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Author Note: Waiting for Wyatt is the love story of Wyatt Caulfield and Emma Sawyer, which also features rescue animals. It's a 112,000 word **Standalone Novel**. Contemporary Romance / Coming of Age/ New Adult & College

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Aestas Book Blog says

::: FULL REVIEW NOW POSTED ::: 4.5 STARS!!

“My heart flipped a little, and I fell deeper for Wyatt Caulfield, the mysterious guy who said he was dangerous and bad.”

I absolutely *loved* this book!! After falling in love with SD Hendrickson's writing in *The Mason List* last year, I was incredibly excited to read any book she wrote next and *Waiting For Wyatt* was everything I'd hoped for. It kept me glued to the page until 4AM because I just did not want to stop reading. The haunting pain of Wyatt's secret past tugged all my heart strings, while Emma's quiet strength gave me hope for their future. Their romance was beautifully intense, and although often painful, the strength and endurance of their love for each other can only be described heart-warming. This was exactly the kind of book I love reading -- it was incredibly well written, and loaded with feels, intrigue, and a captivating romance. I already know this will be one of my Top Favorites of 2016. It's a top recommendation!

Just to clarify though, The Mason List and Waiting For Wyatt are not connected.

Here's the official blurb... (for the record, Charlie is a dog):

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Oh my gosh, you guys!! Wyatt completely stole my heart!!! He was this brooding, tortured, mysterious guy, clearly guilt-ridden over a heart-breaking past that he wanted to keep private. But the love and care he showed the dogs he rescued made it clear how sweet and kind-hearted he really was. Oh, and he had dimples!!! Be still my heart! *swoons* I so desperately wanted Emma to save him, and I loved the way she never backed down from her quest to reach out to him. It was wonderfully refreshing to read about a heroine who was so self-assured and determined to never give up on the guy she was falling for.

“You keep trying, over and over again. Have you ever considered that I might be a lost cause?”

“My fingers tightened against his hand. “I don’t believe anyone is a lost cause...You can trust me. I hope you realize that by now.”

“I do trust you, Emma.” His breath touched my skin as he talked. “It’s myself that I don’t trust.”

“But I trust you,” I whispered.

“I know,” he whispered back in that gravelly voice. “I see the trust in your eyes. And it scares me.”

Tortured heroes have always been my most favorite to read about. I fall hard for them every single time. Something about their hidden pain tugs all my heart strings and makes me long to see them find the healing they deserve. Wyatt's pain cut so deep that it made me ache for him. Even before I knew the truth about what had broken him, my chest tightened up in every scene because I cared so deeply.

“You can talk to me, you know,” I whispered, begging him to let me inside his thoughts.

“Maybe I don’t want a girl like you to know those things about me. Some things shouldn’t be talked about.”

Here he was -- this gorgeous antisocial, seemingly awkward reclusive guy who, like her, was in his early twenties and yet lived outside of town in the middle of nowhere rescuing scarred, rejected dogs who'd been subjected to the worst of humanity. He made every effort to drive her away, yet with each attempt, it only drew her in closer.

“I’m trying to protect you.”

“From what?”

“Me.” The desperation ached in his voice...

“Falling for me would not make sense.”

“It’s a little too late for that,” I muttered.

His face seemed to crush right before my eyes. “I told you not to.”

This story consumed me with the need to learn Wyatt's past, with the desire to see him open up to Emma, with my heart desperately waiting for them to fall in love... You know you're reading a good book when the time just slips away and you're so lost in the story that what feels like mere minutes turns into hours.

The story is broken down into four main parts: it begins with her story, then shows his, then focuses on them, and the concludes with a gorgeous epilogue section. The pacing and flow of the story was effortless. SD Hendrickson is such a gifted storyteller. Her writing is captivating, evocative, and addictive. I'll read anything she writes, and this was honestly *exactly* "my kind" of favorite book. The story was unique, beautiful, and pleasantly *different* than everything else within its genre. And I especially loved the moment when I finally realized the true meaning behind the title of the book.

