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This story is a departure from the Horror/Thriller Genres for J.H. Glaze and explores the author's views on the enduring aspects of true love.

When Jack Bailey receives a call from an old friend, he discovers that the girl he has loved for most of his life is in hospice and only has a short time to live. Through his memories, we learn of the development of his feelings for her and how his unrequited love came to be.

Come with Jack on his journey of recollection in this bittersweet tale of hope and discovery that may well allow you to believe that anything is possible in 'The Life We Dream'.

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Somewhere in time
I came to realize
Love never goes
- John Barry, Somewhere in Time

Jack Bailey learns that Sarah is in hospice and only has a short time to live. Jack drives more than a hundred miles away to be with his childhood friend and the only woman he has ever loved before it is too late. those who are familiar with author JH Glaze's horror novels and thrillers are in for a surprise, albeit a pleasant one, when they read this story. in The Life We Dream, he takes a different direction, writes about romance instead and pulls it off successfully. as we accompany Jack on his long trip to the hospice, he is flooded with memories of his past with Sarah. even through the bittersweet ones, his love for her never wavers and when he finally reaches her bedside, this love brings relief to Sarah's suffering. i thought that that was all there was to it and i was not really expecting how things turned out afterwards especially in the end. i think it was a fitting conclusion and it made my reading memorable and worth the while. overall, this was a beautiful, heartfelt story filled with flawed characters falling in love and chasing their dreams. it was simply told yet it lingered in my mind long after i read the last word.

Wanda Hartzenberg says

I love horror and is thus a great fan of JH Glaze's books.
So when I heard he is venturing into romance I giggled and made a few assumptions.
I was wrong.
I dont like romance but I decided that this is one romance that I might be able to tolerate.
I was correct.
What I did not plan on, did not foresee was the tenderness explored in the book.
Every idea I have ever held true of men and the way they approach love has been turned on it's head in this book.
The ending was especially emotional and I dont know how I felt about it, I do know however that I understand.
Brilliant book, a must read for all.
WaAr.

Jess says

The twist at the end got me good! It was tragic to think they never got to meet again, but that added to the brilliance of the story. Great read.

Fran says

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Wouldn't it be nice if we could program our lives in our car's GPS knowing that the course we are about to travel will be the one that will make our lives complete? Wouldn't it be nice if an architect could create a perfect blueprint that would highlight all of the roads, valleys and trouble spots that we might face in our daily lives and provide detours within this blueprint for how to avoid the pitfalls? But, life does not always work that way and sometimes we have to deal with the many adversities, disappointments and sorrows that if we could avoid we would. A simple phone call, a friend from that past that reaches out to you and your life takes on new meaning. Jack Bailey hesitates before answer a phone while driving. Missing his intended exit and taking this call would drastically change the outcome of his day and his world. Art Cline a friend from high school was on the phone informing him about the imminent death of his first love and Art's wife, Sarah.

Just hearing her name brought back memories and Jack, although headed somewhere else, could not ignore what Art was saying. No longer living at home but in a hospice, Jack sets his GPS in the direction of the hospice hoping to get there in time. Author J.H. Glaze sets the dramatic stage for the events that are about to come, the memories shared by Jack and Sarah of their young lives, the reasons they never married and the hope that someday they would be together. Memories are precious and the ones shared by Jack are vividly told, crystal clear and the images described allow readers to go back in time to 1976 when two young five year olds met in kindergarten and formed a friendship and special love that would last until the end of time.

Do we ever really know when love will come to us? Do you ever really know whether a friendship will last forever? Driving to see Sarah and hoping to get there in time we hear Jack's voice, endure his frustrations when the highway is blocked with an accident, he realizes he is speeding when traffic lets up and follows the course set out to see Sarah. All of his life he could not let go of his feelings for her nor would he ever forget her. The author shares their thoughts, memories and the one summer that changed it all as Sarah went to spend time with her grandparents and when she returned nothing was the same.

A young man's dreams are shattered, a friendship torn apart and his heart broken. When Sarah returns to school not only is her appearance quite different but also her attitude towards Jack is not quite the same. A good friend that he trusts betrays him, the love of his young life moves on and the next thing we know we are back in the present. What happens when you want the past but cannot relive it in the present? What happens when you hope and dream but cannot find a middle ground between fact and fantasy? Thinking about Sarah, reflecting on their times together, high school events and then one quick move of the steering wheel causes him to stop, reflect and turn his thoughts back to Sarah. Focused so much on what he hoped for he does not see what is right in front of him. An accident or just a dream? The world around him crashes, his thoughts reflect on graduation, past activities and then a specter or is he real? The morning mist, the air crisp and the strange events: What is real? What is fiction?

