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First in the series

Olivia Levins was on the run from her nightmare. Tired of running, but still fearful of what could be waiting at every turn, Liv settled into a routine of existence, keeping everyone at arm's length, including the one man who wanted to keep her safe. Would she let him protect her, or would she find herself on the run again?

Abigail Hughes had the life she always wanted at her fingertips. Just weeks before marrying the perfect man, he became her worst nightmare, spilling the secrets of his haunted past. Abby couldn't move forward until she learned what became of the hell he unleashed.

Liv and Abby had been destroyed by the same man, but in different ways. When their worlds collided, they formed a bond neither expected, but both desperately needed. Would their friendship see them through the darkest days of their lives, or would the demons of the past be too much to overcome?

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From Reader Review Liv's Existence for online ebook

Hooked On Books says

This book started off very slow in my opinion. I found myself wanting to skip pages to avoid some of the endless storyline. Once I got mid way through the book however I found that the story starting peeking my interest more. I will not give any spoilers in this review other than to say this book is a rollercoaster of serious issues that also mixes love and emotion into the story. I will say that they cliffhanger at the end had me wanting to throw my tablet at the wall. I hope there will be a 2nd book so I will at least know where this rollercoaster ride ends.

3.5 star book

Katie Blythe says

This book was given to me by the author in exchange for an honest review

Olivia "Liv" has a secret that she's been holding on to for 10 years. Her ex-boyfriend Adam did something to her so bad that now all she thinks of herself is damaged goods and that no man will ever really want her. Her best friend Kyle who she met through work cares about her so much and she cares about him but she doesn't want to drag him down into her problems.

They work at a wedding planning shop where her ex Adam and his new fiancé Abby come in one day. Abby knows all about Adam's past and the terrible event that happened to Liv and wants to see her. At first Liv runs away in fear but Abby goes to see how she is to calm her down. The two start becoming friends and Abby wants to help Liv find that she isn't damaged goods and is a great loving person. She also thinks that if Liv will open up more she and Kyle may just be perfect for each other. In turn Liv is slowly showing Abby that even though you may love someone very much, love may not be the only reason to marry or even stay with someone.

The story was so beautifully written and seemed so genuine and honest. I definitely needed a few tissues with it because it was so heartbreaking with what Liv lived through. The characters all seem so real and loving and you are happy when they are happy and sad when their sad and just wish everything would work out in the end but it seems that it doesn't always work that way unfortunately. The ending was so amazing and shocking that you will definitely want and need to pick up book 2 right away!

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Wendy Jackson says

Liv's Existence
by BL Mooney
Review by

Wendy @ Shhh, Mommy's in the Bathroom...Reading
5 STARS

Olivia has spent her adult life running, never staying in one place too long, and never letting anyone close to her. She stumbled into being a bridal consultant 3 years ago and this the closest she has come to having a resemblance of a life. I don't know if you could call what she's doing is having a life, but more like existing. The most consistent thing in her life is her best friend and boss Kyle.

In the beginning of the story, Kyle catches Olivia before she does something she can't undo. From that moment on Kyle won't leave her side. Lucky for Olivia Kyle is by her side when her world is rocked upside down.

Abigail is on the verge of her wedding day to the man she loves and taught her how to enjoy life again, or so she thought. Two weeks before their wedding, her fiancé Adam has a deep dark secret that he needs to tell Abby before they start their lives together.

Adam did a terrible thing in his college years and wants to make amends, clear the slate, and start clean with his new life with Abby.

Abby is horrified to learn what Adam has done and decides to make sure Olivia is doing OK.

First let me say I was lucky enough that author BL Mooney found me through my blog. This was a great day for me. Mrs Mooney is an author that just keeps getting better and better and keeps throwing curve balls at me.

