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In the latest from the author of *One Night*, tragedy causes a young woman to struggle to keep her head above water, and the only one who can help her is the guy who's been in the friend zone for the past year...

Every time life throws Zoe Adler a curve ball, she changes her appearance. Freshmen year—after almost following in her mother's alcoholic footsteps—she said good-bye to her blonde, girl-next-door image and opted for jet black hair and piercings galore. After her brother Wyatt's death, she escapes to the city to teach a summer art program for kids. Her black hair goes blue, and she finds solace in the arms of a longtime friend, in his heart, and in his bed—but her guilt makes her unable to accept the love he wants to give.

Spock might be the guy to save Zoe. But when she learns the truth about his past, the edge she's teetered on since losing Wyatt drops out from under her. The girl who kept it together for everyone finally falls apart. Now Zoe must choose between drowning in guilt about Wyatt or asking for help. But even if she gets the help she needs, Spock may not be waiting for her when she's ready to let love in.

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Bette Hansen says

Finally Zoe and Spock's story!! I've been waiting - rather impatiently - since I read the last page of One Night. I definitely was NOT disappointed. Their story is emotional, fun, sad, and perfect. After the death of her brother Wyatt, Zoe's life seems to be spiraling out of control. When Spock shows up at the funeral, it seems he might be the one person who can help her get life back to normal. With secrets between them, will their newly confessed love be able to survive?? Believe me when I say you want to read this one and find out. I highly recommend it.

Megan Erickson says

Zoe and Spock 4EVA.

I loved loved loved this story. AJ Pine is a fantastic storyteller and the way she weaves Zoe's grief and how she deals with that grief in this romantic storyline is fabulous. Spock is an amazing love interest. I loved getting a New Adult title that dealt with a strong heroine who yet was still really vulnerable. Zoe has a lot of layers and it's really a treat to peel them all back.

A gorgeous read that will really touch your heart. Highly recommend!

A.J. Pine says

Here we go--Zoe and Spock's story! This was a tough one to write because Zoe had such a tough journey to make. But she (and I) found our way to the other side. If you haven't read book #1 in the Only You series, One Night, no worries. They both read as a stand alone. But of course I'd love you to see what Zoe was like before tragedy struck, when she was a friend to Jess when no one else could reach her, so for a limited time ONE NIGHT is on sale for only 99 pennies at all e-retailers!

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Amber Hughes says

****4.5 stars**** Oh the feels! A.J. Pine warned us it was going to be that kind of read and boy did she deliver! I was so looking forward to Zoe & Spock's story and it was an emotional, heartfelt, read just as I hoped it would be. What a journey they go through together and on their own... I love her writing and A.J. is an auto-buy author for me.

Kassiah says

4-1/2 stars.

You already know how much I loved *One Night*, where we were first introduced to Zoe. I didn't know there would be more books in this series, but damn am I glad A.J. Pine wrote more!

Zoe has been going through lots of changes, not the least of which was losing her brother, Wyatt. It's after his funeral that Zoe reconnects with her friend, Zach aka Spock. Their friendship slips into something more, no matter how much Zoe thinks she can't love or be loved. Will it be enough?

Once again, I find myself blown away by A.J. Pine. She's definitely one of the most under-appreciated authors in my opinion. This story had perfect pacing and tons of swoon and romance and butterflies and sweetness. It's emotional and authentic. Zoe was real, maybe one of the most real characters I've ever read. I love the way their relationship progressed, and I **loved** that we got to see Jess and Adam here. *swoony sigh*

I highly recommend this series to every reader who loves swoony romance and characters who will give you all the feels.

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Lia Riley says

My favorite AJ Pine book to date. Oh my feelings. Review to come.

Neilliza Swaffar says

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???? 4.5 Stars????

