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A new adult novel from Entangled's Embrace imprint...

Life's too short to play it safe...

Since her sister's death, twenty-year-old Paisley Donovan, who shares her sister's heart condition, is treated like delicate glass by her parents. But nothing will stop her from completing her Bucket List—even if it kills her. And it almost does, until Jagger Bateman pulls her from the ocean and breathes more than air into her lungs—he sets her soul on fire.

Jagger is enrolled in the country's toughest flight school. He's wickedly hot, reckless, and perfect for a girl looking to live life to the fullest. Except that Paisley is the commanding general's daughter, and her boyfriend is Jagger's biggest rival. Now Paisley must decide just how much to risk for a guy who makes her heart pound a little too hard. They're flying through dangerous territory—and one wrong move could make them crash and burn...

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Christie«SHBBlogger» says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Jennifer Kyle says

”For once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been and there you will long to return...”

Paisley is faced with a huge medical decision of either getting a pace maker or going through a very risky surgery. She takes her time deciding which makes her parents and friends crazy because her health seems to be deteriorating daily. Paisley suffers from a heart condition that tragically her twin sister died from. She doesn't want to jump to any hasty choices and in the meantime she has a bucket list that she is trying to get through.

Paisley has been dating her deceased sister's best friend, Carter for a few years. Things seem stable and safe with Carter but when Mr. California saves her from drowning at the beach she finds that her feelings for Carter aren't anything compared to the desire and attraction she has for this hot blonde.

Mr. California turns out to be Jagger, Carter's rival in flight school. Paisley tries her darnedest to keep Jagger in the friend zone but who could blame her, he is absolutely irresistible.

”One kiss brought my world tumbling down around me. One kiss transformed me into something I hated and broke the man I loved in pieces.”

Paisley makes a decision about her relationship with Carter and I must mention that all the supporting characters in this story were very likable and I'm hoping that some get their own books.

Jagger and Paisley hold a lot of important information from one another and it comes back to bit them both.

“We should have told each other a lot of things.”

Overall, this love story was well done but I did get a bit bored with Paisley heart condition decisions and her failure to tell Jagger. Still, it was a good read and I enjoyed the flight school aspects immensely and that sexy-sweet Jagger!

”Loving Paisley had the same effect on me as my first helicopter ride – I simply knew where I was supposed to be, whom I was supposed to become, and I was meant to be hers.”

Beverly says

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4.5 Stars

Paisley Donovan is used to being treated like she is fragile, I guess that is because she is. Diagnosis with the same heart condition that killed her sister, everyone is constantly watching and monitoring her waiting for something to happen. Paisley doesn't even remember what it is like to truly live life anymore. In effort to take back control she begins working on her bucket list. That is how she meets Jagger.

22. Ditch responsibilities and head to the beach.

Jagger Bateman isn't looking for a girl or any distractions for that matter. He has been accepted into the toughest flight school, and he knows he has to place high enough to get to fly the coveted Apache. He may not be looking for distractions, but when one is literally dropped off the pier he doesn't really have a choice but to save her.

From that day moment on Paisley and Jagger share this intense connection, but start out as friends. There are so many other factors in the story and I hate to go into them all, because part of the thrill is reading and discovering these things for yourself. Just know that this story is about more than a girl with a heart condition and a competitive guy trying to be at the top of his class.

I loved Paisley and Jagger's connection. I loved how they developed a relationship and while they didn't share everything up front, they did develop a plan to default to trust. I loved this! With the defaulting to trust, we didn't have a lot of misunderstandings and unnecessary fighting or running.

This is a quick sweet read and very sexy. I really enjoyed it, my only complaint would be how long things were drawn out over her heart condition. Other than that, I really enjoyed this story and still highly recommend it.

