This is one of the best stories I have ever read. The writing was beautiful, almost poetic at times. I am highly impressed with this author. I can't wait to read the rest of her books. **I highly recommend this enthralling story.** I feel like my life has been enriched just by being able to read these fascinating words.

***"I know you."***

***"Of course you do. You would never forget."***

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### Darla says

Ok wow this book was/is amazing! Diane has done it again. I hate to give spoilers I think you as a reader should read it with an open mind....that being said I'll try not to give too much away!

This story is told through out a span of years it starts at a wedding and it ends in death but who's... Was Liliy, Donovan, and Christopher always in life together? Where did it all start and how will it all end??? Read this one to find out :)

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### Lueniale says

BE WARNED: There will be hints of spoilers below though I'll try to exclude the ending.

I want to meet the author and give my thanks to her personally! I love this book so much!

I've recently read forbidden love stories between siblings like *Forbidden* by Tabitha Suzuma and *Flowers in the Attic* by VC Andrews, but both, though marvelous, made me feel hollow inside. I couldn't read other genres anymore. I kept searching for forbidden love stories that could finally satisfy my soul, and here it is!! I had so much fun reading it! Yes, it might be full of drama, but it's the book I've been looking for, and the only one that made me satisfy despite being forbidden, so THANK YOU Diane Rinella for fulfilling my

search! Now I can finally venture on to new genres.

Although I'm quite lazy to do anything right now, it feels like a crime if I won't make a review of the book immediately! I want to make my review while my feelings about the book from the beginning to end are still fresh. My time was well spent that I need to give justice by giving this one a review and my 5 stars.

As for my feelings for the entire plot.

It was bittersweet, and romantic. Lovely!!! It's hard to choose between Christopher and Donovan. I want them both for Lily! Heck! I wouldn't have mind polygamy if it was introduced - Yes that's how much I want Lily to be with the both of them! I empathized with the characters. I could feel their pain and jealousy and there were a lot of times I screamed with frustrations that I've felt "for" and "with" the characters.

It made me feel various amount of emotions, but I was contented. It's a wonderful and a marvelous story indeed! It made me hopeful towards love, and it made me believe that love can transcend through time. This book is beyond amazing.

#### Christopher Eccles

My gosh! I even giggled like mad when he was first introduced at the first book "Love's Forbidden Flower" - he was really ADORABLE. He was the perfect gentleman the I've been dreaming of. Sweet, humble, talented, and family oriented, not to mention loaded and BRITISH. What more can Lily ask for? Christopher had his insecurities and issues, yet he kept them, and I guessed it all along that he knew Lily's secret, but he remained faithful with her and trusted her completely. Gosh, this is beyond jackpot! I can't grasp how LUCKY Lily was with Christopher! Although I admit I read the series cause I wanted to read forbidden romances like Lily and Donovan had, and even though I rooted for them before I even started with the book, I just can't ignore how charming Christopher was that I stopped rooting for Lily and Donovan and prepared myself for whatever was in store with the 3 (Lily, Donovan, and Christopher). Yeeeppp! That's how much of a road-blocker he was that you just can't ignore and leave.

#### Donovan

He had suffered so much, that I could feel his pain throughout the whole book! Whenever he sees how happy Lily and Christopher were, I knew and felt he was dying inside and I want to cry for him - which I kind of did. I want him to be happy, I want him to have his happily ever after, I want him to be free! Donovan and Lily were my main reason I read the books in the first place. It was their forbidden love which made me drawn with this book. His character was by far the one I empathized most. His love for Lily be it forbidden, was the purest. His love transcended through time... Lily's only soulmate. All I can really say how their love story ended was... peaceful, happy and I was contented. So bravo!!! You've exceeded my expectations with the ending, Diane! I wasn't left shattered and empty unlike with my previous venture on books that contains forbidden relationships like this.

#### Anna

Gosh I don't know where to begin with her!!!! I want to like her, but I hate her, I felt sorry for her, then she proves me wrong for hating her so I liked her, then she goes mental and pulls all of my patience left that I go hating her back with full on disgust!!! Then again, if it wasn't for her....SIGH

So basically she had a major role after all. All throughout the story she was pretty... I don't know, useless? Unneeded? Not important? GAH! Yet she proved me wrong at the end. She was the last piece of the puzzle. The entire beauty of the picture wouldn't come to its finality if it wasn't for her, and her doings. But I will never forgive her! Even if her purpose is for the best interest of the only person she trusted most, still her

actions can never be justified especially after she..\*SOBS\*.. SIGH!! Damn orange juice and DAMN TASTE BUDS!!!!

Lily

I can actually relate with her. I too want to be a Patissiere like her. Like her, I too want to hold on with love and forever. I too believe in soulmates. Although there were times I just want to slap her due to uncontrollable instances of infidelity, but she was understood. I too would have probably ended up loving both guys. Christopher already made a beautiful tall and sturdy foundation of their relationship that I knew it was gonna be hard to erase or never to be demolished. On the other hand, there were too many history between her and Donovan \*cough\* both literally and figuratively \*cough\*, and not to mention they're soulmates. So I kind of understood her choices at the end. I wouldn't have wanted her to chose otherwise either.

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I know this 2nd book concluded the story, but I want more of Donovan x Lily x Christopher! May it be in another form of characters! Hopefully the author releases more new stories of them.

**Johanna says**

**^^^3 Love Conquers All Stars^^^**

"My love for you is endless and shall never die."

**What would you do if your soul mate was a sibling?** Imagining it is unfathomable but I certainly do love reading about it.

In Time's Forbidden Flower, Lilly and Donovan have established some semblance of a normal life with significant others. The challenges that lie ahead are unresolved questions which took place in Love's Forbidden Flower. We get snippets of information throughout the book. But we are held totally clueless when things unravel before their eyes. Even Christopher, has skeletons in his closet. Time's Forbidden Flower is a continuation of Lily, Donovan, and Christopher's journey of personal issues, family crisis, and matrimonial issues. But the bare bones of the story this story is how Lilly and Donovan are contemplating their inner love for one another. Especially when finding solace can only be acquired when they are together.

I truly enjoyed Lily, Donovan, and Christopher's story but the story felt a bit discombobulated at times. I had a rough time trying to figure out how all these new change of events lead up to the big picture. Unfortunately, I felt no connection to the main characters, and couldnt sympathize with them at all.

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**Clarifina ~Books Are My Drugs~ says**

Eeeeeeeeep! Can't wait for this one! Love's Forbidden Flower left me heartbroken.

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