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*Lacey's Story...*

Covering up pain is easy. It's keeping it tucked away that's hard. I've always needed the cover of tattoos to hide the nasty past that leached its way into me, tainting me beneath my skin.

Not the shiny, trendy tats, but the ugly broken kind, meant to keep the world at bay. If they weren't enough, then my piercings, foul mouth and crazy hair usually did the trick. Life had taught me to never follow the rules, because when you do, you get burned.

My life was perfectly imperfect until Tripp...

Our relationship is what most would describe as fuel meeting fire. We were both hell bent on burning each other to the ground. Tripp was sexy as hell, a charismatic beast, and soon became one of my best friends. We shared a love of ice cream and tattoos as we blazed our own path that could only lead to a beautiful train wreck.

The only question left is, will we set the countryside ablaze with our hot tempers and foul mouths? Or will we paint our own happy ending filled with all the gushy shit normal people crave?

***Mature Content Warning.*** Recommended for ages 17+ due to language and sexual content. Please note: this book was previously named ***My Today***.

## Tripp Details

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## Mou says

Cheating.

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## Natalie Jones says

HJ has done it again! Lacey and Tripp are quite the pair. When life gives you a sucky hand they figure out a way to pick up the pieces and make the puzzle picture perfect. And of you course you get Milley and Cree and Annie and little Mac back too. This will have you on an emotional roller coaster ride that you will love. The characters are so well written and HJ puts so much emotion in each and every one of them that you become attached to them. Whatever you do, do not read this book until you have read My Now and Forever.

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## Rachaelthebiliophile says

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## Silla Webb says

Broken.

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Two lone, broken hearts manage the pain and anguish, together, so they can heal together.

Lacey is the baddest bitch, ever. Well, on the outside that is. She has walls built up around her heart, and refuses to love, because she has experienced too much pain in her short life. She hides the pain, deep beneath the surface. She covers the scars with tattoos, marked all over her body. She simply learns to exist.

Tripp. Ahhhh sweet, sexy Tripp. He never gets the girl. His life has been centered around travesty and heartache. Such a tragic life for a professional baseball player. He loses everything to addiction, and has nobody to turn to, but Cree.

When Lacey and Tripp first meet in My Now and Forever (My Way Book 1), they have brazen, yet playful friendship. Lacey thinks Tripp is a douche canoe. Tripp thinks Lacey is a bitch. But there is a magnetic pull between Lacey and Tripp. Although they keep it friendly in the beginning, Lacey always finds her way to Tripp's lap (lucky bitch), then eventually to his bed, then right, smack, dab into his heart.

Lacey and Tripp begin a wild, mind blowing, sexy relationship. But jealousy gets the best of them, and tragedy strikes. Apart, Lacey and Tripp realize that their hearts will stop beating, without the other half...each other. After a stint of counseling, they find their way back to each other, and begin their healing process. So much heartache is revealed for Lacey and Tripp. The anguish these two experience is devastating, and gut wrenching.

Despite all of the heartache they lived with apart, happiness found them together, as a family. Cree, Milly, Annie and Mac, were right there, all along, in love and support. Lacey and Tripp get their happy ending, but not without more excitement, tears, and sadness.

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HJ Bellus. This woman is one frickin' talented author, who holds nothing back in her writing. She is bold, and brazen. She dares to stand out, makes a statement, and simply doesn't care. When I read My Now and Forever (My Way Book #1), I fell head over heels for her witty remarks, playful banter, and just fun loving characters. My Today super exceeded all expectations, going above and beyond my hopes for this book. I laughed, I cried, I was so pissed I wanted to bitch slap a certain someone (spoiler free). I felt Lacey and Tripp's heartache, their fear, their happiness. HJ pours so much emotion into her characters, they come to life within an instant. I was so pleased with this book, I am literally in awe. Milly, Cree, Tripp, Lacey, Annie and Mac are some of my favorite characters, I feel so deeply connected to them. I have felt their pain while reading their stories. This book was wonderfully written, and I cannot wait to see what HJ has in store for book 3 in the installment. My Today left me wanting more of this crazy misfit family. #celebratemisfits

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## Sue Stewart says

"We shared our love of ice cream and tattoos as we blazed our own path that could only lead to a beautiful train wreck. The only question left is, will we set the countryside ablaze with our hot tempers and foul mouths, or will we paint our own happy ending filled with all the gushy shit normal people crave?"