The story is very well written and flows well. We have periods of present day events and flashbacks. It's an emotional roller coaster of events. I felt Olivia's fear and panic of her old life coming back to haunt her. I felt for Abby being caught in this horrible predicament. I mean, everyone has a past and does things they regret. How do you know if they have changed and can you ever trust that person again, or will it always be in the back of your mind what they have done. I felt for Kyle, wanting to help this broken woman, but not knowing how. There is so much emotion and questioning events that you think you know what's going to happen, but you have no idea. BL Mooney threw some major curve balls that I don't think I ever could have guessed would happen. I was frequently trying figure out what these characters motives were, and how genuine their intentions are.

OK now for the bad news.....

This story ends on a cliffhanger!

A big one! Huge!

The good news.....

The second book in the series will be out this spring, so at least we don't have to wait a year!

If you haven't found this author, I recommend you start. She knows how to weave an intriguing story that you just can't put down.

Impatiently waiting for book 2, Abby's Survival.

Tiffany Readz says

In Liv's Existence we are introduced to an emotionally broken girl Olivia. She has been running from her past for ten years and now works in a bridal shop, considers Kyle her boss her best friend, keeps to herself and for the love of god, does not date. Olivia only exists, she's constantly looking over her shoulder for her past to rear its ugly head. While she wants to get over what was done to her, she just can't seem to come to grips with it.

Abby is getting married, or so she thought. Once she realized she was engaged to a man she didn't even know, Abby needed answers before she could even think about moving forward. Sure it has been ten years, but this is something she can't sweep under the rug and as she thinks about it more, the pieces start to fall into place about what really happened to Olivia.

So now we have Olivia and Abby, two women that never thought they would be a part of each others lives. Abby feels that she has to help Olivia go beyond existing for her to feel good about her marriage. Olivia wants nothing to do with Abby or her future husband because she still sees the monster that he is. Each girl is now on a mission, Olivia knows there is something keeping Abby with the monster and Abby only knows the minor details of what really happened to Olivia, now she wants the whole story from the horses mouth.

On her own, Abby starts to befriend Olivia, getting to know her and trust her. Olivia is desperate for answers, so she reluctantly accepts Abby's friendship. As the story continues, the girls start to learn more about themselves and the current situations they are in, as well as the past events. They start to use the individual knowledge each one possesses about the past and current state of events and start to actually change them.

I am keeping the review vague sprinkled with a bit of detail as not to give away pertinent parts of the story line. At first I wasn't a big fan of Olivia, especially the way she treated Kyle. Who by the way, is the freaking saint of the entire book. As I kept reading more about Olivia and her past I started to sympathize with her, realizing this was something she has mulled over alone for ten long years. I liked Abby right out of the gate, she is strong and yet lets a vulnerable side peek through every so often. Her one goal right now is moving Olivia past her demons and towards a better life. Kyle is my absolute favorite character, a big giant, patient teddy bear that knows nothing but love for Olivia.

B.L. Mooney let me read this beautiful book and I thank her for it. It was well written and runs the gamut of emotions. As I was reading, this story played out in my head as if it was a screenplay rather than a book. We are introduced to a menage of characters along with Olivia, who also have problems and demons to overcome. While a romance ends, a beautiful, strong friendship blooms and we are left with a changed Olivia and Abby.

Jennifer Sons says

Let me 1st say how honored I am to have received an advanced copy for an honest review!! I'm so lost for words right now! This book had me from the beginning!

We have Olivia. The broken, damaged shell of a woman she once was before she was totally destroyed by someone she once cared about, Adam. For 10 years she ran & hid! For 10 years she never allowed herself to get close, until Kyle! Kyle is Liv's boss & best friend. He reminds her to live, to love, to breathe! He loves her & will do everything to protect her from her past that he knows nothing about! Life was manageable until her nightmare comes back in her life! What?! Why is Adam back? She meets Abby who is Adam's ex also & becomes her BFF. Bound & determined to get Liv to "live"! Abby & Kyle have their work cut out for them!

Until Liv's left defenseless, helpless & forced to face her worst nightmare! Will Kyle be able to show Olivia how to love again?! Will he be able to save her from herself & her horrible past?!