One Life was sweet, but full of heartbreak. It's my first A.J. Pine book and I loved it. She had me fall in love, then broke my heart and loved again. Zoe and Spock's story is full of tragedy, but has a light in the end of the tunnel. It made me feel so much for the two broken people that just wanted to be loved. Zoe and Spock are cute and sweet, but had so much of themselves hidden from the world, that only they can help each other. They are each other's light, even if they took a while to figure it out. Spock is a beautiful guy who loved with all his heart and Zoe was his Supergirl, that he loved so much. They are comic geeks who are full of talents and seeing them on fire for their art is beautiful. I loved this story and the light it brought out.

:::REVIEW IS ALSO ON FOUR CHICKS FLIPPING PAGES:::

Mandy says

4.5

This was such an emotional story! Zoe is lost. Her younger brother, Wyatt, died and she's having a hard time dealing with his death. It's more like she's not dealing with his death and is masking her pain. When her friend Zach (Spock) shows up at Wyatt's funeral, he is the only person that can help her through her grief.

I really enjoyed this book. There were a few tears, a few laughs, a good amount of steam, a little angst and a lot of friendship. At first, I wasn't sure how I felt about Zoe but as the book went on, I really felt she was a brilliant character. Everything from the issues she was dealing with, her guilt over her brothers death and the way she was hiding herself made her a really complex character. I felt like she was a really strong heroine, even if it didn't seem like it at times. Zach was amazing and he was the perfect match for Zoe. Maybe it's just my own personal preference but I really appreciated that the way this author handled the separation between these characters (view spoiler). Overall, I really enjoyed this book and I hope maybe this series will continue - I'd love to read Delores's story!

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Jen says

Read the full review on Bookaholics Not-So-Anonymous.

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One Life is the second novel in author A.J. Pine's new adult (NA) romance series entitled Only You and is about an artist named Zoe who is burdened with emotions she's chosen to keep hidden from those around her and a musician named Zach who is at a crossroads of his own and is keeping his own share of secrets. Zoe and Zach's first meeting occurs in the first novel in the series, One Night, and they keep things between them very much in the friend zone. When they part ways, it's another six months before they see each other again and it's due to the untimely passing of Zoe's younger brother. It's this second meeting that sets both of them on very different paths--Zach to finding direction in his life and Zoe to losing parts of herself until she no longer becomes recognizable since this is how she deals with her loss and tragedies.

There's a lot of pretending that goes on in Zoe's life and it all stems from her not dealing with the hurdles life throws her way. There are deeper reasons to her dyeing the color of her hair than the usual aesthetics. She avoids confronting what's going on within her family after Wyatt's death. Even her decision to call Zach "Spock" no longer becomes a simple matter of not addressing him by the same name as her twin brother. It's like the nicknames that people give her--each one is a role that she gets to play because then she doesn't have to face the real Zoe, the one still in pain and faking it so that she can get through each day without having to feel or think. After all, that's how she avoids confronting her issues and she would rather be "Supergirl," "Blue," or "Smurfette" than just be Zoe, the girl who may be too damaged for Zach to love.

Angst-ridden would probably be an apt description of Zoe, but hers is the kind of angst that isn't brought on by the usual things that young women her age need to get a handle on. There's nothing shallow about what she's going through, and as you read her story, you find yourself wishing she would share her burdens with someone. But then, that's not how Zoe operates, too used to the role of fixer and listener, allowing everyone else to unburden while she chooses to take their troubles on. This wasn't an overly long read, but it also wasn't a light one. Zoe's story of learning to allow others--her family, closest friends, and Zach--to see that she, too, has struggles but that she's trying to get through them in a healthy manner is inspiring. The Only You series has yet to disappoint and the five-starred One Life is one worthwhile read. ♥

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Zoe Adler is still reeling from the sudden, tragic death of her little brother when Spock shows back up in her life. She met Spock at a 'con' months ago and while she can't deny there's an attraction there, they've only ever been just friends.

