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In an edgy, seductive novel hailed by Rachel Van Dyken as “unique and gripping,” Jessica Lemmon introduces the ultimate bad boy . . . and a love that crosses all boundaries.

Morgan Young had a perfect upbringing, and now she’s got a perfect boyfriend and a perfect future—until her twenty-first birthday changes everything. First Morgan finds out, in the most painful way possible, that her relationship is a sham. But that’s nothing compared to the nightmare about to unfold.

It’s too late for Tucker Noscalo. A brutal childhood left him with a bad reputation and a criminal record. Fresh out of jail, Tucker has a score to settle with Baybrook’s crooked chief of police—his own father. Nobody will believe Tucker’s explosive accusations without proof and a good lawyer, neither of which he has on his side. Until he sees someone he used to know, someone who just so happens to be the daughter of the best lawyer in the county.

He needs Morgan to convince her father of the ugly truth. But first he has to convince *her*, and he’ll do whatever it takes to get her to listen. Confronted by the story of Tucker’s dark past, Morgan feels utterly compelled to help him. And as their connection grows into a fierce bond fueled by raw passion, Morgan finds herself falling for the wrong guy—but never has the promise of love felt so right.

Praise for *Forgotten Promises*

“This story will grab you from the very first page and refuse to let go.”—**#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Rachel Van Dyken**

“*Forgotten Promises* is a sexy, heartbreaking read with a tortured hero and a strong heroine. Tucker and Morgan are definitely a couple to root for.”—***New York Times* bestselling author Monica Murphy**

“Uniquely dark and utterly beautiful, the love story of Tucker and Morgan is one that will stay with you. *Forgotten Promises* is the best New Adult book I’ve ever read.”—***New York Times* bestselling author Gina L. Maxwell**

“Jessica Lemmon has the perfect balance of suspense and emotion in *Forgotten Promises*. It’s another great read, and I can’t wait for more.”—***USA Today* bestselling author Chelsea Camaron**

“With unique characters and a compelling storyline, *Forgotten Promises* is a definite must-read! Tucker and Morgan’s story is one of heartache and hope. I was drawn into their lives from the first pages, and it’s a story that has stayed with me long after finishing the book.”—**Stacey Lynn, author of *His to Love***

“An addicting and angsty roller coaster, *Forgotten Promises* had me hooked from page one and didn’t let go of my heart until the end.”—**Gillian Archer, author of the *True Brothers* MC series**

“Intense and emotional; the characters are ingeniously crafted, ensuring empathy to the highest degree.”—**Book Angel Booktopia**

“A wonderfully written story, though definitely different than your typical cookie-cutter feel-good romance.”—**Always YA at Heart**

“If you’re looking for the light, fun story you may be used to Ms. Lemmon writing, be prepared for something different . . . a very *good* something different.”—**Addicted to Happily Ever After**

“[Tucker and Morgan’s] story is epically beautiful and a must-read for everyone! It will have you in tears of sorrow and joy.”—**FMR Book Grind (five stars)**

Includes a special message from the editor, as well as an excerpt from another Loveswept title.

Forgotten Promises Details

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Irene says

4 emotional stars

Forgotten Promises was so much more than I expected.
The storyline was emotional, heartbreaking and very entertaining.

My interest was captured from the first page, I didn't want to put it down. I needed to know how were these two people ever going to get their HEA, I couldn't see an out for them.
Both Tucker and Morgan were likable characters, I enjoyed watching their relationship unfold.

While I liked Morgan my heart went out to Tucker, I really felt for him, so many times I wanted to reach into my kindle and hug him.
He truly deserved happiness, peace and love after everything he'd been through.

This book will pull at the heartstrings and the ending will leave you with a heart full of joy! I highly recommend Forgotten Promises.

Thank you to Random House Publishing Group - Loveswept via NetGalley for the advance copy in exchange for my honest thoughts.