"For once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been and there you will long to return." - DaVinci

ARC kindly provided by NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Annie Brewer says

*****5 Jagger-lovin' stars!*****

Oh. My. God! This gem of a book was just...indescribable! It was so much more than I thought it could be. It consumed me. Broke me. Repaired me. And I couldn't ask for more. The story is such a beautiful and heartbreaking tale of loss, love and the ability to live for the now. Because you never know when you'll take your last breath. So don't waste the life you're given now, because it's all we have. This story captivated me from the first word. And I was sucked into Paisley and Jagger's emotional turmoil-both struggling with pasts that haunt them. But together? They're indestructible. They're fearless. They're determined. And God, they're both so beautiful inside and out.

These characters owned me. Not just Jagger and Paisley, but they're friends and family. Well, mostly Paisley's family. But Jagger's best friends, Josh Walker and Grayson and even Carter really stole the show for me. Each of them, flawed and willing to stick by each other. I mean, they're all pilots...totally hot! Jagger melted both my heart and panties. He was incredible. But it was his tenacity, determination and loyalty to Paisley that made me fall as hard for him as Paisley did. She is one lucky lady.

There's just so much to this story that I don't want to ruin anything, which is why I'm laughing because this is more of a rambling raving review than an actual review. Yes, there's plenty of angst, hot sex and puncturing of lungs. Plenty of secrets and drama that makes the story entertaining. So much was going on but you never felt confused. Jagger and Paisley both have distinctive voices, so you followed along just perfectly. But rest assured, it meant you felt their heartache right along with them. Your heart will be in your throat. You'll cry, laugh, swoon like crazy and then cry some more. Oh what a true beauty this was.

Since it's not out until next month, I'll keep my review short and sweet. I'll just cover the basics and say; when it comes out, I'm buying it. I thank Netgalley for providing me with an ARC and can't express how happy I was to stumble upon this book I had no clue about. But damn, did I gobble up this story. It was just beautiful, all soul-consuming, and profound. It just was. I can't even think right now. The last 30% was soul-crushing and I couldn't hardly see the screen through my tears. I had to stop several times to catch my breath and wipe my face. Only to have my face drenched in sorrow again. But it was worth every bit of it.

Every. Single. Tear.

These two have left an imprint on my heart. I am so happy I got to read this book. Yet I'm so sad that it's over. I loved these characters as if they were my friends. I really rooted for them. I begged the stars that my fictional friends would get their happy ending, after all they've endured during this however-many-pages novel. They each suffered so much in their lives and they deserved some semblance of normal...happy. But I won't go into the ending. My heart hurts too much, but not all bad. Damn, I just ramble too much.

I highly recommend this book to those who love a good riveting and sexy tale. Yeah, it wasn't just tear-jerking and heart pounding in fear. It was H. O. T. Damn, Jagger is so flipping sexy. He's a definite book boyfriend contender. And he'd be close to the top. There was some humor mixed in with the heartache, so that was great. I'll never forget this story. And I hope others will add this to their shelves, because it deserves to be experienced. Thanks again Netgalley; I sometimes love the crap out of you. Even if you do decline my requests sometimes. It's books like these that make it all worth it.

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and then when it's out....

READ THIS BOOK

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Claire Robinson says

4.5 - **"The best things are worth the burn."** Stars.

Rebecca Yarros got herself an Insta-fan with me after I finished reading *Full Measures* it is a book I read with my heart in my mouth and a tissue at my eyes. So you can imagine my joy at seeing that this wonderful author had another book due up for release. *Eyes Turned Skyward* is loosely connected to *Full Measures* but you don't need to read it to understand anything from Paisley and Jagger's story, this book is wholly their own. I would however recommend that you do, because it is a bloody marvelous book!

"No one is friends like we are."

This book, like its predecessor, grabs you from the offset, and doesn't let you go. Rebecca has a way of interweaving the characters stories together, and throwing in little plot twists that keep you guessing right up until the end. At the beginning you sense that Paisley and Jagger both have more to their stories and backgrounds than the information that is immediately provided, and you are not wrong.

What surprised me is just how deep and far their pasts go, and how much a difference every revelation could potentially make to each of them and their blossoming relationship. This isn't a light fluffy book. Paisley and Jagger are both dealing with some pretty serious issues, some personal, a lot familial, but I didn't finish it bummed out, it is a book that lifts you, makes you think about life and the people around you, and appreciate the things you have.

