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Be advised this book is for mature audiences.

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Amy Neighbors Senethavilay says

“Kissing me behind my ear, he whispered. “You changed my world, pretty girl.”

I can still remember the first boy who stole my heart. The one I thought I was meant to be with for the rest of my life. Unfortunately, being so young and naïve, I learned through a broken heart that our lives were not meant to be together. Every time I ran into him, I immediately felt the crushing heartache, causing myself to question what was wrong with me or why I was not good enough. It took years for me to get over the hurt and to open my heart up to others, to see that there was someone greater for me, someone who fit me so

much better.

I think most of us have experienced the person who first captured our heart, the person to whom we felt we were destined to be with. Often, however, you and that person find life has other plans in store. But in some cases, true soul mates are discovered and everlasting love found.

In Heidi Lis' story, Elsa and Micah are two young teens who immediately feel a connection with one another upon their first meeting. After discovering such a deep connection, Micah suddenly leaves without any conversation or explanation. Elsa is devastated—not only did she share her love with him, but she gave all she had to this boy.

Feeling completely abandoned, Elsa finds herself still lamenting and mourning the loss she experienced five years earlier. As she decides it is time to finally move on and give into the man who has stood by her side and shown his compassion for the last several years, Elsa is left with a difficult decision when Micah suddenly shows up in her life five years after leaving, and the night after she tried to say goodbye to the loss of Micah she had been harboring.

A great deal of time has passed for these two and new relationships have developed. Will the lives of others involved complicate the situation even more so, making it impossible for the two to find what they once had? Has too much time passed for these two to rekindle the friendship and love they once had? And will the secrets and heartache of the past be more than the two can overcome?

Heidi Lis has created a strong story filled with heartache, loss, betrayal, and devotion in which friendships will be tested, lies will be uncovered, and personal strength will be pushed to the limits. This was a powerful read that will have your hurting for everyone involved. A great read!

Razan says

Eh.. NO !

Eileen Robinson says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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Although it's pretty obvious from the start, how the couple is going to re-enter each others life, it doesn't take away from any of the emotional gist. I liked both Elsa and Micah, although at times Elsa seemed a bit over dramatic. This book was well written and had good pace with plenty of angst and drama that kept you turning the pages. It's easy to get involved with this couple, there are times of laughter, some smiles, tears and some stamp your feet moments. An enjoyable read that captures you and your sad to see end !

NMmomof4 says

[H and h fall in love in high school (H is 18, h is 16)
H takes h's virginity then disappears afterwards
h finds out she is pregnant
Parents make her go on a "vacation" and give the baby up for adoption
H and H's brother try to contact h, but her parents never let her know
5 years later, she's still crying and heartbroken over what happened
h is living with a coworker

Edith Dubielak PA says

Never Give Up by Author *Heidi Lis* is a new adult romance with a plot that will have you wanting to throw your kindle across the room.

Never give up is the first novel I have read by author Heidi Liz and even though this book drove me bonkers I will definitely read her future books.

In Never Give Up we meet characters, Micah and Elsa. Elsa and Micah were high school sweethearts and due to many different circumstances they were not able to stay together. Micah moved away and started a new life following his father's footsteps but he never really explained to Elsa why he left. Elsa gave her all to him, her heart and her virginity. And when he left he took everything from her. Elsa's parents are absolutely the worst and made huge decisions for Elsa that no one should make for someone. Now let's fast forward five years Micah has returned to his hometown and into Elsa's life. She has never truly gotten over him. Things get real for both of them. Will Micah and Elsa reunite and finally have a life together or will the secrets from the past be too much for them to overcome?

I can't say that this is my favorite book I have ever read. Not because the author is not a good writer because she is. It was just not my cup of tea for the following reasons. For one Elsa drove me a little bonkers. The endless crying drove me

nuts. I wanted to reach my hand thru my phone and slap the crap out of her, but this was towards the beginning of the book. By the time I understood the life Elsa lived and by that I mean how much her parents wanted to control her happiness, I started to empathize with the way she handled her emotions. Now I really wanted to like Micah but I couldn't. To me he just seemed like an a**. I didn't like some of the ways he handled certain situations and it really made it hard for me to connect with him. All in all, I can honestly say this book brought a lot of different emotions from me and if a book is able to that then I say that's a good read. I will continue to follow author Heidi Lis books because she can defiantly write books that will leave you thinking WTF... And that's always a plus. If you like books that are about a second chance then this is a must read!