XxTainaxX says

It was an interesting switch to traditional in a few ways and very tactful with a sensitive subject. Tucker is desperate to protect others from an evil he is all too familiar with. He met Morgan a long time ago and now that he's back, needs her help. Desperately. Morgan has had a bad day. Really bad. Now she's stuck with Tucker and he didn't necessarily ask. The story is written well and quite emotional. Once Tucker comes out of his shell, it's definitely sexy.

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Jessica Lemmon says

Dear Reader,

****UPDATE**** Video trailer! Watch [HERE!](#)

Super excited about this new book coming out in January 2016! Those of you familiar with Jessica Lemmon will recognize my voice in this book, but the subject matter might be darker than you're used to. No worries, though, you can expect the same rich, emotional payoff, a romance, and a happy-ever-after. I wouldn't let you down on that front. ;)

Here is a look at the book page on my website: click [HERE](#).

Happy (intense!) reading,
Jess :)

Debbie I Heart YA Books says

Sometimes when I review a book, I wish I could just say: "This story is absolutely amazing! Please, just go buy the book!" and that would be enough said. Why? Because I don't want to give away any spoilers; I just want to stress how much I loved it. And with a story like this, it's easy to do. I love this story so, so very much. So, less is going to be more with this review. And the more is: Tucker Noscalo. OMG, this guy is beautiful. Readers are used to the norm when it comes to a bad boy. Like the bad boy player, the manwhore and so on, but Jessica Lemmon has just given bad boys a whole new name with Tucker Noscalo. Now, we really can fall in love with a bad boy and have self-worth for doing so. Tucker stole my heart, broke it and put it back together. I wanted to jump into this book and become the heroine, Morgan Young, so I could just hold Tucker. I love when an author can make me feel this much emotion for a fictional character. That Tucker no longer is fiction, but becomes real. And this is why we read, readers. Because the characters and the story become alive and set our hearts on fire so we can feel the story with every bit of our hearts and emotions. Thank you Jessica Lemmon for Tucker Noscalo, the bad boy who is above all other bad boys!

Tucker and Morgan's romance is heart melting. Morgan touched my heart with the way she loves Tucker and the tender way she shows Tucker how to love. Okay, that all I'm going to say, except that I highly recommend *Forgotten Promises* as a must, must read.

Paige says

2 "Quick" Stars

Forgotten Promises is a short read about an ex-con and a slightly spoiled sweet girl. Having known each other for years, they've not really ever interacted but once in school. Now that Tucker is out of prison he's set on righting the wrongs done to him. Running into Morgan on her 21st birthday at an out of the way, run down gas station wasn't what he expected. But he takes advantage of the situation and essentially kidnaps her so that he can try and convince her lawyer father that he's innocent.

Morgan was dumped on her birthday by her boyfriend when she finds out that he and her best friend have been cheating on her together. Walking home she makes a stop at a gas station for some wine to hopefully help her forget the night when she runs into Tucker. She's always had a crush on him but he was so quiet and mysterious and then went to prison that nothing ever came of it. But seeing him brings it all back--until she wakes up bound in a motel room.

As these two spend time together, the truth comes out as they bare their souls. They need to decide if they can trust one another and if they'll be able to be open and honest enough with each other to take what they

want.

While I liked the premise of this story, it was too short for me to really feel much of a connection to the characters. A lot happens in this novella length story and because of that I felt pulled in too many directions to actually feel like Morgan and Tucker were really growing and developing realistically. Tucker's problems were way too big to be handled as easily as they were. The premise behind their meeting was a bit silly too as it was really out of the realm of believability. By the end I wanted to love these two, and while I liked them well enough, I just needed more to really feel their love for each other.

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Jen says

4 Heartbreaking Stars

An idyllic setting can hide the ugliest of lies— I know that better than anyone.

Morgan Young's twenty first birthday isn't turning out quite like she'd planned. After finding out her boyfriend and BFF have been sneaking around behind her back, all she wants is a bottle of wine and her bathtub.

