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Mayson Grayne has witnessed all of her friends get their Happily Ever Afters, but Mayson doesn't believe in her own HEA. The one man she ever loved deserted her more than thirteen years ago after her best friend's tragic death. The only thing Mayson believes in is making it through each day, even though her past as an addict and her broken memories hang over her in a dark cloud.

When Grant Alexander, Mayson's ex, suddenly reappears, her carefully regimented life is disrupted. Old feelings are dredged up, as well as some distorted memories. Aware of her own instability, Mayson struggles with her past, her hot and cold feelings for Grant, and her drug addiction.

Most of Mayson's family and friends believe she is okay, but she doesn't feel okay. As some of her shadowed memories become more clear, one of them with the potential to completely knock her off of her axis, Mayson begins to understand that the truth is not always as she remembers it.

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Ang (Sizzling Pages) says

2.5 stars

I've been a fan of this series, walking away loving Luke (my favorite of the series), Kyle and Emmet's stories. I love the way Davis weaves an extreme amount of angst and emotion in all her reads. She's a great story teller. However, I had great difficulty with this novel. Honestly, I wanted to put it down and just walk away... several times. But I had to see it through. I had to see if the story would turn around and work for me. Sadly, it did not - and the sole reason falls on the shoulders of the MC, Mayson.

Mayson is a recovering heroine addict that had my sympathies for the pretty messed up things happen to her in the past, while strung out. (view spoiler) Such great tragedies. But that's where my compassion and patience with her character end.

In general, she had absolutely no redeeming or likable qualities. No substance to her character that was lovable. And I desperately tried to justify and rationalize Grant's adoration of Mayson, his butterfly. I could not find one single thing. She was cruel, angry, bitter, selfish and insensitive. I get a tough chick. I get a woman so hurt that she has no choice but to construct walls to protect her heart. With that, there should be a time where the walls begin to crack and crumble, allowing the character to transform as love heals within the story line. That never happened here. Mayson's character showed no growth. Consistent bitterness and laying blame for her actions on other people was her MO. Instead of feeling sympathy for her loneliness and her broken relationships with family and friends...I resented how ungrateful she was towards Grant and her family. Mayson laid blame for all her mishaps at everyone's feet and takes no responsibility, what so ever, for the dysfunctional relationships she has with the important people in her life. No apologies for the cold and often cruel way she treated them. (view spoiler) I get that she had a shitty life, but her bad attitude and the way she regarded people, was too over the top for me.

What I did like was seeing some old friends from prior installments pop into the story line. Kyle is heavily involved in her life, so we see his snarky character often. Luke, Emmet and Leo pop in with their ladies as well. I liked getting to know Grant, a sweet and sexy guy with two adorable kids, Alex and Nat. It's unfortunate that these highlights were not strong enough to overcome the shadow of Mayson's character.

Page says

Beautiful.

KYLE- I'm still a little concerned about Kyle. It's the only, ONLY part of this massive series that I still do not have total closure...or maybe the closure is that Em will always haunt him... both in love, and regret.

GRANT- Perhaps one of the most perfect male characters I've ever read.

LUKE- Kind of a dick in this book...but I totally get why. However he won me back when he told Emmy he liked her mom panties (hahaha)

Leo- In love with this guy.

All of the girls were great, Mayson was funny and strong. Resilient. I wished for more Sam because she's totally rude and inappropriate, but what we got was good. Ultimately this book was a perfect ending to one of my favorite series of all time.

Jacqueline says

I loved the Accidentally on Purpose trilogy when I read it a couple of years ago, so when this new companion novel popped up I was straight in there.

I'd kind of forgotten how arse-clenchingly angst this author's writing can be; reading with a sensation of dread is not that comfortable for me and I usually ditch and run, but I was so invested in Mayson, I couldn't look away.

We already know that Mayson struggles with her addiction and has a difficult relationship with her mum and with others. She's not always an easy person to understand, let alone like, but she's brutally honest. I cannot lie, I struggled with the flashback scenes, chronicling her descent into dependence aged just 14. It was heartbreakingly, unflinchingly so, but balanced by warmer present day scenes, it was actually a fairly uplifting read in spite of some of that grim subject matter.