Jack arrives at the hospice and sees Sarah for the first time in many years. When you visit her room, listen to their innermost thoughts and create the many images that the author describes you, the reader will decide what really happens. Imagine seeing someone after so many years. Imagine the smells of the chemicals within the room, the tubes attached and the pale image. A reunion of powerful that only author J.H. Glaze allowing anyone that has ever experienced a first love, a true love that they lost to regain the moments in

time even for a few seconds. As Jack and Sarah seem to reconnect the moments they share, the truths that are revealed and the stories that he tells her are so poignant and powerful that they make their pasts come alive in the present.

Can two people whose lives and paths were not created by that architect so they would permanently intersect and their paths would never veer off in different directions finally find their way back home? The room was silent, the machines at their full capacity and Jack and Sarah will take readers into the hearts, relate stories that will endear you to both of them and hopefully bring to light what might have been if the world was perfect and an architect made the right lines, circles and drawings to create a life for two young five year olds that fell in love in so many years ago and just wanted one chance to Live the Life They Dreamed. Trips that are described to the Caribbean, her grandparents coming to America and fulfilling their hopes and dreams to start a family and live a good life and an ending that will make you think: What is real? What is Fantasy? What makes our dreams come true? 71 pages that will grab you the moment you open the book and bring tears to your eyes in the end. This is one book that might renew your faith in true love.

Fran Lewis: reviewer

Paula Hill says

A beautiful story, have read it several times, was a surprise his others books were different, love them all, a very talented writer

Julie says

I was completely thrown when I read this book, I cannot believe this came from the same author as the John Hazard series, It was a completely different way of writing, I was hooked after the first couple of pages, I enjoyed the jumping between the past & the present, I know some people don't like that in a story but believe me it really adds to this great story, it certainly made the story for me, I was bawling like a baby at the end, I don't want to explain why as this would give a lot of spoilers, so you will just have to read it to find out, I would highly recommend this book for all the cynics about Love out there, yes there are a few of you, I'm sure. We all have that one person from our past that we would do anything for, This one gets 5/5 from me.

Jacquie Talento says

This was a truly heart-warming story about a love that never dies. When Jack gets a call from an old friend that the girl he's loved all his life, Sarah is in hospice care and dying of cancer his heart takes him on a journey to see her again. Memories of your first love could never fade as Jack takes us back thru his times with her.

Celsey Seivert says

I received this book for an honest review...

This is a book about a guy named Jack that has been in love with his best friend since they were 6 years old. Jack gets a devastating call one day on his way home from work after 20 years. Sarah the love of his life needed him. So Jack takes a long road trip and a trip down memory lane to go see Sarah. Jack has never really been happy he has put everything into his job. He cant wait till he gets the chance to tell Sarah how he has felt for years.

This was an amazing story!!! After so many years that you still love someone so passionately, that is amazing. There is so much emotion as you listen to Jack's stories about the past and future. This is a short story and i will be telling everyone i know they need to read this. All i can say is get your tissues out because this is suck a heartfelt story.

Ann says

I received this book from GoodReads First Reads

Jack Bailey receives a phone call from a friend telling him that Sarah, the only woman he has ever truly loved - and loves still, is dying. Although Jack has not seen Sarah in 20 years, he immediately packs his bags and makes his way toward her.

J. H. Glaze's *The Life We Dream* is a novella about the intensity of love. Jack's long held belief that Sarah and him were meant to be is evident through his memories of their childhood, youth, and dreams of their never-realized future. *The Life We Dream* is beautifully written and tugs at your heartstrings. Jack's recollection of his moments with Sarah, down to every detail, reveals his utter devotion to the girl who captivated him since the first day he saw her in kindergarten. Dreams of the life that might have been were heartbreaking as they reveal just how much time and thought Jack has spent fantasizing about the life they would have had if he and Sarah were together.

De Jr. says

The Life We Dream

By: Author J.H. Glaze

A Triumphantly Amazing and Tragic Love Story that will resonate within your existence Forever.....

I don't know how to say it any other way except that this is a very happy tragic Love Story....I've read others with the same feel, but never in this way....I have to say that for some reason this story truly touched me and my emotions in a way that I haven't been touched in a long tiempo....I found myself tearing up often, stopping to grieve and rereading and then crying some more....

The tragedy aside, this amazing Love touched something deep within me that will resonate for years to come....for some reason I even loved the "Shadow Person"....I can only explain it this way (I looked at the shadow person as a metaphoric character that existed to further enhance the body of the story itself with a

little more depth.... Rather this is true or not, I'm not sure....but this was how I understood through my reading of this truly amazing novel....

Not only was this a truly amazing gem of a read, it was also very well written and executed from beginning to end....this will definitely be a permanent part of my library that I will reread again in the future.....WaAr

Reviewed by: De Ann "Native" Townes Jr. Author of "Peer Inside My Soul and See Me"

Lynn Worton says

This is a fantastic story that touched me deeply! I LOVED IT!