Tucker Noscalo is on a mission. After being released from prison, his only goal is to bring down the chief of police that set him up and sent him there. Did I mention the chief is Tucker's scumbag of a father?

Tucker's watched Morgan from afar from the moment he first laid eyes on her at the age of fourteen and he knows her father is the best defense attorney in the area. When fate manages to put them in the same place at the same time, Tucker takes advantage of the opportunity and kidnaps her with the hopes of telling her his story and convincing her to help him.

I made her smile. A surge of pride pulses to life. It's like winning a contest I didn't know I'd entered.

Even though Tucker chose to go the kidnapper route, I loved these two together from the beginning. The story provides enough background info to let you know Tucker's not a bad guy, just desperate. He's come to Morgan's rescue in the past so Morgan is sure there's a reasonable explanation for Tucker's actions. As Tucker begins to let Morgan in on his past and fears for the future, Morgan can't help but want to help.

This was a truly heartbreaking story and what Tucker was forced to endure at the hands of someone he should've been able to trust is something no child should have to face. Be warned, this book features a couple of trigger issues and some might find the story difficult to get through.

That being said, I thought the writing was excellent and Jessica Lemmon did a fantastic job of creating a gut wrenching story in only 200 pages. It wasn't a surprise when Morgan and Tucker both found themselves wanting more from the relationship, but the way it was handled is what made me believe in their story. There were no easy paths for a future together, but honestly I can't see it playing out any differently and still remaining somewhat realistic. Life's full of bumpy roads and this story's certainly no different.

I know I have a piece missing, I just never dared to believe someone else— someone as beautiful and angelic as her— would fill it.

Though I don't see a reread in my immediate future simply because of the story line, *Broken Promises* proved to be an enjoyable, if not emotional, story. Once in a while it's nice to have a book remind you of just how lucky you are.

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Dali says

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A plethora of touching emotions. *Forgotten Promises* is an intense, poignant and hopeful romance encased in a gritty and captivating story about the quintessential good girl and an unmistakable bad boy.

"She's light. I'm darkness. I have no way to hide with her near."

Morgan Young was thrilled and looking forward to celebrating her twenty first birthday with a surprise from her boyfriend. She just wasn't prepared for it to be of the horribly unpleasant kind. But Morgan's hellacious night isn't over yet, and her life after it will never be the same.

Tucker Noscalo wasn't just deprived of his freedom, he was denied safety, love and ultimately robbed of his childhood which drove him to prefer a criminal life. His time in jail has not changed his sense of justice, and the first and most important task he needs to do now that he's out is make sure his father pays for what he's done. Something that is easier said than done given that his father is the town's respected chief of police.

"Everything about Tucker Noscalo intrigues and beguiles me, even if it isn't supposed to."

Set on his course and determined to see it through, Tucker seizes the opportunity when he runs into his high school crush and the daughter of an upstanding lawyer. She's the only chance he's got to convince her father to defend him and set things right. He needs to convince her but without much time to do so he abducts her.

As they fight the mixed feelings they're forced to face and as Tucker reveals his story, an unexpected connection forms between them, fueled by intrigue and desire their bond grows. When they face reality, neither will come out unscathed nor ever be the same.

"I'm alone in the woods with the man who's holding me captive. I should fear Tucker, but I don't. There's something about him – there has always been something about him – that draws me to him. Especially now that I know his past. His present."

This story is heartbreakingly beautiful. I can't recall how it got on my reading list, but I want to thank whoever made me look because it's wonderful gem. Even though a bit predictable, it hooked me from start to finish with its addictiveness.

Tucker is an amazing anti-hero. He's a broken and desperate man. He has physical and emotional scars that run deep. But beneath it all he has a good heart and is a protector of the weak. I hurt for him and how he was wronged. It was painful to see how he saw himself as dirty and felt ashamed and unworthy.