Grant was pretty damn perfect - gradually working towards bringing Mayson back to life, saying just the right thing at the right time, but being as hawt as hell too, with the whispered words on skin and soulful eyes. And yeah, ok, he's also generously blessed in the trouser snake department. Damn.

We even got more Kyle and he's as obnoxious as ever; I still love him.

Recommended series.

Bev says

5+++ pure book nirvana stars. Man I loved this book.

L.D. Davis did it yet again, grabbed me, hooked me and did not let me go from word one. I needed a book that would drag the feels out of me and this one did it in spades. Ms Davis, you tried so damn hard to make me dislike Mayson and that SO didn't happen ;). I absolutely LOVED this book, adored the characters, swooned over Grant - his care, understanding, patience, tolerance, acceptance, nurturing - I could go on and on and on. He is pure gorgeous perfection, just what an alpha Hero (with a capital H!) should be. My buddy Page said it in her review that Grant is one of the most perfect heroes she's ever read, damn straight girl!

Best bits - so many! But catching up with old friends from the previous books in the series was fantastic, seeing them years later still living the dream. Seeing how they are still so totally in love and in like with each other, listening and still getting each other, not taking each other for granted. LOVED this. And I can't forget

my boy Kyle - I got loads of him in this book and he was beyond amazing. Shit I'm totally fangirling and gushing lol. That man just does it for me, you know? So much so I was sat there hugging my Kindle at times sigh.

Mayson really had to work to get her happy, she fought, she crawled and she clawed till she got there. She's strong and tenacious with a soft marshmallow centre that she hides so well, yet Grant "saw" her. That man gave me chills he was just so amazing. Ms. Davis doesn't pull any punches, it is what it is- raw, gritty with warts and all and I freaking loved it.

I really don't think the author could have brought one of my all time favourite series to a better end than she did with this book. Pure bloody genius!

***~* Susie says**

4.5 Stars. I just love LDD's writing! I'm totally reading this series backwards, but so far it hasn't really been a problem. Now I want to go back and read Kyle and Lily's story even though I skipped the first book.

I took off half a star just because I would have like to see more of Mayson and Grant together. I think he could have been a favorite of mine if he was given more time with Mayson.

FMABookReviews says

3.5 Stars

Mayson's character, (Emmy's sassy cousin) had been a little elusive throughout all of the AOP series. We knew enough about her to know she was funny, sarcastic and in trouble - she is a drug addict, but that was about it. This is Mayson's story, her backstory, present and future.

“I’ve only won a few battles. I’m still fighting the war.”

On her way to work, Mayson hears her name being called among a crowd of people. The last person she expects to find is her childhood friend, and former lover, Grant Alexander. He is back in town and wants Mayson back in his life. Mayson holds a great deal of anger toward him for leaving her all those years ago, as well, she has deep seated grief and guilt over the passing of her childhood friend. Add to all of that, being a former addict, she doesn't feel worthy of love. The end of the road to each other seems too long and bumpy to reach.

Grant Alexander was a fantastic character. I craved his POV. His love and patience for Mayson was unwavering.

“I am hungry for you, craving you like a man who has been starving for thirteen years, and you are the only one who can satiate my appetite.”

Mayson doesn't remember a lot of her past life. She was high most of the time, and what she does remember isn't always the truth. She learns that things aren't always what they seem, and giving people a chance is worth it.

It **pains me** to write anything other than a glowing review for an LD Davis book. Seriously, she is a go to author for me. I am captivated by her writing. I dubbed her the "Queen of Angst", because she has the uncanny ability to play with my emotions in a way no one else can. Her dialogue is witty, mixed with a little humor and seriousness. I am always drawn into her stories and held prisoner by her characters. She crafts her character's beautifully, you feel their emotions. You forget you are reading about them and you experience their pain, happiness, sadness and love. But not with *Things Remembered*. While I did like it, I didn't love it. For me, it was missing her trademark angst. I found it lacking dialogue... a good part of the book read more like women's fiction, than a romance novel. This caused the book to drag for me. I did still experience "feels". There were parts that were still captivating, the beginning and about the last 25% were my favorite. I enjoyed the relationship which formed between Natalie, Alex and Mayson. Their interactions touched my heart. As well, once Mayson realized she was important and began fighting for what she believed, I couldn't help but root for her.

Things Remembered is a story of forgiveness and redemption. About learning to trust not only others, but yourself, too.

