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He was seven. She was four. Neighbors and best friends. He was her protector. She was his reason. Each had their battles but they fought them together. He had a plan. She wasn't aware.

She was seventeen. He was twenty. Tragedy strikes and their life is derailed. She leaves to heal and fulfill a dream to dance on stage. He is left behind and forgets how to live.

He stops searching. She begins looking. Can they ever set one another free, or does fate have something else in store for them?

## **Brisé Details**

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## From Reader Review Brisé for online ebook

### LaVida Brisco - One Last Page Book Blog says

Emotional Rollercoaster

\*\*ARC Provided for a Honest Review\*\*

This book is a heart-wrenching love story that hit me in my soul. This is a story of hope, love, perseverance, and sacrifice. It's about making the tough decisions while still trying to follow your heart. It's about trying to live your life despite all the obstacles that constantly seem to come at you. This book flooded me with emotions just like I knew it would.

Luke and Phoebe meet when he was seven and she was four. Their parents were best friends and neighbors. From their first meeting Luke was her superhero and told her that he would always protect her. Growing up Phoebe hasn't had it easy but with parents and a best friend by her side who cherishes her she starts to become the person she's meant to be. We follow them as they grow into adults and learn the faith is a fickle bi\*\*\* and that life can be cruel but love will always stand the test of time.

These two go through hell and back. they are each other's life line, their anchor, their other half. A devastating loss brings them together and one decision changes their course leaving them to go their separate ways. Throughout it all they never stop thinking or wanting the other but wasn't sure if the walls they broke down could be rebuilt. This was my first read by Leigh Ann but will definitely not be my last. This was a emotional love story that was beautiful and captivating and I for one THANK YOU for telling a story that will touch every readers heart.

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### Stephie Walls says

Every time I pick up a new Leigh Ann Lunsford book I'm blown away by her storylines, the development of her characters, and her ability to have me feel as though I'm living in the story with the characters but this time she totally knocked me on my ass. This book is a heart-wrenching, soul searching, frustrating, tale of love that has to withstand not only the test of time but life's cruel obstacles. Every woman needs a superhero like Luke.

Leigh Ann will have you sobbing, laughing, pulling your hair out at times but you WILL feel how real these characters are: their pain, their love, their adolescence, their fight, their frustration and when it's over you'll wonder what in the hell just happened.

Brise is by far Leigh Ann's best book to date!

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### Jennifer Sons says

I was given the book for an honest review for Through the Booking Glass blog.

OMG! It's been over a week & I'm still wrecked! What an amazing book! This book is the 1st I've read of author Leigh Ann Lunsford & it won't be the last! It had me hooked from the very beginning when they were just little kids! It had the right amount of angst, sadness, joy, love, sorrow, surprise, heat & suspense!

Luke & Phoebe(Twinkle) grew up together & he made a vow to always protect her from harm. What no one knew was that she would have one hell of a rough life! Not only did Phoebe have to deal with medical problems her whole life but tragedy strikes & Luke is faced with some tough decisions.

Luke is amazing! He was so protective & strong! Even in the darkest of days, Luke always was there for his Twinkle! It made me cry several times from the overwhelming love that these two had!

Towards the end, the book take a turn that I WAS NOT EXPECTING!!! I was saying NO NO NO!! I know Ms Evilness Lunsford did NOT just go there! YEP! She did! I still love her but I did hate her for a brief minute! ;)

I LOVED the ending! It was a perfecting ending for this beautiful & amazing story! There are MANY touchy subjects in here but all very relevant! It's a story that needed to get told & I'm honored to have read it!

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## **DJ Sakata says**

My Rating:

4.5

Favorite Quotes:

“...he’s so stupid I could put his brain in a hummingbird and he would fly backwards up a camel’s ass.”

“It hurts me to hate him, but it hurts more to love him. Two emotions that mean the opposite are closer than people realize.”

“He was my calm before the storm and the raging inferno of my fire.”