Spock has been on tour with his band for the last six months, and neither one of them wanted the messy entanglements of a long distance relationship—and yet, there he is at her door when she needs him the very most. Their reunion is bittersweet and emotional, and it doesn't take long before they admit that their feelings run so much deeper than friendship.

Things come together fast and furious for Zoe and Spock; one minute they're just friends, the next they're all in, head first, both feet. Their relationship is intense and breathtaking and freaking adorable, but also something of a ticking time-bomb. Zoe is broken in ways she doesn't even understand, and Spock is keeping some secrets that may change the entire game. Their love is fierce and...stunning. But sometimes love isn't enough—and sometimes love means letting go.

Zoe and Spock are adorable, sexy, hilarious, quirky, fun, breathtaking and heartbreaking. They're *everything*. They are perfect for each other—but the timing is off, and life doesn't always make love easy. This book was a bit of a rollercoaster ride, but worth *every second* of achy feels.

Good grief, I can't even begin to get my arms around how big this story is. It's bigger than a love story between a boy and a girl. It's a love story between a girl and her friends; a girl and her family; and a girl and herself. Then it circles your bruised and weepy heart back around to a love story about a girl and a boy again and...GUH, it's so lovely and swoony and beautifully written. My bruised and weepy heart was left happy and full (if a little tender from the ride). *So good.* ~ Shelly, 5 stars

Kristen Johnson says

We were introduced to Zoe and Spock in book one, One Night, and I don't know about everyone else, but Zoe won me over in about 3.5 seconds with her sassy, snarky, feisty self. Spock was also easy to like in most ways. So I was super excited to finally get to read THEIR story, and what a story it is.

AJ Pine has delivered another endearing tale of Life and love and all that entails. One Life starts off somber, as Zoe and her family/friends are dealing with a tragedy, but like usual Zoe is trying to trudge along and bolster everyone around her, especially her family. Unexpectedly she opens her door to find, Spock, and

finally she's able to let herself break a little bit.

A Lot of this book focuses on not only Zoe's grief, but also her guilty conscience and trying to find a way to deal with these things while outwardly holding it together. Some moments I just wanted to snap Zoe up and give her a crushing hug and whisper words of comfort to her, because the emotions that bleed through the writing of this book are so strong, the grief so deep, I couldn't help but be affected.

Spock knows he made a mistake when he pushed Zoe away in the past, but he's come back into her life and he's ready to make his moves and willing to do whatever it takes to work it out and win over Zoe. It's not always an easy task, as she seems to be different from the girl she was before, and he knows instinctually it's not only her grief that's caused the changes.

We are also introduced to Zoe's new roommate Dee in this book, and she's a riot. A tattoo artist who is full of spunk and will make you laugh often, but also you can tell she's got heart. She's got a story, I'm sure and I already feel like she could be my new best friend. I loved how she quickly accepted Zoe and Spock and sort of grew into the mix as a part of the circle.

One Life is beautifully heartwarming, while also tragic and painful in places. The characters are stuck with feelings that both have nothing to do with their relationship and also do very much affect things. I love that even when they fight or argue, they are quick to apologize, they want to do better, be better for the other, but sometimes in life, it's difficult to keep up your facade and who better to be unmasked to than the other part of you. Zoe's struggles through the story really hit the heart of her, she's also been sort of cautious and afraid because of events of her past, but taking on the blame, even if only unto herself, really weighs down on her and makes her consider her true character.

All in all, One Life was about more than a love story, it was about more than Zoe's grief and ultimately, AJ Pine delivered another powerful knockout story that readers will fall in love with.