'Things Remembered' is a companion novel to the 'Accidentally on Purpose' series and while it can be read alone, if you have not read that series or the spin-off's, I think you would get more understanding and appreciation of this book and other characters by reading them first.

ARC graciously provided in exchange for honest review!

Michelle says

4.5 Stars

Wow! I loved this book. It was really good. I also loved that we got more of the gang throughout the book and even a few chapters with their POVs at the end. I even loved asshole Kyle more than I did after reading his story. He's come a long way!

Mayson is an angry woman. She doesn't like anyone except for her family and I mostly felt she just tolerated them. She hates kids unless they are her nieces and nephews. She has no filter and is quick to tell you to fuck off. I loved her!!!

After being clean for 11 years she relapses and starts using again. She quickly gets herself back in rehab (because of her job at Sterling Corp) and starts going to meetings. Kyle Sterling joins her at every meeting. Kyle is still his asshole self just like Mayson but you can tell that he's worried about his and his wife's friend.

Mayson walks to work every day and stops and gets coffee. She's always early to work because she doesn't want to run into any of her co-workers. One morning at the coffee shop she sees the man that she used to love years ago when she was a junkie. The man that left her after his sister (her Best friend) died of an overdose. Mayson almost died that night too. He told her he had to leave because he refuses to watch one

more person die because of drugs. Mayson was not prepared to see Grant!

“You’ve totally disrupted my entire schedule over the past few days. I would like to get inside my office, avoid the clusterfuck of mommies that want to show me pictures and videos of their snot-nosed children, and enjoy my croissant and hot coffee. So, can you please just tell me why you shadowed me for three weeks like a fruitcake before revealing yourself so dramatically?”~Mayson

Grant was very sexy and sweet. I loved him so much! The way he was with his kids. The way he was with Mayson had me melting. The man was hot!!

“This is how I see you, Mayson. You are majestic and perfect. Authentic and strong. I know your past is dark and frightening, but you are beautiful and brave. I see you and see the prettiest wings...” His lips touched my neck. “Soft. Bright. Brilliant, and full of life.”~Grant (when they were younger)

Grant pushed his way into Maysons life again. You could tell that these two loved each other still after not seeing one another for 13 years. I loved that Mayson even started loving Grants kids. They were great kids.

It had become abundantly clear that Grant and his little minions filled the emptiness inside me. Somehow, the small family of three had adhered itself to my heart and soul.~Mayson

Maysons struggle was real. After Grant left her years ago she didn't have anyone. Her family pushed her away. She only had her junkie friends. She didn't have any reason to try to get clean and she hit rock bottom. It took something very bad to happen to her to get her to wake up and get clean. But even though her time when she was high is blurry certain things trigger her memory. Nightmares are still thick. Wanting to use drugs is still there.

I loved how Grant took things slow with her. Well....sort of slow. lol He wanted her in his house and his bed sleeping, lol I loved that he didn't care about her past he still loved her and wanted her in his and his children's life. He made Mayson smile and laugh. I'm sure she hadn't smiled or laughed in years. He was really good for Mayson.

“What are you drawing?” I asked, my voice soft and sleepy. “Butterfly wings,” he said, smiling. “What color are my wings?” He watched his fingers sweep over my back. “It changes. Right now they’re blue, which means you’re calm and tranquil. A little while ago, they were blazing red with energy and passion. I like red. I like red almost as much, if not the same as yellow.” I raised an eyebrow. “What does yellow symbolize?” “Hope.” He met my eyes. “Happiness. Joy.” His fingers eased down my spine, making me shiver. “I love your pretty wings, even when they are black and seem to be too heavy for you to carry.”~Grant

All the feels came out during this read. I'm very happy that Mayson got her HEA!

I'm also so happy I was on GRs and seen this. I didn't even know about it. I loved it! I'm pretty sure if you loved The Accidentally On Purpose series then you will love this one. Hope you read it and enjoy it as much as I did!

Awesome job LD! Loved this series!

MJ says

This book. This entire series has been some of THE best writing I've ever read. With Things Remembered, LD Davis, gives us a finale that I won't soon forget. In fact, it makes me want to start all over and meet the entire crew of characters I don't want to ever leave!