Morgan is perfect for Tucker. Even though she was initially held against her will, having been saved and infatuated with him in high school, she sees below the surface which allow her to not only be open to his story but also make her want to help him heal.

"I never thought of home as being a safe and comfortable and loving place, but Morgan is all of those things."

Their long forgotten connection pushes their captor-hostage situation to a romance which they use to fight the past in order to have a future filled with love, and of course great chemistry.

"Being this close to him is like lightning striking way too near. The air is hot. Sharp. Electric. I want more."

This was my first Jessica Lemmon book, but it certainly won't be the last. I enjoyed her writing style, the character development and emotional storyline. Forgotten Promises is book #1.5 in her Lost Boys series. It can be read as a standalone. Told from alternating points of view with a happy ending.

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NiCoLeTa E. says

4 "Angel" stars

I have to admit that i wasn't imagine that this book would be so interesting!!!

Yep, everything got out of hand really quickly and the emotions were built equal fast, but the story was captivating...

I liked both characters very much and i enjoyed their unique connection!!!
This was my first reading from Jessica Lemmon but i guarantee you that it won't be the last...

Well, Morgan Young was a privileged girl who had everything in her perfect life...
On her birthday, she discovered her boyfriend's betrayal with her BFF and her perfect little world started to tremble...

Determined to limit the hurting with booze, Morgan gets in the first convenient store in her way home and she bumped into someone that she used to know when she were at school...

Tucker Noscalo was a criminal...
He just got out of prison and he already did something that could land him for once again in there.

But he was having every right to do what he did and now, he is desperate to find a way to reveal the truth!!!
The opportunity arrives in the form of Morgan Young, the daughter of the most famous lawyer in the town...
He only have to make her listen and for her to decide if she will help him!!!

Thank God, that she is chatty even though that back in school they weren't in the same circles!!!

But the things got out of control really quickly!!!
Tucker panicked and he did something that he didn't plan and didn't want at all!!!
He kidnapped Morgan and took her with him....

So, how will he manage to make her believe that he is telling the truth???
And how she supposed to believe him when he took her against her will???
The doubts are creeping inside their heads and their hearts are playing tricky games with them...
Will they manage to stay untouched by this "adventure"???

"Morgan isn't for me. Never was. I've always known that much. I guess knowing and wanting are two different beasts."

Morgan was a little bit spoiled, but i really liked her...
Back to school, she was having a crash with Tucker and that made her to find the courage to talk to him after so many years!!!
I liked her reactions when he took her... They were natural and honest!!!

And i liked that after being held and after she heard Tucker's secrets, she changed... She became a different person that started to appreciate life differently...
This adventure changed her in a good way!!!
I also liked how she stood beside Tucker, no matter what she learned about him!!!

"I should fear Tucker, but I don't. There's something about him- there has always been something about him -that draws me to him. Especially now that i know his past. His present."

As for Tucker??? I honestly couldn't understand how he snapped like that and made such rush decisions... He was seeming like a nice guy!!! And he were!!!!
He was just desperate for justice... And in his position, it was difficult to be heard!!!

So he found an unorthodox way to force somebody to listen and to help him!!!

But he was feeling so badly for his actions and he was so ashamed of his past...
I felt so sad about him!!! And for all the things that he was forced to live!!!
His hidden secrets were awful and they are making my heart bleed for Tucker!!!

Morgan's presence (*His angel as he was calling her!!!*) made him only good...
He opened up and he started to feel things beyond anger and sadness and hatred!!!

***"I'm still the bad guy, but in her eyes, a good one. That's enough for me. I don't have to be everyone's hero.
Just hers."***

As it was natural Morgan and Tucker fell for each other...
In a way, they healed each other and change their point of view...
But was that enough for those two to be together under these circumstances???

Nope, i can't tell you!!! You have to find it out by yourselves...

