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Plagued by past mistakes in both love and life, Quinn Bardot is in a bad place. With nowhere else to turn, she escapes to LA, clinging to the promise of a fresh start.

Chase Crowley is known for being selfish and unbelievably persistent. All he's ever wanted is to become a successful actor. But now that he is about to have it all, he finds that something is still missing. Money and fame aren't what he expected.

After a fervent encounter, the two of them are thrown into a situation for which neither is prepared. Can Quinn extinguish her fears and let Chase in? Can Chase learn to put someone else's needs before his own? The Last Thing is a novel all about love, Hollywood, and accepting what life throws at you even if it is the last thing you want.

(This is a New Adult Romance novel & contains language & adult situations. Not recommended for readers younger than 17)

The Last Thing is a standalone book in the Hollywood Timelines series with NO cliff hanger ending.

Hollywood Timelines Series

#1 The Last Thing

#1.5 Bash

#2 The One Thing

#2.5 Maria

#3 The Love Thing (coming Winter 2015)

The Last Thing Details

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From Reader Review The Last Thing for online ebook

RedRedtheycallmeRed says

One thing this book made me appreciate is authors who have a gift for writing realistic dialogue. Nothing about this book felt realistic to me. Not only could I not connect with the characters, I didn't like them at all. They all seemed selfish and petty. Honestly, I didn't get the sense that Quinn and Chase even liked each other (even when the book was almost over), let alone believe that they were falling in love.

My random thoughts as I was reading:

Soap opera actors do not make that much money, no way could Ginger afford a house like that. Paparazzi don't follow around soap actors, either. Maybe if one of the characters had been friends with a Kardashian, I could believe it.

Quinn works at what Chase calls an "elite restaurant", where movie stars eat, yet Quinn spends her down time wiping down menus? It's like calling IHOP elite.

Why is Chase still on a soap opera if he's got so many movie offers he's turning them down left and right.

Someone needs to clue in NA authors (not just this author) that smirking isn't sexy. It mostly screams "I'm a douchebag!"

If birth control pills really had the effectiveness that they do in romance books, there would be an enormous population explosion. And what kind of idiot doesn't insist on condoms when having sex with an admitted manwhore?

Saying, "you're absolutely immaculate" to someone after having sex is really weird.

Tessa says

I was lucky enough to get to beta read The Last Thing and I loved every minute of it!

Quinn moves to LA to live with her soap star cousin Ginger, and meets the gorgeous rising star Chase at a party. They have amazing chemistry, but have a bit of a rocky road as Quinn has to overcome with her past and they both have to deal with the consequences of their actions in the present. Told from both perspectives, this story about grief and loss, following dreams and falling in love comes highly recommended to anyone who loves a good new adult contemporary romance. Beautifully written, this is a great first book in this genre, with great pacing (I didn't want to put it down!), a few unexpected twists and a little steam with a fair bit of romance.

Also Chase is just amazing, possibly the perfect book boyfriend :)

Ashley Moore says

First off I would like to start by stating that I was lucky enough to beta read this book while in process which made the characters that much more lovable as I was able to watch them grow chapter by chapter while this amazing author sculpted a great masterpiece. The Last thing is a story about love and loss, rediscovery of ones self, and self determination to find a way to continue on.

Quinn is the distraught after the abrupt loss of her now late boyfriend bash in a fatal car accident which stole his life and her will to live. After another near death experience Ginger (Quinn's cousin and best friend) takes matters into her own hands and sweeps Quinn up from her little town country life into the fast ever moving L.A. life style. As Ginger attempts to help Quinn put her life together and Quinn attempts to just forget that one fateful night that changed everything; she finds her self in another sticky situation as Chase(and undeniably handsome actor) takes an interest in her at a party. After a one night stand that neither Quinn nor Chase can forget the situation becomes too real as Quinn is thrust into another world as the consequences of that night become evident. Can Quinn handle the changes that are going to come, is she able to trust Chase and finally let him in, or will it all come crumbling down as so many things in her life had?

If you are looking for a good read with quick witt and characters who are snappy and fresh then fall in love with Quinn and Chase as they attempt to overcome the odds and find a way through new and uncharted territories.

I would suggest this book to lovers of the ten tiny breaths series and of the many Abbi Glines book lovers out there. Briana Gaitan has a knack for true descriptive writing as you feel yourself submerging into the story while falling in love with the characters.