There's a painful undertone to the story that comes from Wyatt's secret, but the angst isn't too much. The amount is just enough that I felt it was captivating but didn't make my tummy hurt. There was just the right amount of everything. I felt invested in this story. *I cared*. My heart was totally in it.

If you're looking for a beautiful, heart-warming romance with deep feels and strong writing to fall in love with, and most especially if you're an animal lover too, then you have to try to this book! I loved everything about it. For me, it's a new top favorite recommendation that's going on my list of Best Books of 2016.

Wyatt kissed my neck, leaving his lips in place as he whispered against my skin. "I love you. Whether I deserve you or not. I love you. Don't ever forget that."

Rating: 4.5+ stars. Standalone contemporary romance.

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Michelle says

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"Wyatt Caulfield just might be the strangest and most haunting person I'd ever met."

An utterly calamitous beautiful story that will stir a whirlwind of emotions as S.D. Hendrickson douses her readers to absorb her stunning prose and heartfelt gritty story of love, forgiveness, and redemption!!!! **Waiting for Wyatt** consumes readers to the raw, gritty and tragic tale of living in your own personal prison.

“Wyatt have that type of hold on my thoughts. But I didn’t know how to shut it off or how to shut him out. Something pulled me to him. My heart said he needed me. And I might have developed a bit of a need for him too.”

Waiting for Wyatt is the first book that I have read from this author but I have heard so many amazing things about her debut book, *The Mason List*. So when I was given the opportunity to read this book, I couldn't wait to read Waiting for Wyatt and see why so many readers have fallen for S.D. Hendrickson's writing. And let me just say, Ms. Hendrickson has truly captured my attention as she delivered a raw and powerful read.

In this raw and thought-provoking read, Ms. Hendrickson paints a literary tale that begs readers to really see humanity in the eyes of abused animals. With the incorporation of rescued animals, Ms. Hendrickson allows readers to see the cruel world in the eyes of these animals. We could either stand by and let abuse happen or we can take a chance and see that even broken things can be fixed. And in the case of **Waiting For Wyatt**, Ms. Hendrickson tells a story of a lost boy.

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This book begins with the introduction of Emma Sawyer, who rescued an abused dog from the hands of her landlord. Emma knew she couldn't keep the pet because she technically stole the dog in order to save "Charlie" so she was sent by the shelter to bring the dog to Wyatt. When Emma arrives at the remote compound, where so many abused and unwanted dogs are nursed back to rehabilitation, Emma meets Wyatt Caulfield.

“That girl had swallowed me with her big heart. She had wrapped that love around me until I felt her in my mind and my thoughts. She had consumed me, making the darkness disappear. She had made everything brighter, softer, and sweeter. She had made me feel alive again.”

There was something about Wyatt that drew Emma to him. He was an enigma. A man who lived alone with a bunch of rescued animals. A man who spoke so little but behind the hard exterior, Emma saw something. She saw a man who was troubled but at the same time, a man who had compassion unlike no other. Soon Emma found herself haunted by Wyatt and his mysterious personality. She couldn't explain the pull she had for him. She knew Wyatt was a man who was hiding and living in his own fear and prison just like the animals that he rescued. So can Emma break down the walls that holds Wyatt prisoner?

“Wyatt wanted me. He wanted me bad, and that desire scared him.”

When I thought I had the storyline figured out, Ms. Hendrickson surprised me with Wyatt's past. I loved that Ms. Hendrickson allowed readers to really see what an amazing heroine, Emma Sawyer is. She showed us a heroine, who didn't judge but saw a person for their heart. And I think that what drew me to really say what a beautiful person Emma Sawyer is. She was the key to unlock Wyatt's heart or in this case, the prison and cage that Wyatt thinks he belongs to be shackled to. **Waiting for Wyatt** is not a story of heart and flowers but instead this book begs readers to see that the road to redemption is not an easy feat. But taking the first step, will allow you to break free of the chains holding you down. There are no shortcuts to any place worth going and so Wyatt has to really search within himself to find the peace, forgiveness, and strength to escape his own personal chains.