* I was provided a copy of this book *

Maria Rose says

A lot has happened for Zoe recently, and not all of it has been good. Most importantly, she lost her brother Wyatt to an adrenaline fueled stunt gone wrong, one she was aware he had planned and never talked him out of performing. As a result, she carries an overwhelming sense of guilt for his death. Her friend Spock, has been on tour with his band, but at the news of her brother's death left the tour to come and be with her as she copes with her new reality. She's moved in with a new roommate, a tattoo artist who is happy to take Zoe in hand and not averse to giving her some ink to help her remember her brother. She's also got a new job, as an artist for a children's program, a position she's taken in hopes that it will give her back her artistic mojo that has been missing since her brother died. Spock's presence in Zoe's life is a steady one, as she deals with death and grief in ways that start to border on unhealthy. And as they start to connect on a more intimate level, revelations about Spock's past and Zoe's own issues threaten to derail their relationship. It will be up to Zoe to take action to make it possible to have a happy future with Spock.

This was a really emotional new adult story, told from Zoe's viewpoint as she navigates this new stage of her life - losing her brother, losing her roommate Jess (to a relationship and not death, but still a loss), guilt, and the reality of living with a family that has addiction problems. Both her parents have struggled with

addiction, and Zoe herself had a bad bout with alcohol before cutting herself off cold turkey, to prevent what could be a future of alcoholism. Every time she has a major life change she also tends to change something about herself - her hair or her body or her persona to some degree, as a coping mechanism. I really liked Zoe's character, conflicted as she is, and her willingness to continue to put one foot forward after the other. Her inability to see her own problems starts to blind her though, and it is her friends Jess and Adam, her new roommate, and especially Spock who gently make her aware that she's not going to be able to fix everything on her own. Spock is a wonderful boyfriend for Zoe, a kind, decent, and caring man. It's obvious that he wants more than just friendship from Zoe and is unable to resist taking their relationship to the next level. They share some steamy scenes together as they become more emotionally involved with each other. It was sometimes hard to see Zoe as she started to break down, but I really liked how the story came together, the healing that had to happen giving way to a happy ending for both Zoe and Spock. 4 .5 stars for this sometimes heartwrenching but satisfying story.

Note: a copy of this story was provided by the publisher via NetGalley for review.

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Amy says

“I’m still here because you were there when I never expected it, when I didn’t realize I needed you. I’m still here because there’s nowhere else I’d rather be.” Then I say one word against his lips. “Yours.”

This book....I have so many emotions running through me right now. In fact, I am an emotional mess right now, but a mess in the best way possible. One Life takes you not only on a roller-coaster ride of emotions, but it also takes you on one incredible journey. The subject matter is tough and heartbreak. You can literally feel the emotions pouring off the pages. The words, the story-line so deep, that it feels as though it's a part of you. You have to see it through. You have to find out how things turn out...

We got a little taste of Zoe from One Night and I have to say, I was excited to hear that she was getting her own story. From the moment I started reading her tale, she owned me. She captivated me and made me want to know more about her and her life. She was devastated by the loss of her little brother; his death having a larger effect on her than anyone ever realized. Enter Spock or Zach and I was just a goner. Spock was someone that Zoe met at a Con a few months back and the two of them hit it off instantly. But, it never went further than friendship. However, this time, they can't ignore what's been building between the two of them. What they feel, the connection they share, It's real and it's intense. Zoe and Spock fell in love quickly and it scared me because both of them were hiding things. However, no matter how right their love was, the timing just wasn't right. The two of them go through so much, experience so much, just to get to that realization. My heart ached for the two of them, for how much they both lost, and how much would have to change to find happiness.

One Life is beautifully written and captivating. I know I fell in love with Zoe and Spock instantly. The two of them just made me smile and gave me such hope. Spock was completely and utterly swoon-worthy. There were so many times where I caught myself thinking, “Gosh is he just makes me swoon!” With lines like this: “I’m gonna fall for you, Supergirl. I hope you’ll catch me.” or “Each time his lips touch mine, something broken inside me mends. Slowly, one tiny fracture at a time, he puts me back together.”, It was honestly hard to not fall for both of them!

One Life is one of those books that just gives you all the feels. It's isn't just a love story, it is so, so much more. It's a story about loosing your self, grief, hope, admitting that you need help and having the strength to find yourself again. This story will become a part of you. It will make you laugh. It will make you cry. It will give you hope. It will make you swoon and fill your heart. You will fall in love, just like I did.