Meagan says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

This book is a solid three for me. I didn't love it. I didn't hate it. It was a quick and painless read that had spurts of "awww" moments and that ever frustrating love at first glance.

Quinn is a damaged southern belle who has moved out to California to get well and move on from her boyfriend's tragic death. She moves in with her feisty cousin Ginger, an actress on a soap opera, and meets Chase, an actor. At first you like Quinn simply because of the mystery of her circumstances and how down to earth she is. I connected with her willingness to wear converse instead of heels, and her lack of interest in the Hollywood life. I especially admired her determination to stand on her own. However, about midway through the book either from annoyance or her "woe is me" attitude, I fell out of love with her and it was simply just like. I like Quinn, she has spunk, but she wasn't the strongest female lead in terms of pulling me in and having me root for her. Instead I found myself in love with Ginger! She's also damaged and going through some major drama with her boyfriend (teaser for the next book), but in my opinion the author developed her secondary character stronger than her protagonist, leaving me yearning for the pages when Ginger would arrive and save me from Quinn's maudlin attitude.

As the male lead Chase was a good match for Quinn. He wasn't as damaged as her, but he had his d-bag moments. What really confused me was how this playboy turned so quickly into Mr. Right, willing to pursue Quinn despite her spurring his advances. It threw me off and made the love seem unrealistic at first. However, the second half of the book was what made Chase amazing. It's like he completely matured became THAT guy, the dream man.

Like I said, this book is an easy read and it isn't painful, it's just okay. On the other hand I'm so excited to read Ginger's book!

Claire - The Coffeeholic Bookworm says

I liked the premise of the story, about Quinn moving away from a painful past, starting anew and building a life without remorse. But these things took her awhile to accept and accomplish. Meeting Chase and falling in live with him wasn't part of her plans, but somehow, he fit perfectly in her new life. But Chase being a celebrity wasn't making things easy for her. On the contrary, their union brought about something that might just put an end to Chase's career. Oh, what a complication it was!

Truth is, I didn't feel a connection at first with Chase and I was a bit upset with his selfish decision to choose something else other than love and family. Although he was able to redeem himself at the latter part of the story, I would have been more pleased if I knew what lies ahead for him and Quinn. My thoughts about Quinn were good. She may have been a troubled, confused soul, but deep inside, I admired her decisions and perseverance to make everything right in her life.

The Last Thing had been a great read. There is character development in the story and I liked that a lot. It was quite realistic, too, in Hollywood standards. The story wasn't rushed, the writing was seamless, and the happy feeling lingered until the end. The author was a natural, she didn't mince her words, she didn't hold back with the steamy scenes, either. This is my first Briana Gaitan read, and I know for a fact that this wouldn't be the last.

Katrina says

Please see my full 4 star review right here
<http://trinastantilisingtidbits.blogs...>

Lights
Camera
Action

This is Chase's life, it is all he know's and something he has done since he was ten, so know's noting else, is that all about to change and can Quinn make the sacrifices needed to overcome her

Fears
Insecurities
Hurts

There is a lot on the line for this relationship to work, and also a lot to overcome for the pair of them.

The Paparazzi

The Pressure

The Lies

Self Doubt.

Is it all going to be worth the fight, you will have to read this to find out.

I totally loved this story, it kept me page turning till the early hours, and I could of read so much more from Quinn & Chase, I loved their uniqueness and the way the interacted with one another.

It was superbly written by Briana and I cannot wait for book two in the series, Ginger's story, the characters absolutely came alive for me.

I thought It was a must read for everyone.

And rated it 4 stars

Anne OK says

****Complimentary copy provided by the author in exchange for an unbiased and honest review.****

When small town meets the bright lights of Hollywood, you can expect drama – at times a little overkill. This one is a bit slow in moving but does hit some high notes along the way.

Quinn Bardot is a small town girl who's running from guilt and tragic loss. Needing a new start, she leaves Tennessee to live with her cousin in Los Angeles. Chase Crowley is on the brink of becoming a successful star in Hollywood – but is it all it's cracked up to be? They definitely have some of the opposites attract scenario going on. What begins with a one-night stand suddenly becomes much more than these two ever expected. And you'll have to read the rest of the story because I'm not giving away any spoilers.