***"I'm not sure what she's feeling now that she knows the truth: i'm twisted, fucked up. I am the man she thought I was when i tossed her into the trunk. When i Gagged and bound her.
I am a monster. A beast...
And she is the beauty.
Unfit for someone like me."***

Finally, i would like to tell how much i hate people like Victor!!!
Monsters is the appropriate word for them!!!

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A. Cook says

Forgotten Promises Unexpectedly intense read with an unexpected hero. The story has a storyline that's just heart breaking. Tucker is an escape artist of sorts. His escapes haven't been from the prison cell he'd been sitting in. Nor was it from an after hours bank heist. Tucker spent his young life escaping from a nightmare that happened to be his father. So, Tucker the antihero is the only cape worthy figure of this semi dark tale. Even though he's reluctantly wearing his cape ... that heavy mantle of past sins, current nightmares, and future hope. But once confronted with his own personal devil (aka dear ole dad) any hope of the future is fading fast.

Morgan Young is the untainted 'good girl' that gives Tucker's hope new life. Tucker isn't what Morgan's perfect life expected but Tucker is what her life needed. You see, Tucker has been her hero long before they reunite in that deserted parking lot. So, at the end of the crappiest birthday she has ever spent, Morgan never expected to get the biggest gift of her life.

Thought Forgotten Promises isn't the traditional love story it does end with a well-deserved HEA. Tucker's

innocence takes the reader's breath away and Morgan's courage helps to move story forward. There are parts of this story that I prayed that the author didn't give a full description because my heart just couldn't take it. There are parts that as the reader I wished I could've scooped the hero up and protected him. This definitely was a good one.

Denise says

3.5 Unbroken Promises

Morgan never expected her day to get any worse. Finding out on your 21st birthday that your boyfriend is cheating on you with your best friend, would take the cake. What made it even worse was being kidnapped by the one person you didn't expect. And finding out the reason behind her kidnapping leaves her becoming a different, but same person at the end. With a bit more to loose.

Tucker just wants vengeance and the truth to be free. His past continues to haunt him and he cannot forgive himself for the pain that follows him and lives with. The scars are the constant reminder of the bad in his past, but how can he get retribution? By trusting the one person that might be able to help him, but how can that person trust him when she's being held captive?

The story of Tucker is one that was heart wrenching. His story is what makes him the man he is. Closed off, angry, afraid to trust, and needing the truth to set him free of everything that drags him down. With all that, he needs the help of the one person who wouldn't imagine running into. Morgan is everything he wanted, sweet, perfect, delicate, and clean; His Angel. All compared to his dirtiness she's something that he cannot have.

But when he remembers everything he knew about her the attraction cannot be helped even though he suffers just from her touch.

Morgan gives Tucker everything she can give him willingly. Never taking anything from him that's not consented. Morgan tries to understand Tucker and his mysterious, dangerous ways, but she never thought she would fall in love with him. Or maybe it could only be that he's brainwashed her to thinking that way.

Overall, this story is sweet, it makes you hurt for Tucker and everything he endured. Hoping that he gets his vengeance and also be able to get the one thing he feels he doesn't deserve. Tucker is your anti-hero in the story and he made one heck of one. Ms. Lemmon did a fabulous job with her writing and storyline. Even though I did wish we would have gotten more of a backstory from Tucker's father. I do believe that the story went fine without it.

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Maida»-(^v^)-> says

RATING: 3.5 Angel Hearts! :)

Mandy says

This was an amazing! I wasn't expecting such an emotional and heartbreaking story. This was told in dual POV and learning about Tucker and everything he went through was just devastating. Forgotten Promises is fast-paced even with a lot of internal monologue and I didn't want to put it down once I started. Even with such a heart breaking story, this author still managed to make a sexy, sweet and somewhat suspenseful romance. I really loved this book and look forward to reading more by this author!