This is "THAT" book - the One that will tear your heart out and then work like Hell to put it back together again! Lacey & Tripp have both been thru some horrible "Life" experiences that have left them each so guilt-ridden, that they don't think they deserve that 'happy ending'! When Lacey sits down at that piano and plays her "sweet, painful music", I cried my eyes out! When they hit rock bottom, I was screaming my lungs out at them - to get their asses up, acts together, move forward and make it work! And the chemistry and sassy dialogue between the "crazy Hoochies" is laugh out loud hysterical. I loved the secondary characters and the roles they played in making this book so Fan-Freaking-Tastic! (OMG you will LOVE Annie!) I mean the book had it all, including a truly Friggin A-Mazing ending!

If you haven't read "My Now & Forever" (one of my favorite books of 2013) RUN and get it and read it before the release of My Today. It is the perfect prologue to this book!

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## Mo\_Better says

This book was so bad that I wanted to cry at some points. The writing just...terrible. It's my fault for thinking it was possible, for this author to improve. I read two other books by her and disliked them both, including part 1 of this series. The plot does not develop organically instead it seems rushed and forced. Events don't happen in a natural progression they just happen at a frenetic and unreal pace.

First rule of creative writing is to show not tell, there's a hell of a lot of telling and not much showing. The characters are poorly developed and are, frankly, immature assholes. Both of them but Tripp more so. Some guy that Laney slept with years ago gets invited to dinner and he goes on an alcohol, drug, and sex infused bender in which he treats Laney like shit and then cheats on her. Then she goes and tries to kill herself? Really? Over that idiot? Um, no.

It just got cheesier and more ridiculous from there. Tripp has an epiphany that he's an asshole so he counterbalances it by becoming a total and complete pussy spouting the most horrendous dialogue ever and crying at the drop of a hat. Even worse than all of Laney's idiotic ramblings. One of the parts that made me roll my eyes the most is when Milly, Laney's BFF, finds out Laney may be pregnant and that she has kept her suspicions to herself. Milly flips. She goes all psycho bitch and starts ranting and raving to Laney, something along the lines of Laney not thinking Milly is good enough to tell she thinks it's possible she may be pregnant. Are you effing kidding? When is that's Milly's problem? Why does she need to be informed that her friend thought she might be pregnant? When did Laney's possible pregnancy become all about Laney? The level of idiocy and immaturity in these characters is astounding.

Note to self: never, ever, under any circumstances read another book by this author. Don't forget how horrible this was. Don't be swayed by other reviews. Don't succumb to an intriguing blurb, just stay away.

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## I.Heart.Romance says

?? 1 Star ??

**\*\*\* SPOILERS \*\*\***

<<< CHEATING H >>>

◆ ?BOOK: #2 in the MY WAY series. Can be read as a standalone but features most characters from book 1. Full length.

◆ ?EDITING: a few minor errors found

◆ ?POV: dual first person

◆ ?SETTING: small town near Fort Collins, Colorado

◆ ?HERO: Tripp Fitzpatrick--Former pro baseball player. Works/lives on his cousin Cree's farm. Addict -

alcohol, sex, cocaine. Big, ripped, brown hair & eyes, tattooed.

◆?HEROINE: Lacey--Hair stylist. Brash, ballsy, crude, tough, foul-mouthed. Has been used & mistreated by men all her life. Short, curvy, blonde, tattooed, pierced.

◆?WARNING: **Tripp cheats on Lacey.** They were happily in love, in a relationship when he finds out that her ex-fuck buddy was invited to dinner by Milly (Lacey's bff). He's so angry and jealous he gets fucked up, says nasty, hurtful things to Lacey and flirts heavily with her friend. Tripp then goes to a bar with Lacey's ex-fuck buddy & another friend and has an orgy with them & a few chicks. To top it off, he flaunts it in front of Lacey the next morning at breakfast, letting a woman touch him, kiss him, sit on his lap like Lacey loves to do, causing Lacey to freak out.

Not gonna lie, it was extremely difficult to read how quickly and easily Tripp cheats. Yeah, he's sorry, but not enough. They go to counseling and it's never mentioned again...but I don't like cheaters! Sorry, not sorry. They come a long way by the end and I don't think he'll ever make those mistakes again but it was just too big of a betrayal for me to forgive. They have to really fight for their HEA. They both have suffered quite a bit because of their horrific fathers. There were a lot of sweet and funny moments as well.