My heart hurts & aches for her! Its been a long time since a book has grabbed me, punched me in the gut, left me speechless & can't breathe!! I don't know how I'm going to wait till spring for the sequel!

Amazing book!

Alissa Evanson says

When I first heard about this story and that it followed the lives of five people immediately I thought love triangle. I'm not a huge fan of love triangles so I wasn't too excited to start this book. After a bit into it I realized the story was not what I thought it was.

This story is told in the POVs of Olivia and Abby. Two women who find an unlikely bond in each other. One woman's horrid past is another woman's possible future.

Olivia was hurt many years ago by a man she once trusted. She has never been able to move on from the nightmare that has become her life. Running from place to place to make sure he never finds her and never being able to get close to another person has left Livy feeling depressed and alone. That is until she meets Kyle, her boss, and eventually best friend. He has been able to break down a few of Livy's walls but she still guards herself pretty closely and refuses to allow him all the way in. She thinks she might be getting better. For once she doesn't want to run anymore. She has finally found a person she doesn't want to leave behind.

Kyle is so amazing. He has been there for Livy for the three years he has known her and has saved her from herself when it has mattered most. He doesn't know how he would ever live without her, just the thought of her not being there tortures him. He is so protective of her and does everything in his power to make her feel safe.

Adam is a bastard who brutally assaulted a woman who he once cared about. He is starting a new life. He has found a woman who he wants to marry and create a family with. So he does the one thing that he hopes will set him free...he comes clean to his fiancé, Abby, about his past. He has never treated Abby the way he treated Olivia so he is hoping she will be able to forgive him and they can start their life together. But when Olivia lays eyes on Adam for the first time in years all her fears come to the forefront and she doesn't know how to react.

..and then my eyes locked on evil as he walked through the door. I no longer heard the conversation around me or saw anyone else in the room. It was as if I had tunnel vision—a tunnel straight to hell. - Olivia

Abby is about to get married. Married to a man she thought was the love of her life. Never in a million years did she imagine that man could have a past as revolting as he does. She doesn't know what to do except for the fact that she knows she needs to meet Olivia and make sure she is doing ok. She is unsure of her future with Adam and possibly a little scared of what a future without him may entail. She has decisions, huge

ones, to make in her personal life but that can all wait. Her main priority now is Olivia.

But when they meet and she finds out just how broken the woman still is. And much to Adam's protest, she makes it her mission to help her. She will not stop until Olivia is whole again. Through trying heal Olivia, Abby brings back the one man that Olivia thought she had lost forever. The one man that left her when she needed him most.

John was in love with Olivia but he couldn't get past what he thought she did to him so he left. He has never stopped loving her and has never forgiven himself for the hurt he caused her. He wants to make things right with her and see if they have the future they thought they did together. But Olivia's life is still a mess and beyond that, she has seemed to move on to someone else. Can John let her go and just be happy for her or will he try to get back the woman he helped shatter?

I thought this story was a beautiful journey of friendship. The bond between Olivia and Abby was a little weird to me but beautiful and strong none the less. Abby makes it her mission to get Kyle and Olivia to admit their feelings for each other. It's clear as day to anyone in the same room that they love each other so why is it so difficult for them to see it?

Moving on is hard, especially after a tragedy such as Olivia experienced and Kyle doesn't want to push her. He wants a future with Olivia more than anything but he is determined to wait to further their relationship until he knows it is what Olivia truly wants. His worst fear is her regretting anything between them. However, Olivia's life just got a hell of a lot more complicated and he doesn't know how much more he can take.

"I'm so fucking tired, Olivia. I was stupid to worry about competition from the rapist and the ex-boyfriend when I should have been worried about competition from your girlfriend."

Olivia wants to move on but now with Adam and John back in the picture she is terrified and a bit confused. She knows she loves Kyle but will she ever be able to be the woman he deserves? She doesn't think so and when things get to be too much for Liv, she reverts back and does the one thing that could not only ruin her life but also the lives of those who love her.