I loved this book, I loved the characters, it's not overly angsty, but the drama and romance is absolutely stellar. Rebecca Yarros is an absolutely outstanding talent, probably the best new author I have discovered in 2014. I want more, I want it now, and I want it in plentiful amounts (I know that I am not going to get that, but it is the season of magic and sparkle and a girl can wish!)

You're my only Little Bird."

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, and it was my absolute pleasure in providing the above honest review.

♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

A lovely 4.5 STARS for a BEAUTIFUL story

Rebecca Yarros has a beautiful and effortless writing style and once again she sucked me into her story with a strong, independent and feisty heroine and a sexy, heart swoony hero.

Eyes Turned Skyward is about trust, living in the moment, taking risks and being true to yourself.

Paisley Donovan was diagnosed with the same potential life threatening illness as her wild, carefree and uninhibited sister, Peyton. Paisley wants to be more like her... *Live for her* and make her proud. She's made calculations based on her sister and a bucket list that she must complete. She's determined, courageous and strong and decides it's time she lives her life as fiercely and independently as her sister believes she can.

Enter Jagger Bateman, an easy come easy go.... **"no-effort, easy-lay, forget-'em-before-morning guy."** He sweeps her out of the water and off her feet, and it's clear they share an obvious and undeniable attraction to each other. As a reader I found myself as drawn to him as Paisley.

Despite the complications of a rival boyfriend and flight school, Jagger and Paisley begin a beautiful friends-only relationship. Yes, I did mention the B word but fear not, I wouldn't class this story as a classic love triangle. Carter, although comfortable and safe, is completely wrong for her. As a reader I did not especially warm to him which made it feel less like a love triangle and more like.... *she's with the wrong person*.... She needs to find a love that makes her *burn*.

They are drawn to each other.... Fate is pulling them together but they're JUST FRIENDS... Their friendship blossoms. It's beautiful to see, as a reader one wants more for them... *I wanted it all*.

They both harbour secrets from each other and feel a certain risk by being together. He feels he'll inevitably disappoint her and needs to learn to trust himself, open up his heart, and his story, to Paisley... *and she needs to do the same*.

The supporting cast are wonderful.... I adored seeing glimpses of Josh and Amber, a couple I loved from a previous story, Full Measures. Their happy ever after still makes my heart so happy. Paisley has a great relationship with her friend Morgan and Grayson is intriguing, I'd love to discover more about these latter two characters.

Eyes turned Skyward is romantic, lovely and gorgeous. It made me smile, it made me swoon and it made me cry. The last section of the book was absolutely perfect... I felt hopeful and fearful and it completely warmed my heart. I highly recommend this to readers who enjoy New Adult, beautifully written layered

stories with depth ridden characters that emote deep, swoony, heart melting emotions.

P.S. I loved that she's studying Library Science and she loves to read! Simply fabulous ♥

Amazon link

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Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

3.5 Stars

I loved this book's predecessor Full Measures, **hard**. But, for some reason, I just didn't love this one as much...and I really can't put my finger on why.

In this instance I do think it's a case of it's not you, it's me, however. I think perhaps I just wasn't in the mood for a lower steam YA when I read this, but I jumped in anyway because I had been so looking forward to it.

Next time I will wait until I am in the proper mood. And I just might try re-reading this one when that proper mood comes around again.

Jacqueline's Reads says

4 Live life to the fullest stars!.

I love Rebecca Yarros! I want more books, I want like five million of her books so I can read them all.

Eyes Turned Skyward is Rebecca's second book in the NA series. It didn't make me ugly cry like Full Measures, but Eyes Turned Skyward still had lots of drama to keep me on my toes.

There's lots of angst!

Paisley's sister dies after her 21st birthday. Paisley is turning 21 soon and she has the same heart condition that kills her sister. Paisley created a bucket list of all the things she wants to do.

She wants to live her life to the fullest, weak heart or not

Jagger is training to fly. His enemy is Paisley's boyfriend. Boyfriend or not, Jagger can't help but form a friendship with Paisley.