“His anxiety mixed with mine equals a dosage Xanax hasn’t formulated yet.”

“For one day, one month, one year, or for one lifetime, whatever time we are allotted I want every second with you.”

My Review:

I am proud to confess that I have read every book the talented wordsmith known as Leigh Ann Lunsford has

published. I think that gives me fan-girl status. But I have to wonder – is she just a bit evil? She seems to excel in causing her readers and her characters considerable torment by allowing them a glimpse of great happiness and epic love, then yanking it away and keeping them apart then getting them back together - multiple times - all due to stubborn and short sighted behavior. There are also going to be snippets of witty humor, sizzling sensual scenes, and twists and turns in the story that are going to either blow the top of my head off or have me wanting to throw my kindle across the room. I know the drill, I know her emotive writing and mad skills are going to turn me inside out, yet I am like a rubbernecker at a train wreck – I sense the carnage, but I cannot look away. That evil temptress has me addicted, transfixed, and holding on to my beloved kindle for dear life while she grips and squeezes my cold heart in her well-manicured hands. She is just far too good at this - and I find myself, yet again, worshipping at her altar.

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### **Nicole says**

#### **3.75 - 4 Stars**

Phoebe is the girl Luke loves most in the entire world, but a string of losses causes their relationship to tear apart at the seams.

An angst lover's dream book and I am not one but I couldn't put it down.

I swore that this book wouldn't get to me but the end had be shedding a few tears. The back and forth emotions between Luke and Phoebe, the tragedies and the sudden twists gave me a headache, but Brisé is definitely a guilty pleasure read.

There's a tough choice Luke made that really threw a wrench into the relationship and I couldn't help but root for his HEA. He really had the best intentions. Phoebe was rather all over the place and immature at times but she was entitled because of her age and past.

It's nothing new for the genre but I do recommend that you give this a read.

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### **Tara TUG says**

Leigh Ann Lunsford can write a damn story let me tell you. The story of Luke and Phoebe, although, angst, is also heartbreak and beautiful. I think she secretly sits in her writing cave cackling with new ideas of how to have her readers fall in love with her characters only to rip it away for about 30% of the book. Even though she is guaranteed to rip your heart out you can't help but come back for more because in the end you are left with a love story that was beautifully written.

Best friends, protectors, crushes and in the end saviors. Luke has been the rock for Phoebe since she was four years old. When fate hands them another blow and decisions are made Luke makes the only choice he can. Phoebe is strong willed and you will instantly like her. You may not understand her decisions when life gets tough but you will undeniably understand her choice to chase the healing she so desperately needs.

Some authors just get it. They get what speaks to the reader and know how to put it together to make you feel like you are the one in the story experiencing all the emotions and Ms. Lunsford is one of those authors. You

will either want to strangle her for making your heart beat at a pace that isn't normal or kiss her for giving you a book that will undeniably, be a book you will be thinking about for weeks.

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### **booklover4life says**

\*\*\*I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review!\*\*\*

This book was extremely emotional and powerful. One of those books that hits you in the gut, and makes it hard to breathe. It is packed with heartache, love, faith, beauty, strength, laughter, forgiveness and loyalty. Luke and Phoebe were a part of each other from the day they met. That connection just got stronger over time. They had a lot of obstacles to overcome on the road to love and happiness, but they never forgot about one another, nor did they give up. This is the type of story that will get you thinking, and will have you remembering it for long after you've finished reading. I highly recommend this book.

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### **Akeisha -Til' The Last Page BB says**

Reviewed by: Akeisha

Rating: 5 Beautiful Stars

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

This is why Brisé is currently sitting as my # 1 read for 2015 so far.

I read Brisé a while ago and I think I waited this long to write this review because I wanted a reason to skim through it again. If you have never read any book from Leigh Ann Lunsford, this is the book that will make you an instant fan. Brisé stirred so many emotions in me from the very first page to the last page. Leigh Ann is beyond creative, expressive, I am not sure what else to stay than she was born to do this.