"It isn't fair to make him wait anymore. He really needs to find someone to love him the way he should be loved."

Even though this story is mainly about Olivia we also get quite a bit of story and insight from Abby. I cannot wait to read Abby's story in Abby's Survival. The way this book ended I couldn't believe it. I was shocked and heartbroken. I'm sure we will get plenty more on all the other characters as well.

"I never would have believed it years or even weeks ago. Irony was not lost on me that I was faced with the realization that I could lose the one thing I'd ever really wanted and finally had—the will to live."

★★? 4 Stars ?★★

Reviewed By Alissa Evanson

Buy it
Read it
Love it

Angela Goodrich says

Let me start by saying that THAT was an awful ending and I mean awful as in "How could you do that to your readers Ms. Mooney?" not awful as in badly written. Fortunately I have the sequel and will be starting it immediately after I finish writing my review.

Liv's Existence is exactly that - the story of a woman who is simply existing after a life-shattering event a decade ago. Olivia does not live her life, she simply exists and as her story unfolds you figure out that her existence is so fragile that she has moved multiple times over the decade, anytime someone got close enough to threaten the tenuous hold she has on her existence. Her last move brought Kyle into her life and while she's still not necessarily happy, she does feel safe and cared for by him and his family, enough so that she stays there for three years, far longer than she had ever stayed anywhere. But her world comes crashing down on her when faced (literally) with her past.

As devastatingly heart wrenching as that scene was, it did bring Abby into her world. Abby proceeds to barrel into Liv's world and between her and Kyle's influence and support, Olivia starts to live again. When this happens, she feels deeply and because of this, Liv's Existence will be a difficult read for some. What was done to her was not pretty; she still feels the effects of it a decade later and the author does such a good job in portraying this that I found myself channeling her feelings and experiences and it was NOT a pleasant thing. As the story moves forward, Liv and Abby become closer, supporting one another as they face stressful situations in their lives. More importantly, Abby forces Liv to open her eyes to Kyle's feelings toward her and find herself wanting things she hadn't wanted for a decade and acting on those wants.

But as this is the first book in the series and I've already indicated that there is a cliffhanger ending, you know it's not all hearts and flowers ... but you'll have to read it to find out what happens - and make sure you have book two ready to go.

I received a complimentary copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.
Reviewed by Angela at Crystal's Many Reviewers!

Monique Machuca-Austin says

ONE MAN TOOK LIV'S SOUL FROM EXISTANCE. CAN ANOTHER MAN TEACH HER TO TRUST & LOVE AGAIN, SO SHE CAN LIVE TO EXIST WITHOUT FEAR?

Liv's Existence is A-M-A-Z-I-N-G! Olivia Levins has been struggling to live for the past ten years, because one man just about destroyed her entire life when she was eighteen years old and that man was her ex-boyfriend, Adam. Since that horrific event, Olivia found herself on the run from place to place never settling at a place long enough to make friends.

Liv is living in Chicago running to an interview in the rain, when she meets Kyle Oakland with KO “Knockout” Wedding Design while trying to escape the heavy rain and wind.

“His dark brown hair was the perfect length to lose your fingers in, but was kept cut short enough that it didn’t look shaggy. He was tall and broad. His build said strength, but not bulk...our eyes locked - those eyes. They were warm, like hot chocolate when you’ve come inside after hours of sledding. I felt like the marshmallows that melt when they hit the steamy liquid.” - Liv

While inside the shop, Liv notice couple having an argument over the style of place settings. Liz saw two things in the couple, bridezilla wanting to select a place setting everyone had already had and her fiancé who wanted something different. What causes Liz to stop and stare was the way they showed their love for each other, so Liz decides to play the role of an employee to help the couple. Kyle was shocked to how well Liv assisted the difficult couple, but also wants for her to the reasons to why she assisted.