Deserie williams says

note to self: both h and H have sex with others in detail(while separated). H is with h's roommate eww(this is during the separation). h hears H having sex with her roommate. (she didn't know it was him at the time) I just don't want to read about them with others in detail. this is not for me.

Cynthia says

This story really touched my heart. I love second chance stories that bring a smile to your face as it tears your heart apart. Getting back together is never easy but when you hold secrets it is even harder. When those secrets come out at the worse time nothing good can come out of it. Heidi gives a wonderful story of lost love finding their way back only to have it all almost taken away again. This was a very touching read that will break your heart and bring a tear to your eyes. So many people hurt, so many tears cried, so many people to blame, so many lies told and so much time lost because two people decided to play god to one girl they were suppose to love and take care of. Two people who love so much have parents that think they know what is best for them takes steps to keep them apart. This was a very emotional read that really reaches in and touches your heart.

I could relate to Elsa I felt her pain as not only a young girl but as an adult. There is nothing worse than to lose those you love, some people taken away from you only to find out years later that the ones that should love and support you is now you worse enemy. At first I did not care too much for this character all she did was cry after 5 years still trying to get over a lost love. Once Micah came back into her life and you know all the facts your heart breaks and all you want to do is set beside her hold her and cry with her.

At first I didn't understand Micah his reason for leaving without a word was hard for me to buy but once the author gave all the facts it was very touching. Micah had little choice but to join the military it was a family tradition. He couldn't say good bye or he would never have left. He does send his brother to talk with her but her parents step in taking away that right as they have so many others. On returning and getting out of the military the first thing he does is look up the girl he left behind only to be told he she has moved on and forgotten him. He decides to move on start up with a new lady. This is where the story gets very complicated as he finds out all that he has lost and all that he wants back.

I found this to be an easy book to get into with a slow start but was soon a page turner to find out what else could go wrong for these two people. The author gives a wonderful plot with a heartbreak story which will hold your interest as the characters take on a life of their own. The one thing the author never told me was why in all the 5 years he never came home to visit his family. This just seems a little off but it does work well with the plot. This was a book I could not put down the author had me so pulled in as she twisted the plot to bring so much pain and heartache. She gives you a very steamy read with so much passion of lost love that could not get over each other. This is a very emotional and touching read leaving you with the question how can parent that say they love you treat you so bad when you needed them most. Never Give Up is about losing it all only to come together to fight for what is right, taking back what is yours. It is a well written story that will blow your mind with all the author has in store for you. I have been with this author from the first and I must say she has really grown in her writing as well as in her plots. Each book gets better and better. Never Give Up is a keeper you will want to read more than once.

BB Belle says

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♥?Melanie says

2.5 Stars

I really tried to like this book but it was unrealistic. I liked Micah however felt that Elsa was a bit too much and I just didn't care for her. The story has so much potential however it fell flat with all the unrealistic things that went on in the story.

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

?Complimentary Copy? Provided by the author "**Heidi Lis**" in exchange for an honest review..Thank you!!

TITLE: Never Give Up

AUTHOR: Heidi Lis

GENRE: Contemporary Romance

RELEASE DATE: September 18th 2015

MY RATING: 4 STARS

✿?This is the first time I have read anything by this author✿?

Never Give Up: A realistic story about first love, heartbreak, lies and deception, and a second chance romance..

"The boy who stole my heart had left me with more than just memories. My life forever changed, and the physical and emotional scars are all I have left of him"

I like how the author has incorporated past and present into the story line, instead of just jumping into the here and now it's switching between the two and giving us a peek into their interaction with each other back in high school..

Five long years have passed

The one boy she has never been able to forget, the one boy she gave her heart to, the one boy who stole her heart, the one boy who wrote her a letter and disappeared out of her life, the one boy who broke her heart..Micah is that boy!!

Finally after so many years have gone past she's ready to move on with her life and her best friend Nick to see if they can establish a relationship without ruining their friendship..

BUT!!

Out of the blue a long lost voice is heard over the phone, Elsa's Monday goes from bad, to worse, first Micah's brother appears on the scene at work, then a phone call from Micah has Elsa's day crashing around her..

Micah's voice breaks into his own set of sobs. Elsa, I need to talk to you. There are things you don't know, and I need to tell you before you find out another way.