AJ Pine really knocked it out of the park with this book. She gave me everything that I needed and everything I didn't even know I needed from this book. I can not wait to see what journey she will take me on next!

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Reanell Tisdale says

5 emotional stars!

And A.J. does it again. Holy smokes people, this book blew me away! I was around 72% this morning when the tears started flowing. And at one point I couldn't see for the tears. So I took a breather...and went back in.

Let me just say, A.J. Pine is a writer that knows how to bring out the feels. I know what to expect when I start her books, and she never disappoints me. Zoe (a.k.a. Blue) is a girl going through so much after losing her younger brother Wyatt. She is standing tall because she knows she has to for her family. Enter in Zach (aka-Spock) and he's exactly what she needs to let loose some of that grief.

Zach is a mystery through most of the book. Even Zoe doesn't know what he's hiding, but she's hiding herself so she doesn't push for him to open up. They had this chemistry that just worked and they found solace in each other.

A.J. Pine is an auto 1-click author for me. Her writing blows me away each and every time. But I think she blew me away with One Life even more. I openly sobbed toward the end. I can't wait for everyone to meet Zoe and Zach. I have a feeling everyone will fall in love with their story.

Tina Lynne says

ONE LIFE stunned me. I don't think I was prepared for this book. I already had an expectation of who Zoe was from meeting her in ONE NIGHT, the first in this series, and her carefree personality was endearing and fun. When I finished this book, I had a deeper sense of who she was and this story was certainly declared my absolute favorite of all AJ Pine has written. It is packed with emotion, pain, love, and healing. There is so much happening that when you take it all in, you cannot help but grieve and hope with the characters in this book.

To say I was unprepared for this story is a mild understatement. I had a whole scenario made up in my head from the months of waiting impatiently to read Zoe's book. When I finally started, everything went a

completely different way than I anticipated. I absolutely LOVED seeing Zoe in a new way. She was so flawed and so broken, yet so beautiful and bright. There is something about seeing a broken character struggle that connects with me when I am reading. Zoe is a young woman who has been falling apart a little bit at a time for years and when her brother dies, she begins to crack in a Grand Canyon type of way. She can no longer hold it all together and being the “stronger one” for her family and friends begins to destroy who she is. This book is about Zoe. Sure, there is a beautiful romance and a heartfelt story, but above all, it is about a woman who learns to find herself again. She hits rock bottom. Her story is unique in light of other heroines in the genre. I appreciated the AJ takes what happens in this story and gives everything a different view and outlet. Zoe expresses her pain in a way that I had never thought of before and you feel the pain of what she is doing to herself and internalizing on an authentic level.

ONE LIFE takes the reader into the after math of tragedy but also has lots of laughs. This story has many of the characters I loved from the first book and adds a few new faces into the tale. If you have read ONE NIGHT, Jess and Adam have a strong presence in the story. We also meet Dee, Zoe’s new roommate, a fun character who adds a lot to the story. I loved meeting the people Zoe worked with and those she came into contact with. Everyone enhances what is happening and help Zoe to understand who she is and what she needs.

Spock. That boy is beyond wonderful and the perfect companion to Zoe. He understands her in ways she would never have imagined. He wants her and is willing to fight for her, but he is also willing to walk away if that is what is best for her. He is selfless in his love. These two together click perfectly. I was always so excited to see something come to fruition from their relationship after watching them toe the line in the previous book. The connection between these two is sweet and passionate. They find solace and hope in each other, living in the moment, ignoring the future wrought with uncertainty. It was a beautiful thread to read in this book!

ONE LIFE is outstanding, a book about a harsh reality and the lies we tell ourselves. It is about hope and healing, life and death. It is about learning when to hold on and when to let go. This tale shows the journey of one young woman who hits rock bottom and learns to find her identity again. Do not miss this book. I loved every single word written!