Waiting For Wyatt is an exemplary story that was able to weave facets of grit, humanity, compassion, heart, hope, forgiveness, and second chances all into this stunning story. Though this book started off a bit slow, Ms. Hendrickson was able to hold me hostage till the very end with her deep and beauteous prose and storytelling. So if you are looking for a book that is brimming with raw emotions, heart, and love then I beg you to take a chance on this comely book that will steal your heart with its theme of humanity, compassion and second chances.

Review can also be found on Four Chicks Flipping Pages: <http://fourchicksflippingpages.weebly.com>...S.D. Hendrickson

Ayushi Agarwal says

'4.75 redemption stars'

"I fell deeply in love with Wyatt Caulfield, but that was before I knew his secret." - Emma Sawyer

"My heart flipped a little, and I fell deeper for Wyatt Caulfield, the mysterious guy who said he was dangerous and bad."

I soooo loved this book or rather I should say I was consumed by this very book. This was my first book by this author and definately will not be my last. The story gripped me until the end. I cherished and adored it. The way the story is narrated in four stages was fabulous and the epilogue was too good.

The picture depicted by the author of Wyatt in the story leaves me somewhere heart broken for him. The way he lives with the mistakes of his past and bears the consequences leaves me sobbing. He does not expect any ray of hope to ever cross his life after his disastrous mistakes and it's consequences but fate has rather something else planned though. I liked the way Emma was determined to help Wyatt and help him find redemption. She never backed down even if Wyatt never let her in easily. I also loved the way the author outlined the lives of dogs, the love shown, the care shown towards them made me swoon.

"I want you Wyatt. Just the way you are."

Waiting for Wyatt is all about making mistakes and the consequences therafter which have to be sustained. A story about second chance at life. According to me this book is not only a love story but also a story of salvation, story of healing and story of forgiveness. The story made me cry, made me feel and wrenched my heart. The pain from the POV of Wyatt was just heart throbbing and could be actually felt deep down the bones and side by side the hard work of Emma to help Wyatt left me feeling loved.

"This is hard for me say." He muttered so quiet the words almost disappeared. "But I need you in my life, Emma."

"You may not have been thinking about me, but I've been thinking about you the last three days," he whispered. "Every minute. Every second you were gone. I thought about you."

Anne OK says

I started the year 2015 with S. D. Hendrickson's impressive debut novel, **THE MASON LIST**, and I knew without a doubt that this author's writing was well-worth keeping my eye on. The book was fabulous. When her second book, **WAITING FOR WYATT** arrived, I once again started the new year 2016 off in an equally impressive way. It, too, took my breath away and will reside alongside the other on my 5-Star Unforgettable Keeper Shelf, while I anxiously await the next new release from S.D. Hendrickson. I think I see a pattern developing here - at least that's what I'm hoping.

From the beginning I was completely enthralled in this story. Getting lost in this book was easy; forgetting this book won't happen. It's an incredible page-turner. Difficult topics are tackled that are heartbreakingly real. Yet, the story is energized with so many some wonderful and happy moments as well. Both are so well woven throughout in an outstanding reading experience.

The hero, Wyatt will steal your heart even while it's breaking, and you can't help but love and admire the heroine, Emma for her many qualities, too. At times, the story is heart wrenching and confrontational. An exceptional secondary cast lends a helping hand in adding another level of diversity and enjoyment. These characters become real. You don't just like them – you love them – and you feel their hurt and share their pain. But most importantly, you'll cheer for each and every one of them (both the human and fur variety) to achieve happily ever afters. Keeping your tissues nearby is probably a good idea. Don't worry though -- plenty of smiles are sure to adorn your face just as quickly.

The hallmark of a great book not only excites, thrills, and keeps you thinking about it for a long time to come, but it leaves the reader begging for more – and this one certainly fits that description. I am pleased to recommend both books written by S. D. Hendrickson without hesitation.

KAS says

I have been wanting to read this author for years. Noticing the great reviews this one received, I put on my handy dandy blinders and dove in.

This is a sweet, emotional second chance romance. It is also of the slow burn variety.