My thoughts... ups and downs and emotions

Let's put it out there, I do not like love triangles. So, let's just say I picked up *Eyes Turned Skyward* without knowing the summary.

The love triangle is tolerable. It still makes me cringe a bit, but don't worry! You won't be pulling your hair out.... As much

Paisley

I wanted to punch Paisley in the face, whoa... calm down now Jacqueline. Okay, not punch, more like slap, maybe give a hard nudge. Paisley has a heart condition and of course, **OF COURSE!** She keeps it from Jagger because she wants to be treated normal.

I know, I wanted to shake my fist too.

She also has a really sweet boyfriend, Will. Some are Will haters, but honestly I like him, faults and all. Paisley is in a no frills, no fun relationship because Will doesn't want to upset her heart.

I find that **SUPER SWEET**.

Jagger

Jagger can give Paisley what she needs. He can give her excitement, fun and life without worries. But Paisley has a boyfriend and that boyfriend hates Jagger as much as Jagger hates him.

You can feel the tension right?

Overall

I liked *Eyes Turned Skyward*, but it does have a touch of too much angst for me. I wished Paisley wasn't so difficult throughout the whole book. I get she wants to live her life, but a lot of people, like her parents and boyfriend want her to be safe and you can't help, but feel for them too.

I also am always biased towards a love triangle read. I don't like them, so it takes a lot of effort on my part to be okay with it. It's also harder when the current boyfriend is totally sweet and I love Will.

I loved that Jagger is training to fly, that's really sexy.

Overall, it was an enjoyable read and I still love Rebecca's books.

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Kathe L says

"For once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skywards, for there you have been and there you will long to return."

**"Grayson was right. She was going to rip me apart.
And I was going to let her."**

This book is fulllllll of amazing quotes and my book is marked all over. ~~no regrets~~ This is an amazing book and one of my favorites this year because this isn't just a romance book. **No.** This book touches your heart and it delivers different things from page one.

1 - *Our main girl, Paisley, actually has a boyfriend at the beginning of this book and he isn't our main guy, Jagger*

2 - *Paisley isn't all over herself at Jagger and she is the one who says she just wants to be friends with him.*

3 - *Jagger doesn't grab about himself! I thought that was so cool, because he is obviously the most handsome guy around and he isn't all "I can be with any girl I want" every 5 pages.*

4 - *This book has very few clichés, my friends. And I was extremely pleased to realize that.*

"I am the master of my fate. I am the captain of my soul."

A librarian. A pilot to-be. What were the odds of them ending up together? Our fantastic book starts with Jagger saving Paisley from drowning and everything after that seems to pull this two together. And initially, neither of them wanted to be together because they both have secrets. (I know I said that there were few clichés, and here is when they end.) I'm glad to say that the universe ~~and me~~ thought they were better to each other when they were together. Because they were absolutely **perfect**.

"I choose him because he makes me feel alive, and amazing, and me. He makes me remember who I am."

Jagger won the title of book boyfriend of the year. I want him ~~desperately~~ to myself! I love a guy who isn't a bad boy, and despise appearing so, we soon find out that there's a lot more to Jagger. He is brave, fierce, cute, passionate and protective of those he cares about. Of course, he wouldn't have been as perfect if it weren't for his love for Paisley. And I really liked her, not only because of the admiration I could see in Jagger's words, but because I knew he had a reason to love her so much. I could see why he fell in love with her because she was a girl I wanted to be friends with. I know that if I met Jagger and Paisley in real life they would be a couple I would stalk on Instagram to see their cute photos together and that I would root for them, because their love was so real. A love that you feel a pang of jealousy over but you're mostly happy because people deserve to find a true love like that.

"That's the thing. I'll settle for any part you want to give me. That's how badly I want every part of you."