“I could tell he loves her even through her bridezilla phase and I couldn’t stand the thought of the fighting. Besides his choice was hideous... You really should think about discontinuing that one. It’s fugly.” - Liv

After what Liv just did with the couple from hell that had already been there for an hour arguing, Kyle offers Liz job at the shop. Kyle is not only her boss, but also becomes her best friend and would forever be lost without him. Liv has even struggled through the years to commit suicide, but when she Kyle cares for Liv’s well-being and reminds her to LIVE every day.

“We all know what would have happened if Kyle hadn’t come over and stopped me tonight, but I never want to talk about this again...Just so you have access if you ever feel I’m going to to this again, here’s a key. This is just to ease your mind. It isn’t an open invitation to barge in whenever you want.” - Liv

Everything has been going well for Liv for the past three years, until one appointment shattered all the walls she had built through the years. The appointment was with Abigail Hughes and her fiancée and before Liv could speak to the bride, she went ghost white, ran to the bathroom, and started vomiting with tremendous fear. Abigail’s fiancé is Adam, the man in Liv’s nightmares. Abigail feels heartbroken with guilt to see the terror in Liv for what she has done and only hopes that Liv will allow her to help.

“He told me everything. That’s why we’re here...to confront the past.” - Abigail

Two weeks before Abigail and Adam are to get married, Adam told Abigail about his dark secret from the past with Liv. Abby is horrified after listening to Adam and she wants Adam to make amends with Liv and make sure she is okay, but Liv reaction concerns Abby. Abby starts to think maybe there is more to the story than Adam told her and now she is determined not only help Liz seek any answers she may want to know about the man who crushed her soul, but Abby also has some questions for Liv to bring clarity to Adams’ story.

After Liv allowed Abby to meet her, Abby feel lost to the man she is engaged to and starts to question her love for Adam. Abby finds herself asking the same question in her mind and heart, will I ever be able to rust the man I love knowing what he has done in the past and has he changed enough so he never repeat his past?

Will Liv ever move on from her past and see Kyle for more than just her boss, but maybe something much more like a boyfriend instead? Liv's Existence is an EMOTIONAL LOVE STORY in which B.L. Mooney’s has done a magnificent job writing a captivating story that will have you feel as if you are on an emotional roller coaster with feelings of will have you on a roller coaster of COMPASSION, SADNESS, ANGER,

DISTRUST, FORGIVENESS, HEARTACHE, FRIENDSHIP, and LOVE. Liv's Existence will capture your attention immediately and will be unable to put the book down. Even though Liv's Existence does end with a cliffhanger, the author will not have us waiting too long for the second novel, Abby's Survival, because it will be available in the spring of 2014.

"When I say Liv, it isn't your name...I've been telling you to live every chance I can – especially at the more stressful or anxious times. It just worked out that it could be a play on your name." - Kyle

B.L. Mooney's novel, Liv's Existence, receives - 5 AMAZING STARS!

****JUST BOOKED received a gifted copy by the author for an Honest Review****

Anny hernandez says

***** I received an ARC copy from the author for an honest review *****

WOW I just finish reading this book, this is a book that I was not EXCPECTING to be the way that it turned out. I love it from the first page to the very last, I have to say this book left me speechless, and in a motional roller coaster, I love the way B.L. Mooney writes and tell story she did an AWESOME job with this book, while reading it I felt like I was in the story and feeling what they where feeling.

I am gone keep this short cause I don't want to give anything away, this a book about two person that becomes best friends, with one that has a goal to help the other one out.

Olivia when through something horrible when she was nineteen, that change her life for ever, for the last ten years Olivia has live in fears and afraid to be alive, but Kyle is her best friend and the only man that she had let in to her heart, and he is also her boss, everyday Kyle remind her to live just live.

Abby is few days away from getting married she though she was in love, but that all change when Adam her fiancé told her the horrible thing that he did years ago, after that Abby started to have doubt, and started to see him for how he really is.