Thought it was a little slow to get started, but once it did, I was hooked.

? Wyatt Caulfield just might be the strangest and most haunting person I'd ever met.

Emma describes Wyatt as a quiet, sad, brooding James Dean. Wyatt is a man Emma wants to get to know better, wants to know the story behind his tortured soul, wants to be the friend she thinks he desperately needs. The more she tries to get to know him, the more he pushes her away.

? I deserved nothing. I deserved no one. I sure as hell didn't deserve a girl like her.

To say Emma is persistent, is putting it mildly. Wyatt soon finds out just how determined she is, and sparks fly! Sparks of anger, sparks of humiliation, and sparks of frustration flew, but the best sparks were the ones full of lust and need.

The narration is dual POV, but we mainly hear from Emma. The best parts of the book, in my opinion, were when Wyatt shared his thoughts. TORE! ME! UP!

Lina's Reviews ♡?????????♡??Book Blog?? ♡?????????♡ says

When I first read the blurb to this book, it certainly grabbed my interest. When I picked it up, I didn't expect it to be one of the best books I've ever read! This book is a masterpiece, full of emotions and real people. Also, I am a dog person and if you are too, then what are you waiting for? Put this book high on your list. Emma is a young woman who adores dogs. When she saves one from her neighbor's cruel hands, she needs to find someone to care for the dog. An accidental meeting leads her to Wyatt's kennel.

The man is distant and he certainly seems like he doesn't care for company. When he takes the dog though, Emma sees something in him. Wyatt is mysterious and he hides a big secret. Emma's visits challenge his solitude and the emotions he has locked inside. He doesn't open up, he is short-tempered but Emma knows that goodness hides in him; how can she not when he takes care of wounded and abandoned animals all on his own?

Love blooms between them, but Wyatt's secret is devastating and when it is out in the open, their hearts are broken.

Can Emma forgive the sin Wyatt himself cannot?

This story doesn't mean to impress or shock with intense sexuality or far fetched scenarios and to be honest, it doesn't need any of these things. It is a story of love, loyalty, family and kindness.

It is about people who make mistakes but are not defined by them. It is a story about multidimensional heroes that will speak to your heart. Wyatt will snake his way into your heart from the start and like Emma you will want to fix him.

Emma's determination will make you smile and her strength will give you strength.

I have no words to describe how much I adored this story. All, I can say is that if you want to feel, then READ this book.

*****5 Stars. I'd give it more if I could*****

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Veronika's ReaderFeeder says

4.5 – Redemption – Stars

<https://veronikasreaderfeeder.wordpress.com>

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This is not a black or white story: Abused dogs, a mysterious broken guy in the middle of nowhere, a stubborn girl who is determined to figure him out and to help him chase away his daemons. It could easily turn out another story about “broken young souls” with a lot of clichés and sugar, but the author could give something really new with the lot of layers and shades of the story. There are bad people, there are good ones, there are the ones who make mistakes or lose someone, there are those who carry wounds or who break on the road what we call life, and there are those who show them new paths and bring light for the darkness. This book beautifully highlights the fact that not everything is black or white and the author once again gave to her readers a heartfelt story written with an excellent talent about decisions, consequences, human and animal destinies, darkness and light.

The story starts in medias res when Emma tries to hide from her creepy and aggressive landlord with a wounded dog in her hands, who was rescued from him. Mr. Hughes, her old neighbor helps her to escape from the building but she doesn't know where she should take the dog, because she obviously can't keep him while she lives there. Finally, she finds herself in a shelter but unfortunately at the time the rescue is already full. The women in the shelter looks at Emma in her bloody clothes with the shaking little dog with big ears, and she takes pity on them and gives an address to Emma outside the town, where she has to find a kennel and a boy named Wyatt who can help her. Emma hits the road and finally she arrives at the hidden kennel, where she finds a mysterious, silent guy with a lot of rescued dogs who all wait for a loving adopting family. The guy is not happy at all that Emma came to the kennel and he is not friendly with the girl, but Emma sees something in Wyatt. She sees the sadness and pain in his eyes and she wants to find out what happened with him and why he lives in the middle of nowhere, devoted his life for wounded dogs. Wyatt finally agrees that Charlie can stay, and when he sees how hard the goodbye is for Emma from Charlie, he accidentally blurts out that she can come back to see her dog. He immediately regrets his invitation but he can't take it back from the already stubborn and unstoppable Emma.