Just when you think her Monday can't get any worse it sky rockets out of control!!

What I enjoyed the most with this authors writing style is the emotional pull she drew out of me with these two characters turmoil, the mistakes they made were realistic for their ages, your heart will shatter for what Elsa endured at the age of sixteen, to really feel this story you need to put yourself in her shoes, feel how

alone and abandoned she felt, no one to lean on, turn to, her parents thought she was a disgrace under the influence of a much older boy, he'd been in her life one minute and gone the next..Five years is a long time to hold a torch for someone but there's factors I'm not divulging in my review..

Jennifer Pierson says

I'm familiar with this author's work, as I absolutely love her style, but I DID NOT SEE THIS ONE COMING! Elsa Winters fell in love with Micah Taylor when they were teenagers, and truly believed he was the one, until he smashed her heart into little pieces when he just disappeared. It's been five years now, and she has struggled everyday to put him behind her, and move on. When she finally believes she can move forward with another man, a twist of fate has him appearing in her life again. No matter how hard she tried to keep him at arms length, their strong connection is still alive and kicking, and Elsa is terrified that she won't survive heartbreak a second time. But they can't stay away from each, nor be friends. As they try to work it all out, her biggest secret is revealed. Will Micah and Elsa stand together to survive when all the past secrets and lies come to light?

WOW JUST WOW! Dramatic girly girl emotions ahead! This story was absolutely GUTWRENCHING! I was invested from the get go, so my heart had been ripped out, stomped to pieces, only to be shoved back in with no numbing agent. The character development is great, with a strong cast of secondaries, (and a few need their own story pretty please). Heidi Lis' diabolically talented writing style is so emotionally charged that mine feeling came out sideways whether I wanted them to or not. She is brilliant at writing twists and turns that come from left field that made for serious OMG moments that I couldn't help but scream colorful metaphors while wiping my leaking eyes. I'm 100% addicted to this author, and I'm super excited to read the next story that brings me to my knees! HIGHLY RECOMMEND!

Shasta Mosley Swoon Worthy Books/Cherry0Blossom says

This is the first book that I have read by author Heidi Lis, but I can say it won't be my last. This author had a way of bringing this story to life in the pages of this book that made you think this could happen and I really like getting a story like that. It gives you heartbreak, betrayal, first love, soulmates, and hope all rolled into one.

Elsa Winters fell in love with the new boy in school, Micah Taylor, when she was just 16 years old. As a young girl when she gave him her heart she knew then that he was her soulmate, but due to circumstances that was out of her hands she lost her first love when he left. Heartbroken and shattered, Elsa tries to move on, but not knowing why he left breaks her even more, until she loses the one piece of Micah that she has left. Elsa tries to move on with her life after losing so much, but even after 5 years, how do you mend your heart when it has been shattered so much. Just when she thinks that she can open her heart and let someone in again with her best friend, but when she finally meets her roommate's new boyfriend and her world is unraveled again when she sees the one person considered to be the love of her life and soulmate. Now she must navigate through a friendship while still in love the man that shattered her heart, or will Elsa and Micah find their way back together.

Micah Taylor fell in love with Elsa Winter when he was just a teenager, but when his father sees that this love could destroy the plans he has for his son, he has Micah to leave early for the Airforce without letting Elsa know what is going on. But the heart wants what it wants and Micah's heart wanted Elsa always, so

after 5 years of being away from her he comes back home to be told by her parents to stay out of her life, but when you love someone has much as he loves her, the heart will never give up and truly move on. After dating many people, he finally starts to feel things with someone who happens to be his heart's roommate. And when Micah sees Elsa again after so many years he can no longer deny what he wants anymore. But little does Micah know that she carries secrets now and sometimes secrets can shatter everything. Can Micah and Elsa find their way back to one another or will secrets be reveled and keep them apart?

Tracy Lundy-Munn says

Never Give Up is a standalone book by Heidi Lis. This was my first book by this author and I absolutely loved it. The storyline was spot on with a second chance romance spin with a secret baby thrown into the mix. The characters were well developed with lots of depth, emotion and chemistry. All in all a really good read that I would recommend.

Socially Book Nerd says

I was given a free copy for an honest review

WOW..... What a gut wrenching heart breaking read! The views of both past and present really make you fall for the characters and you fall deep. Secrets and long lost dreams collide, what an amazing book!