This is Mayson's story. Emmy's smart-mouthed cousin who has battled her inner demons from a very early age. With a strong-willed mother determined to make her the perfect ballerina among other things, Mayson rebels and begins her long journey into the dark recesses of drugs and despair.

However, this book isn't one of doom and gloom or at least not all of it. Instead I like to think it's one of hope. Mayson truly is that beautiful butterfly, emerging from an ugly cocoon determined to fly high and be the best she can be, with Grant, the man she was destined to love by her side.

Mayson and Grant's love made me swoon. These two know how to love fiercely. Their deep affection and ultimate respect for one another was a joy to witness. The way Mayson stands up to her man, learns to love not only herself but him on such an intense level was overwhelming at times. Grant knew what he wanted and would stop at nothing to get it. To get his girl back, to experience her confessions, not wanting to let go no matter what she threw at him. A relationship that was a force of nature and no one and nothing would be in their path.

This book gives us a glimpse, happily, into the lives of the other Accidentally on Purpose couples we have loved from the very start. They are all there when Mayson retells the worst that life gave her and never let her fall again. I loved how loyal and loving this crew is. Even with all their teasing, their playful banter, beneath it all is a support system as solid as a rock.

And that man of mine, Kyle Sterling. He proves to be the surprise highlight of this book. He has come full circle and is Mayson's staunchest supporter. How I loved to watch him not only be her friend but her confidante. He listened without judgement and let her have it when necessary. He never gave up on Mayson, and instinctively knew when she needed him most. These two were like seasoned warriors and their battles could at one minute make you laugh and another make you cringe. A true bright spot whenever he filled a page or two.

If you are looking for the sort of book that captures your soul, that makes you honestly and completely feel every word that you read, then Things Remembered is for you. LD Davis is the author for you and I strongly suggest you start at the beginning with Accidentally on Purpose and discover some of the most well-written characters you will ever encounter. This is a promise.

A huge 5+++ stars and a journey that warmed my heart.

Liah B says

LD. Davis has done it again! Hands down I think this was the best in the series. No spoilers given on this one. Just read it and enjoy all the drama.

Genevieve Woods says

Aweaom LD Davis

Amazing story for Mayson who has been a side character in all the AOP books. Come to find out, that was not lost on her. Mayson has been through some things, a lot of it was self-inflicted but all the same she has survived.

Now if you can't stand Kyle this book will bring the opportunity to your front door. (Since its fiction I Will let it keep ringing my doorbell..lol.)

Grant Alexander was a chocolate surprise but everything a woman could want. It is so many wonderful things I could say but you just have to read it for yourself.

If you have been missing Tabitha and Leo, Emmy and Luke, or Donya and Emmet, this book is for you.

Suzanne (Lily) says

4.5 Stars

A dark, moving story of a young woman whose memories of the past and a drug addiction had taken her so far within herself it became toxic. A lot of time is spent working out why she is in the head space she is in and the struggle she faces to accept support to rise above it all.

Uneasy and dogged with the reoccurring battle to fight her heroin addiction, Mayson is forced into rehabilitation. Learning to put her past behaviour and negative personal feelings aside seem impossible even with the help of the friends she entrusts with the truth. The truth as Mayson knows it.

The power of words never ceases to amaze me and the writing evoked emotions that were palpable. Experiencing the weight of the dark cloud that hovered over the story as Mayson clenched and came close to letting go of her ability to not succumb to the lure of her addiction was believable. As dark as Mayson's journey was Grant provided a realistic offer of hope and lit up the sombre mood in a slow, realistic manner. For a character, I was hesitant to trust initially I gradually warmed to him and appreciated his determination and ability to see beyond the walls Mayson erected.

I had no problem understanding and keeping up with the characters and storyline despite not having read all the Accidentally on Purpose Series. Things Remembered could easily be read as a standalone book.

It's important to mention the trigger(view spoiler) in this story, noting it underpins most of the battles Mayson faces. For a dark story, the darkness lifts subtly with no lingering gloom. I didn't forget the dark elements of the story and felt uplifted how people used knowledge and experience to empower them. But be warned the content of the story and the journey to empowerment is not for the faint of heart.

This review and others can be found at: <http://edgyreviews.com/2016/01/21/thi...>

Ermani says

I loved this book, how these characters were portrayed and their story. I had an issue with a few chapters

about the other couples. While I love to catch up with them, the placement really disrupted the flow at the end for me. The scenes with Kyle were some of my favorites. When there is a character I literally can't stand, and over the course of the series you make me love him, you've done a seriously good job.