On one of the days that Olivia has off Kyle ask her to come in, she agree to go to work for couple of hours that day what she was not expecting was that her pass was gone collide with her present, that was the day that she met Abby and a friendship started.

I love it how Abby and Kyle where their to tried to help her, love it how Kyle family love Olivia, and love it more how much Kyle love her and being waiting for her to finally open up. this is the story of two different person that the life bring them together, I love it how you could get to read from both point of view, and love it how this two goes down on a road of becoming best friends.

This is a book that you MUST READ Author B.L. Mooney THANK YOU for introducing me to this AMAING characters and this AWESOM GREAT BOOK. cant wait to read more of your book and more of this series.

Rebecca says

I received an Arc copy from the author in exchange for an honest review

Live – it seems like such a simple word, but, for some, to actually put it into practice is easier said than done.

Liv's Existence follows the lives of five people....three share a past that changed all of their lives, for the most part, in dramatic and traumatic ways. The other two were not part of that past, but as the present and past collide, they have major roles in making sure that the heroine, Olivia, moves past the events that turned her into a frightened, barely existing woman.

For the past ten years of her life, Olivia has merely existed. She has never put down roots...if someone gets too close, she leaves without a second thought. She can't stand physical contact of any kind, and due to her panic attacks and need to stay guarded, she has never really had close friends. When the man who changed her life all of those years ago, reenters her life, she fights the compulsion every day to put an end to the torment...put an end to her existence, but two people refuse to let that happen – her boss, Kyle, whose feelings for Olivia go way beyond boss/employee, and interestingly enough, the fiancée of the man who ruined her life.

Olivia and Abby's unlikely friendship helps both women to acknowledge what they need and deserve. Both suffered due to Adam's treatment albeit in different ways, but the bond they form allows them to be open and honest about topics that they have always struggled to say out loud. The story is told through both of their points of view, so we get up close and personal with their inner beliefs about themselves and the things that they have gone through. B.L. Mooney's decision to allow both women's voices to be heard makes the book so much better. At first, it seems they are on different sides because one is Adam's victim while the other is his fiancée, but through their own words, readers see how much they have in common...how much they desperately need each other to heal.

Liv's Existence is not a light read. It is full of tough topics that pull at readers' hearts and make them ache as they read and watch Olivia relive all of the traumatizing events of 10 years ago, and just as both Olivia and Abby feel like they can persevere as long as they have each other, something happens that leaves readers questioning if anyone will be able to do more than simply exist.

This is a must read book! I should forewarn you that the ending will have you screaming and possibly throwing your kindle, but it's worth it because the story is beautifully written and readers can't help but root for both Olivia and Abby. I can't wait to see how it all turns out!

4.5 poison apples (The Fairest of All Book Reviews)

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

I'm speechless!! Not sure how to write this review. It's nothing like I've read before.

This is a gripping story about Olivia's heartache. She's been so damaged in the past she's not sure how she can get through it. She has kept herself to herself until she meets Kyle.

Then we meet Abby. Abby has her own problems but tries to help Olivia.

The author keeps us in suspense with a lot of what's going on so I'm not gonna say much about the story. I want you as a reader gasping like I've just done reading this.

I really do recommend this book. I've not read anything by this author before but after reading this then that's certainly going to change.

Books&Dreams says

I was gifted this book from the Author for an honest review.

I gave this book 5 stars.

This is Liv and Kyle's story.

Olivia has been hurt by a man that she thought she would never have to face ever again. She had things done to her that to this day she still lives a nightmare over. It has been 10 years and she still doesn't live her life the way that she should. Kyle is her best friend, she usually runs when she gets too close to people, but he is different and she feels safe. That is until Adam shows back up and turns what little bit of a life that Liv has into a big mess. His fiancée Abby knows all that has happened to Olivia and she feels like she can help her and becomes fast friends with her. Adam is not happy about this and is very vocal about that. Olivia cannot stand to be in Adam's presence and when it all comes down to it it's finally time for Olivia to face her past and heal if at all possible. And with Kyle and Abby on her side she might just have a chance to do that.