The story is written from both Quinn's and Chase's POVs which is always a plus in the writing category for me as a reader. Character growth is another plus factor here. We see both characters maturing and making changes for the better. Together they must deal with past issues and those who would tear them apart.

New-to-me-author who writes a solid debut of loss, new beginnings, and forgiveness. I'll certainly check out future releases.

****Standalone Book -- 1st book in Hollywood Times Series****

Myra Espino says

****Received a copy in exchange for an honest review****

The Last Thing, an interesting read and characters.

The way the story started is good.

I love how it captured my interest from the start up to the last.

The characters are good.

Both Quinn and Chase are easy to love and relate with.

What I love most about this book is that it's easy to get attached to the story and the characters emotions are easily felt.

I sometimes don't like Chase but as the story goes, I started to like him more and more.

All in all, the story and the characters are good.

The drama/issues of the story just made this interesting!

Loved it. :)

Giselle *Hopeless Book Lover* says

<http://hopelessbooklovers.wordpress.c...>

Giselle's Review:

ARC provided for book tour

The Last Thing is Briana Gaitan's debut novel and it had the potential to be a really great read for me. It was well-written, the plot was well thought out, and it definitely had a unique feel to it.

Quinn and Chase were extremely enjoyable characters, and Quinn's character was especially intriguing. However, I really lacked a connection with the main characters, Quinn and Chase, and the insta-lust/attraction/love with her and Chase just didn't do it for me. I more often than not don't have a problem with insta-love/lust but with Quinn and Chase I just did not feel it.

I really liked that The Last Thing kept me glued till the last page and kept me reading, even if I didn't necessarily feel a connection with the characters. Briana's writing is captivating and was probably my favorite thing about this book.

Ginger was also a lovable secondary character so I will probably be coming back for more in hopes that I can connect with her story and character a bit better.

The plot was unique in a way because there's a twist in the beginning rather than the end. I didn't expect the story to be the way it was, so I have to give it to the author for surprising me right from the start!

So all in all, I liked that the book grabbed me and kept me reading, and that there was a bit of a mysterious vibe to it with the whole Bash situation. :)

PS. I am so so obsessed with that simple yet beautiful cover. <3

If you're in the mood for an unconventional type of romance, and don't mind insta-lust/love I would

definitely recommend this book, which you can purchase [HERE!](#)

Kristine says

Original review can be found at <http://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/2...>

I received an advanced readers copy of this book directly from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I want to start out by saying that I think there is a new voice in NA fiction. When I first signed up for this blog tour I will admit that I was a little reluctant because *The Last Thing* is Briana Gaitan's first NA book. I was worried that a jump from Sci-Fi to NA would be a big stretch and that it would show in the writing. There was no need for me to worry as she made the transition flawlessly and penned a story that I am sure that all fans of NA will enjoy.

This is a story of two very opposite people that are similar in that they are both flawed. Quinn is a small town girl who flees to the big city to live with her cousin in the world of TV and movie stars. She is running from her past that is filled with guilt, loss, sadness, gossip, nightmares and tragedy. Chase is a hunky movie star who is used to having any girl he wants on any given night but he never dates. The pages of this book are what happens when their two worlds collide and take them in an unexpected direction.

There are a few lust filled pages for fans that like their stories a little on the steamy side but it is not overdone. I applaud Gaitan for this as I find that sometimes in this genre there is so much sex that it overpowers the story. There was just the right amount of heat that it did not take away from the plot and the bigger picture.

The story flowed nicely and it was a quick and easy read. I enjoyed getting to know all of the characters as well as a look at the Hollywood celebrity scene. It appears that the next book will be centred around Quinn's cousin Ginger. She is a fairly big part of this story and I have to say that I wasn't exactly pleased with the direction she was going. Having said that, I can't wait for the next book to find out what happens in her life.

Over all, this book was a very solid read that I am happy to have had the opportunity to read. Not only did I enjoy the book but it has provided me with a new author to watch. I think that Gaitan has a bright future in the NA genre and I look forward to reading the rest of the Hollywood Timeline series.

Jen says

I think this book is overrated. For me it feels like you're really reading a book, there's no connection..like you're not experiencing it, you're just reading it (It's hard to explain but it's something like that). You know with some books the characters feel so alive while reading, this book feels so fictional, i don't know why. Maybe because it's too good to be true??