I really loved all of the characters and I loved that the relationship between Wyatt and Emma was slow-building and how Wyatt opened himself for Emma bit by bit from his firstly uncommunicative and raw demeanor. I already mentioned that I think the uniqueness of the story was given by the complexity. I think that the character of Emma and Wyatt was so layered and developed, and there were real depth in the story. The author beautifully unfolded the emotions and pains of Wyatt and she described so authentically how he eats himself in his darkness, where he doesn't allow anyone. Meanwhile we get his true heart to know piece by piece; that how big his heart is, that he reads aloud his books every single night for the dogs, that he would give anything to protect Emma and would do anything for her, and with Wyatt's POV in the middle of the book, we can learn about his past. With every single revealed piece in exchange he stole one from my heart. I think the minor characters were also so great! I loved Blair, Emma's little paranoid twin sister, Wyatt's family and also Mr. Huge, Emma's old neighbor.

There were so many emotions in this book and at the same time there were some surprising plot twists. Wyatt's past was not what I expected, and the plotline was also a page turner. I think everyone's heart jumps a little during reading this story, who loves animals. All due respect to the author for choosing this topic, it is so admirable that she could show us not just destiny of humans but destiny of animals are really important. S. D. Hendricson has a really engaging writing style and this was a really amazing story about past, love, remorse and second chances.

This song which was recommended by the author for the story. I love it so much! A Great Big World – You'll Be Okay <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCt1F...>

Gitte TotallyBookedBlog says

★★★½ 1/2 Stars

“You underestimate me, Wyatt Caulfield.”

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We're both huge dog lovers, so a romance wrapped around the rescue, care and love of some adorable four legged friends who only wanted to love and be loved in return, really spoke to us. Their painful, cruel and pitiful backstories completely broke our hearts, yet on the flipside the way in which Wyatt related to them, looked after them and in some ways relied upon them for his own sanity and the way he genuinely loved them lifted our hearts and made them soar.

So too was the way in which Wyatt's past was allowed to develop. We were continually wondering when he would open up to Emma and reveal why he chose to live out in the sticks with so few creature comforts to his name, taking care of these lonely and unloved dogs and why he was possessed such self-loathing.

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Dog lovers and romantics....this book was written for you! We're telling you....Wyatt and those four legged little pookies will **STEAL YOUR HEART** as they did ours! SD Hendrickson gave these mistreated and unwanted dogs a voice and through Wyatt and Emma we were able to give them a big hug and lots of love. Waiting for Wyatt was a moving and heartfelt story we both adored and we know you will too.

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Jeannine Allison says

5+++ stars!

Get some popcorn because this is gonna be *long...*

So even though it was only 3 days ago, I have no idea how I stumbled upon this novel. And when I found it,

the very first review I saw compared it to Archer's Voice, one of my favorite novels EVER! I didn't finish reading the review... I didn't read any other reviews... I didn't even read the synopsis, I just bought it. And within thirty-six hours, I *devoured* it.

I was nervous at first...

I mean that's a pretty big book to live up to IMO and I've *rarely* found comparisons to other awesome novels to be accurate. But was this book as good? I'm sure you already know the answer...

HELL FREAKING YES. I would genuinely put this on the same level as Archer's Voice. There are obvious differences and some may like one more than the other because of personal preferences, but if you enjoy Mia Sheridan's book even a little bit, I'd **definitely** recommend trying this one!!

It begins with Emma bringing an abused dog, Charlie, to a dog rescue that Wyatt oversees. I loved watching the two of them bond while taking care of the dogs. Wyatt certainly didn't make it easy though. He was drowning in his own pain and guilt.