~~Jagger is adorable~~

We also have secondary characters that are not only there to be there. They add meaning to this story and are

extremely important, almost as much as the main ones. Without the secondary characters, we can't understand fully some of the main character's behaviors and personalities. That's why they are so vital for this story. And honestly? **I think every book should be like this.** We should have strong-minded secondary characters as much as our main ones. ~~Who doesn't love a fierce character?~~

Among other things, this book delivers:

- Love scenes that made me swoon
- Fights that left me with tears
- Twists that made me gasp
- Friendships that I wanted to myself
- Mysterious characters (cough cough Grayson and Anna)
- Family issues
- Bucket lists

And it was a roller coaster of emotions from the first page to the last one. This book throws informations at you at all times. It doesn't let you be bored, oh no. Or you're worried/in love with Paisley and Jarred, or you're thinking about that little thing one of them slipped, or you're just brazing yourself to what's to come. **This was definitely a book I won't be forgetting any time soon.**

MELISSA *Mel Reader* says

4.5 Be Fierce Stars!

(ARC provided by Netgalley)

Paisley Donovan aka Lee is a 20 yr. old college student living in Enterprise, AL. with her best friend Morgan. She works at the library, and lives a cautious, reserved, boring life. This is mainly because her sister Peyton dies from a heart condition that Paisley also has. Everyone in her life treats her like breakable glass including her boyfriend Will. Paisley just wants to live her life to the fullest, and misses feeling normal.

Paisley is determined to complete her bucket list, and won't be held prisoner by her body. She heads for the beach to relax and be a carefree college girl for a day before classes start back. She unexpectedly finds herself in a situation where she needs rescued while at the beach. A gorgeous guy named Jagger Bateman aka Mr. California saves her life. Jagger is a 23 yr. old reckless, wild, hot guy from Colorado. He's just

moved to Alabama to attend flight school at Fort Rucker, the home of army aviation.

Jagger has never been in a relationship, and has a lot of secrets in his past. He doesn't easily trust, but is drawn to Paisley from the moment their paths collide. He can't get enough of that sweet southern accent, and finds her absolutely beautiful & captivating. When he finds out she has a serious boyfriend, he decides he will take whatever she is willing to give, even if it is only friendship.

As Jagger & Paisley spend time together as "friends", they both really enjoy each others company, and become extremely close. Paisley has trouble fighting the way she wants Jagger, & he is also the first person to treat her like she isn't broken. He makes her feel alive instead of fragile, and makes her forget all about her failing heart & helps her to just live in the moment. The problem is there are a lot of things about to blow up when their two lives collide, and they find out each others secrets. They have to decide if they want to fight to be together. I loved this couple & adored me some yummy Jagger! Can't wait to read Josh & Ember's story! :D

-That need to get away was almost as powerful as the one screaming to get closer.

-For some reason, I could breathe easier when she was around.

-"He makes me feel...free. That's something I haven't had. He doesn't treat me like I'm about to break."

-"It was like... he was meant for me."

-It didn't matter how many times I'd looked into her eyes; I was lost, spun out of control.

-Kissing Jagger was as necessary as breathing.

-He makes me feel alive, and amazing, and me.

-I'd never felt anything as right as having her in my arms, her lips moving with mine. It was a sense of home that I hadn't felt since...well, too long.

-Everything I wanted and everything I was terrified to lose sat in front of me.

-You are as much a part of me as my own heart, and it doesn't beat without you.

-"I finally understand having something not just worth dying for, but living for."

-I was already on fire for her. My heart had screamed out mine.

- "I've seen love burn someone to the ground, and I've seen it make sense of the ridiculous. I won't settle for less than that kind of fire."

- "Steady doesn't do it for you? You'd rather chance destruction?" "If it's between being numb the rest of my life or burning exquisitely for even a moment, I'll take the burn. The best things in life are worth the burn, the risk."

- "What matters most is how well you walk through the fire."

- "Though she be but little, she is fierce."

ambsreads says

Eyes Turned Skyward was yet another let down of a re-read. This book in particular felt like it too me forever to read. Why? It was the exact same as the first one. There was no difference. The characters were the same, continuing to make the same mistakes by refusing to say what was wrong and then proceeding to say 'I love you' way too early.