This was a great story. Didn't know what to expect when I first started reading it but it quickly drew me in and kept me there throughout the whole book, I couldn't put it down. Olivia has been through so much and it really hurt me just to read the things that she felt when she saw Adam again. She tries so hard to be strong and work through it even when she thinks she won't be able to. That is where Kyle comes in and this man never gives up on her, he is there as her friend her best friend and he never lets her give up on life. He tells her LIV! And without him I don't think that Olivia would have been able to cope with the things in her past. I think they would have destroyed her long ago. This is a story about finding love even when you don't think you're capable of loving, finding love when you think you are nothing but a piece of garbage. Finding friendship where you least expect it and having life just surprise you! Thank you B.L. for a beautiful book, I can't wait to read what you have coming up next. I hope that Abby gets her own book:)

Shay says

I just finished Liv's Existence and Wow. That is all I can say right now so let me explain the story to you. Olivia is just barely surviving. At first you do not know the extent of what she has gone through but you have an idea and it hurts you to know what she is going through. You can cope a little because you know that she has Kyle. She had met Kyle a few years ago when she came in his wedding shop to catch a breather before she had an interview down the street. She sees a couple and she tries to help them with choices for their wedding when Kyle interrupts. That was all she wrote. She is hired on the spot and her and Kyle become fast friends. She feels safe with him even though she still goes through a lot of trauma from past experiences. Here is two or three years later, she has an appointment with a new couple and she knows

nothing about them. What she sees stops her heart. Seeing the man and woman have totally wrecked her. Its not the woman, its the man. This is Adam and Abigail. Abigail has found out what Adam has done to Olivia so she comes to help Olivia and essentially help herself. Will Olivia be able to overcome her past to get through for her future? You will have to read and see.

I loved this story. I was hooked from the get go and honestly didn't want to put it down. You will not even believe the twist and turns in this story. To say this is an emotional roller coaster is an exaggerating from the lowest point. You take so many dips to being in love, to being hurt, to being betrayed, to just heartache and just when you think that you cannot even go anywhere else, YEP. You go right back down. I was just amazed by this story and honestly the best part???? Olivia and Abigail's point of view. This is what made the story into what it was. To really see both sides. You read about the victim, you never read about the other woman. Even though she didn't know what had happened, she is still going through the fallout and this makes it just as bad for her.

Kyle is just amazing. I just loved his voice and how he just wanted to help her. He truly loves her and just wants her happy and healthy and is there for her no matter what. I love how he just wants to be her voice of reason. He just gets to me. Olivia, I felt so sorry for her. She has gone through so much and will go through that for the rest of her life. She is hesitant and has every right to be. She really does want to try. Abigail is my girl. From the very beginning she had me. Her story is right. Yes, she didn't know stuff in the past but she is trying to deal with it and her and Olivia become friends and are trying to heal together. Just an amazing journey.

You really have to get this. I am so super excited that I get to read the next one. The way that it turned blew me away.

Story 5
Sex 3
Overall 5

Reviewed by Beggin from Mommy's a Book Whore

Christina says

ARC received in exchange for an honest review

Once again, B. L. Mooney has delivered an emotional rollercoaster of a novel. Much like the first book of Ms. Mooney's I read, *Striving For Normal*, I had to sit and digest it for a couple of days before I felt I could comment on it. *Liv's Existence* was even more so, as it ended on a stunning cliffhanger, which came out of left field.

Olivia, or Liv, even Livvie, is broken. It's hard to call her a survivor, because it seems as though she's doing very little to survive, but merely managing to exist. She's considered suicide, but was stopped before she reached that point. She has developed nearly OCD-like rituals in order to get through everyday life. The washing herself, the door locking, the lack of contact with other people, all due to her past relationship and abuse from ex-boyfriend Adam.