I was strangely relieved when we discovered his secret. I liked that it wasn't some misunderstanding or misplaced guilt. He made a horrible mistake and the author didn't take the easy way out by trying to sugarcoat what Wyatt had done, and I really appreciated that. Wyatt didn't pity himself, he *wanted* to forgive himself. He just couldn't figure out how to do that.

Enter Emma. She saves Wyatt. She's a do-gooder who is hellbent on loving Wyatt, on getting him to forgive himself and convincing him that it's okay to love his life again.

I loved how big her heart was. She was so sweet and so secure in who she was. She was a tad naive, but she loved things and wanted to see the best in people—and she didn't let anything discourage her. I think there is something profoundly beautiful about putting your heart on the line, again and again, never knowing if this will be the time it shatters, all for the sake of caring about other living things. There's nothing wrong with having a big heart, and I just loved Emma's! <3

And Wyatt listens. He slowly lets his guard down and lets Emma in. It isn't easy and there are still heartbreak moments. But he shows us his sweet side and I fell hard.

It also didn't hurt that he was a pet lover. I have two dogs myself, and I love them more than I thought possible. Every time I read a description about how a dog was abused (knowing that this shit happens in real life), had me fuming. I will join Emma in beating the shit out of them and throwing them in prison, leaving them with this parting gift...

Anyways... sorry, but that crap really pisses me off. But it just shows how good the writing was for me to be so enraged.

Gradually, I felt just as much hope for them as I watched Wyatt and Emma restore the dogs. Particularly Wyatt. Emma was clearly one to do these types of things but Wyatt felt the need to hide his compassion under all his guilt. But after Emma got through to him, he showed it more and more. And how was I not going to fall in love with a man who reads books to abused dogs?

I wasn't. Honestly, I was a goner from the beginning. Even when he was being gruff and trying to push Emma away, I loved Wyatt... and I loved Emma... and I loved the two of them together.

Even with all the heartbreak, they were so clearly in love. She provided the redemption he needed and he reaffirmed the hope that she needed—that there was no such thing as a lost cause.

I recently finished a novel where I felt the characters lacked depth. These characters had nothing but depth, and I LOVED it. They were complex and such a pleasure to read about, even while they were breaking my heart. I am in awe that this is only the second book from this author and I know I'll be reading more! Her writing was beautiful, she managed to make me feel complete heartbreak for a character that was only on a handful of pages. (view spoiler)

It was as beautiful as it was tragic. (hide spoiler)] I loved the lyrical quality of her work, and how much feeling she put into this work. It was like she carefully picked each and every word, even seemingly inconsequential ones, to make it perfect. And it was.

Even the humor. Oh, God, I pray Blaire gets her own story. I want many more, but especially hers. I loved how weird and anti-social she was. Plus anyone who loves *Criminal Minds* is someone I want to know more about! All her sassiness really cracked me up...

"He could have bodies out there. And that shirt. I don't know. It says stab me."

"Fine. Let's do this girly shit. Why do you like him so much? There's lots of guys out there with way less problems."

There were tears and heartache. It definitely wasn't a light read. There was also a bit of action and suspense to keep you on your toes. That coupled with the humor and unwavering love... made this a complete win for me!! I'd highly recommend it, and will be rereading it myself :)

Random side note: The sex is minimal, it's definitely more about the love, but I was completely okay with that since the rest of the book was so gripping!

Safety notes: (view spoiler)

I know this was long, but I just loved it so much and I'm always pretty passionate about things that affected me this way! So if you made it to the end... cheers! ;)

xoxo

Hanne says

I loved this book very much! It's a beautiful, unique and emotional romance. This book made me feel so much. Things happen that I didn't expect at all. I never guessed Wyatt's secrets. I definitely want to read more by this author. The writing and the characters are fantastic. A must read! I definitely will reread this book one day.

Wyatt lives all alone in a trailer and he wants it that way. He takes care of dogs who could be adopted one day. He loves being around dogs and he's great with them. One day, he meets Emma when she rescues a dog named Charlie but she can't keep him. Wyatt is his broody self, but Emma still wants to get to know him. She visits Charlie whenever she can and then she always tries to talk to Wyatt. Wyatt slowly warms up to Emma. Emma loves being with Wyatt and the dogs.