Brisé .....

Where do I start with this emotional read. From the first paragraph I started to get a little misty eye and I think I wasn't prepared from what I was about to read. Leigh Ann did warn me to come with tissues. Do I ever listen? No lol.....BRING YOUR TISSUES!!!!

“ Well, I am a superhero, and we'll get rid of .....,” I tell her with all of my seven- year old authority”

“ Okay”, she says, “ I'm going to be a dancer like my mom. You can be my very own superhero, and I will be your ballerina”. Can I just say how this gripped at my heart.

The story follows two childhood friends Lucas Nichols a.k.a Luke and Phoebe Wells. I enjoyed the journey Leigh Ann with both characters from childhood friends to adulthood. Within the book , the relationship

between the two friends change and how each of them handle many situations that was thrown their way.

I loved both characters from the beginning to the end. I loved how strong Phoebe was despite all that was going on around her. How could you not?

I think the more I type I might say too much, so I am going stop now. If you are looking for a story with depth, heartache, healing, forgiveness then this is the story for you. Brisé is very well written, flows beautifully and makes you feel every single thing. Secondary characters were also great.

Bravo!!!!!!

Favorite quotes:

Phoebe:

“He wraps his arms around me and gives me every ounce of his love. It seeps out of him, enveloping me in its warmth. His love creates a barrier from the outside forces I can't bring myself to overcome. His love will heal me”

“ It wasn't a goodbye kiss”, I see the briefest of smiles form on his lips. “ A goodbye has a chance for a hello. This is not goodbye because this is The. End”.

Luke:

" She's my oxygen and I hers"

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### **Terrie's Just Another Book B\*tch says**

This is my first book by Leigh Ann Lunsford and I can say that this was an epic roller coaster ride.

We're taken on a journey through the years with Lucas and Phoebe. Watching as their pain becomes our pain. Routing for them every step of they way.

Luke and Phoebe are truly meant to be. From the beginning we know in our hearts, they are soul mates. They are what love stories are made of. Unfortunately, with all true love stories, they seem to be destined for soul crushing pain that will test them to the core.

***"We all want absolution..... you don't go through life without pain"***

Brisé is a well written book that gripped me from the beginning. I couldn't wait to see how everything turned out. I wasn't sure what to expect.

I believe that many of you will need a reading corner with some privacy for this one. Somewhere that you can shed your tears freely. And I do believe they will flow quiet freely, so grab that industrial size box of tissue and carve out some reading time!

I will say however that while this book did stir many emotions within me I didn't cry. (*heartless bitch I guess*) But I just felt that I didn't get a chance to see enough of their good and happy times together. That Light, which when absent makes the dark seem even darker. Don't get me wrong, I'm definitely not into the light and fluffy romance but in my opinion increasing their romance and passion, would have made for an even more emotional read. Increasing our bond and love for the characters.

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### **Tahsin says**

Beginning - 5 stars

Middle - 2.5-3 stars

End - 3.5-4 stars

This book touches on several delicate issues, but it doesn't dwell on any of them. I loved the beginning, and then it started going downhill after that.

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### **Aphrodite says**

#### **3 and a half stars.**

I felt very frustrated while reading this, there were so many times, i put this down to take a breather. She would probably be one of the most annoying characters I've come across.

The story it self was good, but because she was so immature in a lot of her decisions, I didn't want to finish it.

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### **Vikki ~ \*squee\* lite ~ says**

Angst lovers, this one is for you.

I'm having a hard time rating this one. There was a lot that I liked about it - and some I really didn't like. I found myself more frustrated then not by most of the characters decisions. But, to give it its due - it was a story that most certainly touched me. I cried on and off for most of the story.