Kyle, her boss and best friend, will do anything for Liv, absolutely anything. He loves her, much more than as a friend, but Liv is too broken to realize that and thinks that Kyle deserves better than her. Kyle is patient and kind and is helping Liv do just that...live.

Abby is the current fiancée of Adam, Liv's abusive ex-boyfriend. Adam has come clean about his past to Abby, but before they walk down the aisle, Abby wants Adam to make amends for his past treatment of Liv. When the two walk into the bridal shop where Liv works, it is readily apparent by Liv's reaction that there is far more to the story than Adam is letting on. Abby, starting to see similarities between her relationship with Adam and Liv's relationship with Adam, decides to befriend Liv in order to get to the truth, but also to help Liv. What results is a tale of friendship and love, tempered with both physical and emotional abuse. Can Liv ever get past the blame she puts on herself for what happened between her and Adam? And can she ever truly be a friend to Abby, knowing that she is in love with Adam, the one person who hurt her the most in the world?

Ms. Mooney is a master at crafting intense, deep relationships between her characters. Her characters are so broken, it's hard to imagine that they could ever be fixed, much less be able to engage in a healthy relationship with anyone else, but through lessons learned and exploring their inner selves, they evolve and gain strength to persevere. This is one of the reasons I really like Ms. Mooney's characters, they show such a range of growth that it seems to draw you further into the drama, you really begin to care about them.

I especially loved the relationship between Liv and Abby. It makes you ask the question of "what can't be forgiven?". Abby, at first glance, would be public enemy number one, being the current fiancée of Liv's ex, however the level of empathy and honesty shown towards Liv proves without a doubt that Abby has Liv's best interest at heart. There are several times where you begin to question Abby's motives, they do seem suspect, but I think it gets to the heart of the fact that Abby too is broken in some way. I'm sure we'll learn more about that in the next book.

Liv's Existence is a gut-wrenching, life-affirming, edge of seat sitting, five star read. This book is not for the faint of heart and I suffered from a couple of days of book hangover when I was done, but I would do it again in a heartbeat and am really looking forward to it when the next installment of this series, Abby's Survival, comes out this spring. Ms. Mooney has quickly made herself a spot on my auto-buy list.

Rachel says

4.5 Stars

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Liv's Existence packs a powerful punch. While the storyline is good, Mooney's writing is what rates so high. She has a talent for making the reader feel. Good, Bad, Happy, Sad, doesn't matter...She makes you feel what the characters are going through. I could feel Liv's frustration with her life, herself, and those around her. Olivia's story starts out with her only friend Kyle trying to do his damndest to prevent her from killing herself. You see almost from the start how much she means to Kyle, but she doesn't think of him, only herself.

Liv is an almost 30 year old woman stuck in her past, her traumatic past. While doing nothing but existing, she goes about her life with no real friends, except her employer, and no acquaintances. While it's easy to figure out "that traumatic experience", what's not easy is getting her to see beyond it. Kyle, her unattached

hot employer, is the only person she's let in, and that's not very far. One day at work she see's HIM..the him that ruined her life and she falls apart. Adam is there with his fiancée Abby, and Olivia loses it. Abby chases her into the bathroom, and some how they become fast friends...As Abby's world is falling apart since Adam came clean about Olivia, Liv's life is finally getting better.

But as the story progresses, you're let in on Olivia's traumatic experience, you see what Adam has done to Abby as well, and you see Olivia and Kyle finally find each other. You finally meet a happier Olivia, a happier Abby, and then the fickle hand of fate reaches in and irony at it's finest appears. If I get too far into the story, there are just too many spoilers, so I have to stop.

Please take into account that BL Mooney has a very powerful story telling capability, paints a wonderful picture, fills out her characters down to some of their minor idiosyncrasies and makes them wholly believable. She tells this story of a traumatic rape, and the life subsequently led by taking you on a journey into the life of Olivia, letting you feel the bad with Adam and then the good with Kyle, all while leaving you with a cliffhanger that will frustrate you to no end.