Then at the end, when Chase chose to take a break from their relationship, i think Quinn overreacted. I looked at it as Chase really protecting Quinn, not as him being selfish. Why? first, it's only going to be for a

short while, just to let the issues cool off a bit and just to finish the contract. And second, Quinn is the one who keeps telling Chase that she don't want the spotlight, the attention and all that. So what does she expects Chase to do?? Another thing I don't quite get is that all of a sudden she remembered? There's no depth in the story. I'm really disappointed. I was expecting too much, I guess.

Moon Love says

This book was a quick read. I really liked how the book started off with Quinn on her way to L.A. In that time I got to know a little about her and started looking forward to finding out more about why she was having horrible nightmares and wondering who "Bash" was. This book didn't disappoint.

Quinn was really easy to like. It wasn't just because she was genuine inside and out among a sea of fake people, but her personality was really sweet. I hated to see herself hating on herself the way she did. I liked Chase in the beginning but then he did something, well a couple of things, and I realized he might not be the best for Briana, especially with her precarious mental state, but he eventually came around, so that was okay.

I'm really interested in reading the next story Briana is writing. It features Quinn's cousin, Ginger, who I can't wait to read about. I sort of hope she falls out of love with Barrett and then I sort of hope he falls for her. After all, it's hard choosing whom who fall in love with, but toxic love is not good for anyone.

Cas says

~Thanks to the author for providing a copy in exchange for an honest review~

Brilliant. Briana Gaitan tells the beautiful tale of a girl blamed for the death of her boyfriend, an incident she doesn't remember. That Girl- Quinn Bardot. She leaves to Hollywood, where she moves in with her cousin, Ginger Teague to escape the murderous looks. Chase Crowley. Movie Star. Player. Man Whore. They meet at a party Ginger forces her to go to. What happens after- just Hollywood. Addicting, This version of hollywood is so real it's easy to imagine it as The Hollywood In real life. The Last Thing isn't a typical love story. No Happily ever after. WOW.

Michelle "Chelle" Thompson says

****Copy provided for an honest review****

What an amazing and emotional story of overcoming, learning to live and love again, and learning that there are things more important than yourself. Looking for a fresh start away from her past Quinn moves in with her cousin across the country. Chase is a Hollywood playboy who doesn't date and only care about his career. But what happens when this small town girl and this playboy collide. I absolutely loved having the dual POVs in this story. You can truly see each characters growth. I completely loved both of these characters and seeing the growth in both of them was amazing. You cannot help but to feel both of their emotions and go through these emotions with them. I cannot wait to read Ginger's story.

Nemo says

For a giveaway visit

I had a mini-preview of this so I already knew what I was getting into. I already knew it was going to be both emotional and frustrating, but not in a bad way.

It starts off with the story and point of view of Quinn's point of view, she just moved to California with her best friend, Ginger. Her new roommate also happens to be an actress on a daytime drama. We don't know much about Quinn but we do know that she went through something very traumatic. From there we switch to Chase's point of view. He's one of Ginger's costars who is dealing with a sense of emptiness and the need to be better. He feels that he won't get that, until he meets Quinn.

She's extremely different from the normal models and actresses he dates. She showed up to a Hollywood party with old converse, now neither him nor Quinn wanted a long relationship. All they wanted was a one night stand. But fate wanted other things.

So I completely ate this story up! It sounds like it might be cliché but it's honestly not. It's fun and you can completely lose yourself in Quinn and Chase's world because it's written so realistically. I recently read another book where the main guy was an actor and our leading lady was a plain jane. It was awful. This was not the case with *The Last Thing*. Mainly because Quinn was no plain jane, she didn't want to be famous but she was still this sassy lovable girl who had an awful past. Throughout the book we were trying to figure out what exactly happened to her.

Chase is your regular player turned homemaker, the difference is that even though he loves Quinn he's realistic about it, and when I read chapters from Chase's point of view he actually sounded like a man not some love struck teenager.

As for side characters, there's not many, it's mostly just Ginger and the paparazzi. Ginger was fun and even though she was self-absorbed she still tried her best to be a good friend. I can't wait to read her story and see her point of view.

Overall this is a must read for New-Adult lovers and you will fall in love with Quinn and Chase.