Luke, while I liked him, drove me crazy. I didn't feel like I really knew him. All I knew about him was how much he loved Phoebe. I found myself hoping that he would move on - at least a little so that he could be a whole person. Maybe there was more to Luke than Phoebe but I never saw it. (view spoiler)

Phoebe was much the same, though there did seem to be some more to her. However, her whole life revolved

around Luke. I would have loved to see her branch out. (view spoiler)

The plot - while it certainly made me \*feel\* didn't always make sense. There were several instances that felt so out of the blue - and never felt like they fit the story except as a plot devise. They really pulled me out of the book. (view spoiler)

Overall the story was good. I think it had the potential to be great. Certainly it made me feel. I'll look. For more from this author.

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### **Cassie says**

\* ARC REVIEW FROM ABIBLIOPHOBIA ANONYMOUS BOOK REVIEWS BLOG \*

Brise

I'm one emotional person right now. Red eyed, tear streaked, snot nosed reviewer. I just ended this book and I had to immediately put pen to paper. Usually I wait a day or two, but I have to get this one out.

"You can be my very own superhero, and I will be your ballerina." - Phoebe

Author Leigh Ann Lunsford, I've been a fan of her since the beginning. I was so excited for Brise, but good Lord, I had no idea what I was in store for.

These two amazing character's, you love them from the very first page, and the tears started to flow immediately. This book literally grabs ahold of your heart and doesn't ease it's grip till the last word. I was sucked into Luke and Phoebe's world.

Brise is a story about friendship, growing, love, heartache, sadness, getting torn down and rebuilding it all back up. It's a book that has it all! The character's we get to watch them grow, evolve and break.

"No more yesterday's, only tomorrows." - Phoebe

So many times in this story I cried, laughed and quit breathing. That's what Luke and Twinkle does to you. The character's are so lovable. The story is wrote perfectly, and you can definitely see how much this author has grown.

"I forgot my cape tonight, Twinkle. I didn't save you, but know I will always fight for you." - Luke

Be ready to become a titty baby. Have tissues handy and some wine. Yes, wine, lots. You'll need it. I promise you that!!

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### **1-Click Addict Support Group says**

Oh man! That blurb! I'm a total sucker for friends to lovers romances. Even better when they're childhood

best friends. This book is so juicy and epic. This is my first read from Leigh Ann Lunsford and I'm definitely going to be checking out more by her in the future.

We meet our main characters, Lucas and Phoebe, when they're just little kids. We watch them grow into teens, and then adulthood. But one thing is always constant, they love each other. Even through all the bumps in the road they face.

I really don't want to go into too much detail about this story because there's more than meets the eye to it. It's a book you don't only have to read, but have to experience. *Brisé* will make you mad, make you want to throw your kindle in frustration, rip your heart right out of your chest and, then put it right back in. Beware, ugly cry moments ahead. This book puts your emotions through the proverbial wringer and that's exactly the books I love to read.

*Brise* is told in Lucas and Phoebe's first person POVS. And you'll be happy to know it's a standalone with no cliffhanger. Gorgeous, moving and powerful, this gets 5 Stars from me.

~ Erin, 5 stars

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### **Jeneane says**

Epic emotional rollercoaster. HFS. I needed a box of tissues and clean panties while reading *Brise*. Leigh Ann Lunsford keeps outdoing herself with each new release. Luke and Phoebe are soulmates. They meet when he is seven and she is four. Right away they are drawn to each other and become best friends until hormones kick in. Phoebe and Luke love each other and he's got a plan only he doesn't share it with her. Typical male. Will he lose Phoebe before they've even begun? Tragedy strikes and it marks the beginning of a angst filled journey for Luke and Phoebe. She needs to find herself and heal before she can love Luke the way he deserves but he might not be willing to wait. Just as you think it's going to be ok bam tragedy strikes over and over. Can these two have a HEA? Or are they doomed? Leigh Ann Lunsford will keep you on the edge of a emotional rollercoaster until the very end. Expect to have quite the book hangover after reading *Brise*. Thank you for a wonderful journey Leigh Ann

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