I fell hard for the broody Wyatt. I felt for him when everything was revealed. He's damaged and he's not enjoying his life. He changes slowly when Emma walks into his life. He'll be happy again. He thinks that he doesn't deserve Emma and tries to push her away, but Emma doesn't give up. Wyatt is amazing with dogs and he works hard with them. He knows everything about every single dog and he always works his magic with a damaged dog.

Emma is a wonderful, sweet, loving, hardworking and caring woman. She's always busy and loves to care of the people around her. Emma is very patient with Wyatt and never gives up on him. She knows that he can be more than being broody and she sees his love for the dogs. She visits Wyatt and the dogs every moment she can. She looks forward to talking to him and maybe knowing him a little better. Emma is just perfect for Wyatt.

I loved Emma and Wyatt together. They have a great connection. They don't get together fast, because Wyatt keeps pushing Emma away. But Wyatt can't chase Emma away and Wyatt will eventually look forward to seeing her. He can't keep fighting his feelings. He'll always want her. Emma believes in Wyatt and will love him no matter what. Wyatt loves Emma very much and wants a future with her. Emma and Wyatt are a perfect couple.

Olga therebelreader says

→ → → → 6 'YOU'LL BE OKAY' stars

Breathtaking, dazzling, brilliant, emotive, touching, heartwarming !!!

That moment when you finish reading a good book and now you're sad it's over.

Without a doubt, one of the best love stories I have ever read!!

Wyatt and Emma ...

My emotions/reactions after finishing this book ...

Karla says

4.5 stars!

I'm so happy I read this book as my last book of 2016, absolutely loved it.

"Waiting for Wyatt" was such an emotional read and so wonderfully written with a broken and mysterious hero and sassy and kind hearted heroine. I loved everything about Wyatt/Emma they were both great characters. Emma struggling with her future with having multiple jobs and going to school. Wyatt was a mystery at first, standoffish but clearly had the same love for the shelter animals as Emma.

These two were so perfect for each other, Emma, wouldn't be ignored she fought for Wyatt, even when he pushed she never gave up. Wyatt, he broke my heart, his past, his mistake, for the futures that were altered. Seeing him and Emma start a relationship and slowly start dealing with the pain of his actions was so heartbreakingly because we see his guilt and how sorry he is. They both end up helping each other to deal with stuck futures and just to move forward.

This was an emotional, heartbreaking, sweet story of two people that find love and redemption in each other. Not of ever forgetting your mistakes but learning how to live with it. My first book by this author and I'm looking forward to reading more from her. ❤

thanks so much for the rec Angela

Dilek VT says

This book sure has a good and emotional story in it but it just didn't work for me. I couldn't get into it for many reasons and I am so sorry :((

I am sure I will be in the minority because it really has very high ratings. I couldn't help but feel extremely bored with the constant depressive tone of it and the never-ending details and events related to the main character's twin sister, neighbor, landlord etc. I had to read a lot of stuff that I had no interest in alongside the main characters' story.

At the beginning, I was curious about what led Wyatt to his present lonely and depressive condition and I wanted to read how Emma helped him to heal, as I knew this was a love & redemption story. However, with so many side characters and lots of minor events going on around, I mean, while I was reading about her sister's online dating issues, the neighbor visits and the landlord's pervert talks and many more things like that, I totally lost my interest in the main story.

There is a sweet touch to the book with the abused dogs and their sad stories as well as their rescue and finding happiness, but as I said, it was too much information, too many events and too many people for me, which distracted my attention totally...

My rating is a reflection of my boredom - so please ignore my review if you like that kind of books that tell a lot about a lot of people, from their contact lens or hair care problems to their fear of driving, or from their drug dealing to their retirement stories. It sure has a good real life story in it but I am just not cut for this as I get bored easily and you cannot keep my attention with the ummm, for example, sweet past memories of old neighbors of main characters...