Jack Bailey is a very lonely character. He has loved a girl from afar for many years. But, when he finds out that the love of his life is critically ill, he sets off to go visit her.

This is an extremely sweet love story. I was hooked from the first page! I loved the way the story flowed. I could literally "see" Jack and his memories as he remembers meeting Sarah for the first time. I was entranced as his memories of his childhood played through his mind. This story switches between present day and past memories, but I never felt confused or distracted by this contrast. Jack's love and friendship he felt for Sarah is all encompassing - it made me wish that I had someone like that in my life!

This book is well written and flowed beautifully from beginning to end. I did find myself in tears during some scenes, so keep a tissue handy! There is also a twist at the end that is bittersweet, but I think it's extremely fitting.

J.H. Glaze has written an amazing, loving and touching story that is a complete departure from his usual horror/thriller genre. I don't know if he is planning more books in this vein, but if he does decide to write more, I would love to read them! I do love his horror stories though, so I hope to read more of those books too!

I highly recommend this book if you love a fantastic, touching and sweet romance. - Lynn Worton

Sarika Patkotwar says

If it is possible to feel both underwhelmed and overwhelmed at the same time then its safe to say that J.H. Glaze's *The Life We Dream* does just that.

An extremely short story, *The Life We Dream* is packed with emotion. It is the juxtaposition of contrasting feelings and ideas. In short it is an antithesis. It left me feeling both happy and sad, good and bad, pleasant and unpleasant, positive and negative all at the same time. It is a few pages powerfully packed with mixed feelings.

Jack fell in love with Sarah the moment he laid eyes on her on her first day of kindergarten. Jack, having already started school a week before, offers to help her and the two become close friends. Jack knows in his heart that Sarah is the love of his life, but she ends up marrying another of their classmate.

After almost ten years, Jack gets a call from Sarah's ex husband saying that she is in hospice and has just a few days left. Jack then goes to meet Sarah and his and her lives are changed forever.

The flashbacks from Sarah and Jack's childhood were a treat to read and the stories that Jack tells Sarah

while she is in hospice are simply lovely. Picturing the two together was easy and essential. The strong love between them was visible through words, sentences and pages. True love truly never dies. True love truly is forever.

Author *J. H. Glaze* has written an amazing, beautiful and wonderful story filled with love, passion and the those little, tiny, daily moments that count more than the bigger picture.

The only conclusion I have come to is that *The Life We Dream* is an indescribably and exceptionally beautiful love story. It is very rare for me to cry while reading, but rarity is a possibility and by the end of *The Life We Dream*, I did shed a tear or two. It was so beautiful that perhaps beautiful isn't even enough to describe how beautiful it truly was.

Sarah says

I won this book in a contest giveaway and I'm so glad I did. The story was very well written and flowed along nicely. I'm calling this the most happiest tragic love story that I've ever read. I didn't know what to call my tears....happy or sad. Turns out they were both. To think that such a love can exist and it does in our own special ways. The only part I did not understand was the "shadow" person. I haven't quite figured out what it had to do with the story. In any case, I'd love to read the "after" story.

Kazza says

An interesting short romance with slight mystical notes and a charming story telling quality to it. Full review at **On Top Down Under Book Reviews** - <http://bookreviewsandtherapy.blogspot...>

Books says

"The Life We Dream" proves that this magnificent thriller/horror author can write anything he puts his mind to. I've read "The Spirit Box", "NorthWest", "Forced Intelligence" and the first two books in the Horror Challenge series by JH Glaze, which are books all written for the horror genre (which is my favorite genre, so by the way), and thus I was a little apprehensive about reading a paranormal romance by my favorite horror author. I mean, wouldn't you also be a little skeptical if Stephen King wrote a Danielle Steele-like book? Well, turns out I had nothing to fear. This is nowhere near Danielle Steele or the likes, but at the same time it's a far cry from JH Glaze's usual horror/thriller themes. Of course, the only thing different about this novella really is that it's a paranormal romance and not horror, but the writing is the same precisely crafted high quality writing as that which readers of his previous books are already accustomed to. Surprisingly - because I'm not a fan of romance books at all - I enjoyed this inimitable quick read much more than I thought I would. I also love the cover and title as it fits the story perfectly. Once again I was left in awe of how efficiently the characters were brought to life and the vivid descriptions of each setting that made me feel as though I was part of Jack and Sarah's lives. The anecdotes they shared with one another were both whimsical and humorous, and I had to reach for the Kleenex on more than one occasion. So without giving any spoilers, all I can really say is that this is most certainly a worthwhile read and I would love to read more paranormal romance stories by this author who clearly has no limits to his creativity. Two thumbs up and loud applause to JH Glaze for once again creating another unforgettable magnum opus!