I love this whole series. So many flawed characters that eventually rally and get to a hea that you truly want for them in the end.

Arabella ~?AB?~ says

★★★ 3 Stars ★★★

Things Remembered is the last book in the Accidentally on Purpose series, and follows Mayson Grayne, cousin to Emmy and Tabitha. This is a companion novel however, so can be read as a standalone.

Mayson is a recovering heroine addict who struggles day to day not only with her addiction, but with her insecurities as a whole. She doesn't feel worthy of love or anything good.

"I don't have family. I don't have anyone. The only person I have is myself."

When she bumps into her first love, Grant Alexander who she hasn't seen for 20 years, her life is turned upside down as his persistence to have her back in his life wears her down and she is no longer in control of her emotions.

I had mixed feelings reading this, I wasn't a huge fan of Mayson, I found her to be rude and unlike-able for the most part and whilst I understand all of her reasons for being guarded and closed off, I never really felt like I was gunning for her. Grant though, he was a total winner in my eyes, he was perfect.

"I have such ugly scars," I whispered, resting my hand on his.

"Good. That means that you won't forget your past and you won't forget where you came from."

Whilst it wasn't my favourite book in the set, it was still an emotional and relatively gripping read, I enjoyed seeing Mayson's development from cold to warm, especially the pivotal moment when she realised her true feelings for Grant and her sense of loneliness turning to a sense of belonging.

Overall, I liked it and look forward to seeing what LD Davis can bring us for the future outside of these characters.

Things Remembered is a standalone companion novel, told in the heroine's POV

ARC gratefully received from the author in exchange for an honest review

Alison says

WOW.. just wow... I have so many feelings that it would be impossible to write them all down. The best book I have read in a while! (and I have read MANY greats).

Mayson is a recovering heroin addict with a lot of baggage and guilt. Grant Alexander is the man who loves her any ways, and THROUGH it all.

You will laugh, you will cry, you will hug it to your chest.

The final installment to the Accidentally on Purpose series, I cannot wait to see what our LD comes out with next <3

Simply beautiful.

"He said that Mayson was a butterfly. He said that even though drugs were doing ugly things to her, that she was beautiful and didn't know it yet. He said that she was in her ugly caterpillar stage, but when she was ready, she would begin to transition and emerge from her chrysalis a beautiful and brilliant butterfly"....

Bozica says

Buddy Read with my fellow Angst Loving Bookworm - Nicole with whom I've read this entire brilliant 6 book series.

I am sad that this is the final book in the series but I loved the experience and the journey LD Davis took us through in each book. These wonderful characters will not be forgotten that's for certain.

This is Mayson's story and I can say here that she is all sorts of broken. A more broken heroine you will be hard pressed to find.

Mayson is Emmy's cousin and over the course of the series we do see glimpses of her. We know she is fiery, sarcastic, private and a former drug addict. She is definitely not a person you could warm to instantly because of the walls she has built around herself but I believe she is certainly worth the effort.

Her story is very sad, not only for what she lived through but also in the way she viewed herself and believed others viewed her. This flawed self perception made her do things that I think otherwise she would not have done. There were scenes with her cousins, Grant and her mum that just tore at me. I found them difficult and it left me very very sad.

Her best friend (ironically and hands down my absolute favorite character in this series) is Kyle Sterling. He features quite a lot in this book and that me all sorts of giddy and also confirmed to me what I have known all along - that he is a good guy. Their banter was hilarious and I actually giggled out loud on a couple of occasions, but their friendship and how much they supported each other was undoubtedly.

Grant Alexander is a man that we weren't made aware from the previous books but wow wow wow. He was perfect for Mayson and he was completely unwavering in his commitment and love for Mayson despite all her crazy. He helped her see what she wasn't able to for so many years and when the break through was made we see the true Mayson and like I said she is worth knowing and worthy of love.

We are reunited with the entire gang (yes even Sam - Em's mum - I love her) in this book and the way it was delivered was perfect and I will miss them.

Thank you LD Davis on another wonderful and heartfelt journey this time with Mayson and Grant and I look forward to whatever you release next.