This book in particular focuses on **Jagger** who was Josh's best friend in the first book, we are however introduced to a bunch of new characters as Jagger takes on flight school (I honestly don't know what it's called). **Paisley** is the female lead, and other perspective, and I've never wanted to punch a character more - that's probably a lie I think I've said I've wanted to punch characters in way too many reviews. Paisley lost her sister two years prior due to a heart condition which Paisley has as well. Paisley is living to please everyone so she doesn't cause any strife on her family until Jagger enters her life.

That's when stuff gets unbelievable. I hated the whirlwind romance. The cheating. The characters overall. Everyone was ridiculous and *couldn't communicate*. Now, I'm a straight up person. I like to lay everything down but I know some people don't. I just don't see the point in tip-toeing around things and I don't think it would have been hard for Jagger to say the secret he had and for Paisley to say her life-threatening heart.

Characters

"Hi, I'm Paisley. I'm twenty years old, and my heart is a ticking time bomb. Want to be friends?"

Paisley was infuriating. I didn't understand her. Her character kept changing from personalities, and it got tiresome. I didn't really care for her by the end and I honestly skipped the epilogue because her and Jagger are obviously going to get their happily ever after. The lines said by her were incredibly cheesy and the only credibility I can give her is that she waited at least a month before saying 'I love you'.

I also understand that romance heroines are meant to be meek and weak a lot of the time, but Paisley took it to a whole new level. She couldn't even tell people that she didn't like the nickname Lee until Jagger mentioned it. I'm all about girl power (I sound like my mother) and I hate when girls in books don't do anything until a male lead comes into their life and *changes them*. No girl, you do you and you work for what you want.

Paisley was one of the worst female characters I have read in New Adult fiction I think.

"I'd rather burn for just a moment, to really experience love than live a lifetime safe without it."

Jagger was better than Paisley, but only marginally. He was the reformed bad boy who had a photographic memory - which I felt was a pointless attribute to him since it was rarely used. He is a "flyboy" and for some reason for half the book doesn't tell Paisley that. I know, my reaction was *okay, so this book is about two idiots*. I mean, don't get me wrong. In books you can't give everything away, but simple things like *"I'm studying to be a pilot"* isn't that damn hard.

Jagger fell for Paisley way too hard as well. From the moment he sees her on the beach he's basically obsessed. And, of course, because Paisley is a damsel in distress she can't swim and is tossed in the water!!! What?!?!?!? Yes. Her best friend who she has known her whole life asked a guy to do it. Now, side note, shouldn't the best friend have known Paisley couldn't swim? Anyway, whatever, that is never brought up again despite two swim lessons from Jagger and the epilogue.

I realise that Jagger is painted as a literal hero, but I don't think I can even count how many times I rolled my eyes at the dialogue. For a reformed bad boy/player who had sworn off girl's I must say he was fucking cheesy as hell. He was constantly talking about love and how it was all burning and powerful. Like, okay, but you've known her a day - can we rethink that?

Plot

The plot wasn't very much there. It was there to support the romance. The major plot besides the romance was the fact that Jagger was studying to be a pilot and Paisley didn't want to tell Jagger about her heart condition while she tried to make a decision on whether to get a pacemaker.

Problems popped up incredibly Jagger's father and the surgery that Paisley would eventually need, but it was all supercial and not developed enough to actually be substantial to the plot.

Writing

The writing is what saved this book from being a single star. It was a fast read despite feeling like dragging on due to how many times I found myself rolling my eyes or groaning in annoyance. I couldn't get past a lot of the plot, but I will applaud the author on her writing. Just, next time she should create different characters from her first book - in my opinion.

Overall

Overall, I don't mean to offend anyone who liked this book, I didn't like it and now I'm not sure if I want to continue the series since this book was **painful**.

Anna says

" For once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the Earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been and there you will long to return. "

" If it's between being numb for the rest of my life or burning exquisitely for even a moment, I'll take the burn the best things in life are worth the burn, the risk. "

♥? loved this one with my whole heart! ♥?. I was intrigued by Jagger when I stumbled across this authors Debut novel **Full Measures** . I love my broken bad boys and this one was amazing. Jagger had a heart of pure gold. Swoon ! Book Butterly attacked hardcore and took flight.