3 out of 2,5...

Safety notes: No rape, no cheating. Intimacy scenes are very soft and safe for even very young readers.

Sophie "Beware Of The Reader" says

"No one ever thinks about the aftereffects. When a rock pings a windshield, it doesn't create a big hole that brings down the glass. It's the ring radiating out from the initial impact. "

Why don't we have "infinite" stars rating because this book would fit in that category!

I loved, no let me rephrase this, I adored "The Mason List", recommended by a dear Goodreads friend. When I learned SD Hendrickson would be writing "Waiting for Wyatt", I was like a kid on Christmas Eve, wanting my book immediately! I even pre-ordered without having the first clue about the plot. Now, here I am, after an intense and emotional read. I'm a real mess and I'm grateful I did not wear mascara today. My thoughts are all over the place and I don't know how to write my review to do this book justice without giving too much away. Sometimes I wish I could be a gifted writer to make you feel what I experienced, to make you understand this story is just so good that you have to read it.

Waiting for Wyatt is about making mistakes and the consequences of these mistakes. Like a drop of water can create many ripples, Wyatt's actions had cracked across many people, bringing everyone down, himself included.

When sweet, solar Emma meets Wyatt for the first time, he is really closed off. Had I been in Emma's shoes, I would probably have run the other way, and fast. Wyatt came across as intimidating, angry, withdrawn, certainly not someone you would try to speak to. But Emma is an exceptional girl. I think some readers will hate her because they'll think she is too naïve, too trusting, too good, too perfect. But I thought she was the ideal match for Wyatt and I loved the courage of that girl. She chose to see the good in others, she chose to give her time and attention to help other people. And that's such a hard path in our day to day life. The easy way is to live inside our bubble, shut our eyes to other's problems or misery, being like "Ponce Pilate". For her choice, I loved that girl to pieces.

Emma meets Wyatt because she had rescued (herm.. rather stolen...) Charlie, a beaten mutt, from her landlord Kurt, a really nasty person.

Wyatt works and lives at a kennel rescuing abused dogs. He is a man with a secret, distant with everyone but when he feeds the dogs and care for them, all his goodness shines. He shares a deep connection with every poor animal. He cares, protects them and devotes all his time to restore their trust in mankind.

Wyatt does not want Emma coming back as she asks questions, many questions. He does not want to tell his story, does not wish to have friends. He does not deserve any good in his life, because of what he did and he punishes himself every day. Wyatt is a complex character, riddled with guilt, swallowed by his past actions and their consequences. He is living a permanent nightmare. He never forgave what he did and he does not want forgiving either.

Against his better judgement, Wyatt invites Emma to come back any time she wants to check on Charlie. Emma is really intrigued by this man, someone she feels is hurting deeply inside. She'll come back as often as she can, helping him with the dogs and trying to crack Wyatt's shell open. I would say Emma had the "Savior syndrome" and just had to help Wyatt but at the same time, it's too personal to be "only" this syndrome. Their connection, this pull between them is real and she can't stop thinking about him.

I don't want to write more about the plot as you have to discover Wyatt's secret by yourself. Know that you'll have to gather as many tissues as you can because this is a deeply moving story.

Just reading about the dogs past cracked my heart and I can't count the time I cried reading about their stories. I was also so angry because I know in real life, animals are beaten, abused, tortured and I wanted to hurt all these abusers. If I could have jumped into my Kindle and chased the bad guys, I would have. I loved all these poor animals: Lola the Pitbull without teeth, Ricky the Jack Russel on three legs, Charlie with his

rabbits ears, Cie left with a sole eye, Daisy and Gatsby so old and sticking together, Gus the “healer”,... I loved all the layers of that story. This is not only a love story, this is about healing other, about forgiving yourself and finding redemption. It’s about the good in mankind but also the evil. It’s about a solar girl and a tortured man. Emma was Wyatt’s light and their relationship was deeply moving. The writing is flowing, the pace is just right to let us enjoy the story and live right alongside Emma, Wyatt and the dogs.

In three words: just read it.