◆?STEAM LEVEL: moderate, 3.5/5

◆?ENDING: HEA, No Epilogue, No cliffhanger

◆?SWEET QUOTES:

*"My love is the forever kind... Love, Dad"*

*"I'm here. I want all of you... the nasty, the beautiful, the princess, the trashy, the sexy, the outlaw. All of you."*

◆?TAGS & STUFF: cursing, insta-love, sex & drug addiction, unprotected sex, betrayal, H cheats on h, descriptive cheating sex scene w/ H and two women, attempted suicide, rehab, patricide, arson, rape of a child by father, abortion

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## Tiffany says

First let me start off by saying that I absolutely love HJ Bellus!! She is a kick ass author with some pretty amazing books!!!

5 Stars!!!!

My Today is the second book in the "My Way" Series. I wasn't sure that I could love a book as much as I did, My Now & Forever, but I was completely wrong!! This book is amazing and will totally rock your world!!!

In this story we are taken into Lacey and Tripp's life. They haven't had it easy, but have made the best of what they've been dealt. This book was such an emotional rollercoaster for me. Lacey and Tripp are so perfect for each other. They have each been through so much and think and don't think they deserve to be happy. They have their ups and downs throughout the book. There were times when I wanted to shake them

and beat some sense into them. Other times I was crying or laughing.

The other characters in the book are fantastic as well!! The friendship that Lacey and Milly have is priceless, Cree is still the hot captain, and Annie & Mac are just as cute as can be!!

This is a definite MUST READ!!!! Can't wait for Willow's Story!!!

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### **Nance says**

4.5 star rating

It's that insta-love thing again. I'm more of a slow burn type reader. Not that I didn't enjoy this book. It had everything in it. Drama, comical banter, sadness, heartbreak, and hotter than HOT sexy times. Two amazing main characters that are broken. And, a support system of loyal and protective friends that don't hesitate to always be there. Totally enjoyed his one and looking forward to reading the last in the series about Willow....

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### **Talltree says**

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### **Mayas says**

This story is not for the weak at heart. You need to be a rebel princess to handle the obstacles and turn of events that is endured when reading this story. Well let's just say the humor continues but the trials and tribulations rival book one and leave it in the dust.

I cried and wanted to commit book murder to a couple of characters myself. The real mystery was solved but I had a gut feeling about the letter contents anyway but was NOT expecting that to be my biotches secret. I was knocked off my couch and could have smack him with a greasy burrito filled with poison.

Okay so I have to say "GO buy the book" NOW. Great story and I am happy to have found you through hosting the tour on Reading by the Book.

"I want to be a pussy princess" - Lacey

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### **H.J. Bellus says**

...that's right Lacey's story! Buckle up, bitches...it will be one hell of a ride! I heart Lacey and her kickass attitude. Everyone needs a best friend like her. I can't wait for you all to read her story and learn of her

past...it isn't pretty, but she makes it beautiful!

-HJ Bellus

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## **Cassandra P Lewis says**

I read book one in the My Way series (My Now & Forever) with expectations of a good read, but your run of the mill romance. I was knocked of my feet totally by it and it was (until My Today) my absolute favourite book of the last few years.

I was lucky enough to be given an ARC of My Today by the author and once I started, I couldn't put it down. I was done with it in less than 24 hours and left yearning for more.

The great thing about the series first of all is that while the characters and their lives cross over, the stories are individual. This gives you the breather that you need at the end of the rollercoaster ride that they take you on!

So, My Today.

Lacey is beautiful, she is honest and fun and loves her family with all of her heart. You'll find out in book one that her family is a little different to most, but it's family all the same. Lacey has old wounds that are nowhere near healed but a fresh band aid each day helps her to ignore them, until the time comes to rip it off.

Tripp is damaged. He has his own issues and is doing his best to deal with them. He's drawn to Lacey, her tattoos, blonde hair and potty mouth have him eating out of the palm of her hand.

If you want your typical fairytale then this isn't the book for you, if however you're bored of the cookie cutter romance and want a gripping read that will have you laughing, crying and holding your breath then I urge you to read this book.

HJ Bellus has done it again.

Milly's story had me wiping my tears and yearning to hug her as tight as I can. Lacey's story captivated me, it broke my heart, then it warmed it right through. Lacey is no Cinderella, but she's somebody's princess.

"She lives her own fairytale"

If I could give more than 5 stars to this book, I would!

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## **Roksana says**

**I cannot say that this "Hero" really deserves this title!**

This review explains it all...



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**Joletta says**

[freaking douchebag cheating bastard whore (hide spoiler)]

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