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Mirabella says

THIS REVIEW CONTAINS SPOILERS ----- I am torn between 4 and 5 stars but I think I will settle for 4, even though the book was very good and worth of 5. Tucker, the hero, reminded me of Flame (Souls Unfractured by Tillie Cole), he had to endure an abusive and violent childhood as well, he struggled with self-hate and felt not worthy enough to being loved by Morgan, the heroine. Jessica Lemmon did a wonderful job and the book had everything what I wish for a good and satisfying read - but I'm sorry to say, in comparison to Tillie Cole's book, I missed the depth, the heart-wrenching agony, the very touching of my soul. Where I really felt sad for Tucker, my heart had been deeply broken for Flame. So that's the reason for giving 4 instead of 5 stars. But back to Tucker and Morgan. The story was very sensitively written and the characters were beautifully elaborated. It was wonderful to see their relationship changing, especially Morgan's understanding of his boundaries and helping him to get out of the inner dark pit he was thrown into by the abuse of his father. There might be triggers for some readers, though the kidnapping isn't brutal and the rape and violence from his past isn't described in detail. The basics: h+H POV, present tense, due to H's past he is a virgin and the sex is slow, sweet and very sensitive at first, later on more passionate. Anti-hero H with possessive and jealous moments, very lovable h, no OW/OM, no cheating, nice epilogue with happy end.

Maya says

ARC received via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

I just finished reading this amazing and heartbreaking story, and all I can think of is poor Tucker. What that men went through is simply put horrific and no child should ever experience such betrayal by the one person, who they love the most and look up to!

The story is exactly as described in blurb. It starts with Tucker just getting out of prison, with the plan to bring down his father, the towns crooked chief of police and get some justice for what's been done to him and his brother. In the meantime, Morgan is getting her heart broken on her twenty-first birthday. To escape the pain and betrayal she walks to a market with the plan to buy a bottle of wine to drown her sorrows. Who

would have thought that she'll meet, in a place and night like that, her long lost hero from school, Tucker. But what, if her hero turns out to be the bad guy?

I connected to Tucker's character the most. His story is so heartbreaking and I just wanted to give him a hug. His youth is not as normal or as pretty as you might think it is. It's filled with sexual abuse and fear for himself and his younger brother. All I can say is that his father deserved exactly what he got in the end.

Having read his POV really helped me to understand him better and I adored seeing him getting used to human touch, one that doesn't hurt or bring up unpleasant memories. And as for Morgan, I couldn't quite warm up to her character. At first she was great and I connected with her but as the story went on I found her behaviour too selfish and immature. Near the end, tho, she did come close to redeem herself in my eyes. She was really good for Tucker and I like that she helped him overcome some of his demons.

The main reason I didn't rate this book higher is that it has so much unused potential and some scene (like those with his father) could have been exploited more. I felt like the climax of the story wasn't as good as it could have been.

Overall, this is a great, short story that you should read. :)

Safety-gang: It's a safe read, for me.

Alyse says

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On the night of her twenty-first birthday, Morgan Young's perfect little life takes a turn. She discovers that her boyfriend and her best friend have been cheating on her. Morgan decides to get drunk to cover up the pain of losing her (ex) best friend and (ex) boyfriend. She goes to the first convenience store on her long walk home to get some cheap wine when she runs into someone she remembers from school.

Tucker Noscalo is fresh off of serving a eighteen month prison sentence for beating his father, who happens to be the local chief of police. No one believed him before about the kind of man his father is, and no one will believe him now without the proof that Tucker has AND a good lawyer. As luck would have it, in walks Morgan Young, the daughter of one of the best lawyers in the state. Now, all Tucker has to do is convince Morgan of the truth, and he will do whatever it takes to get her to listen to him...

My heart broke for Tucker and all that he's gone through in his life. And I understood (not that I agreed with) his actions with getting Morgan to listen to him. It was nice to see Morgan get him to really open up and trust

her, something that Tucker has never been able to do. She was patient and understanding with a VERY damaged Tucker.

Rating: 3.5 out of 5

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