Josh, Jagger and now Grayson I've got my eyes on you ! Can't wait for Grayson's story !

Patrycja says

4 super stars!

Review to follow.

Catarina says

4 Skyward Stars.

Jagger is a bad boy who likes being reckless to forget his own past. Paisley is a girl with a severe heart condition and a Bucket List she intends to complete until her last day. He he's in flight school and wants to make the Apaches team. She is the school director's daughter.

He saves her life, but when their worlds crash together, who is in fact saving who?

And when Jagger realizes that the girl who chase away his demons possibly have her days numbered, will he step up and be the fighter everyone knows he is... or drown even more with his ghosts?

This was a sweet romance, gut-wrenching at times and beautifully heartwarming at others. I didn't like that she had a boyfriend in the beginning, especially when it was clear that their relationship had no passion at all. And I didn't like how she kept her condition a big secret for the guy she was falling with. But besides that this was (yet) another amazing book by Rebecca Yarros and again brilliantly written. Apparently every time Rebecca writes a book, she always deliver an amazing story. If you want a sweet and emotional love story, this books is certainly a good choice.

Rating: 4 Stars.

Characters Development: Paisley was good, but I didn't like how she hide her heart condition for so long. After the moment she knew their feelings were the same she should have told him. Jagger... what is possible to say except that he's pretty much perfect? Yes, he's a broken soul and he's (kind of) a bad boy, but he has such a golden heart that's impossible not to fall in love with him. One of the best heroes I've read in a while.

The supporting characters are also pretty good and they provide a huge impact to the book, I would like to read a book about some of them!

Steam: Some hot moments.

Sensible Subjects: (view spoiler)

Love Triangle: (view spoiler)

Cheating: (view spoiler)

HEA: (view spoiler)

Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says

5 Stars Turned Skyward!

This is the second book that Rebecca Yarros gutted me with! I am an true Fan! She has an amazing ability to write true, deep, soul reaching love with palpable tone and more than that, no one writes a "male character in love" better than her!

This is one of those angsty, heart-wrenching, forever kinda love books that is good thru and thru. Paisley Donovan is living with a severe medical condition. She wants more than anything to just "live" carefree, take risks, to truly breath in life.

I could be fierce. I used to be, I just had to remember how."

But is her time limited??? Who is she even really living for???

It is "Mr. California", Jagger Bateman, who comes along and breathes life into her...both literally and emotionally! After a scary introduction and "life saving moment" both Jagger and Paisley are affected by one another. Jagger sees true beauty and pureness and a chance to be better for someone. Paisley sees a RISK, a beautiful man who causes her heart to accelerate thus making her feel, no matter if it is safe or not!

"I've seen love burn someone to the ground, and I've seen it make sense of the ridiculous. I won't settle for less than that kind of fire."

Who is this man? Poetically beautiful...emotionally open...mysteriously offering friendship. Jagger is trying to forget his past by living his dream in flight school. Paisley is trying to live her days as her older sister would have, including taking on the safe friendly relationship of her sister's bff Will. Just like fate, the cosmos pulled Paisley and Jagger into the same setting, the same realm of life and now facing one another, there is undeniable attraction!

"Every fucking cell in my body screams out that she belongs with me."

Against all the warning, the safety net of her family and friends, it is time for Paisley to live. It is time for her to take a risk. It is time for her to do what she truly wants. Good thing for her Jagger is there with open arms to guide her thru the wild and fun times! Keep it simple, Full trust, No lies...but omit the past? Can Paisley keep her secret from the man who now owns her broken heart? Can Jagger love her enough to keep her alive?

“You’re it for me, and it didn’t matter if we were together or not. You’d always be it. You push me away, and I’ll still show up here looking for you because you’re all I want.”

Holy emotional hell! Three times I cried during this book! Reading Jagger's words to the woman who took ownership of his heart had me weeping. For a man who had no family, who came from a home void of emotional cuddles, his ability to realize the truth in love and then fight for it was beautiful.
