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Some people make death beautiful... but we made life ugly...

Our story isn't for everyone.

Most people will probably hate it. Most people will probably hate us. I stopped giving a damn about what others thought a long time ago.

Like I said, our story isn't for everyone. It isn't pretty. It's not sweet. It's not packaged neatly with a bow on top. No. Our story is painful, maybe even a little dark, but it's real. Somewhere under all the pain lies something beautiful. It's buried deep, so good luck digging it up.

Our story might be ugly, but sometimes you don't appreciate beauty until you've seen the worst.

It's real.

It's pure.

It's raw.

Most importantly, it's ours.

\*Adult content and language

\*Stand-alone

\*Dual POV

\*Not intended for readers under 18

## **Pieces of Summer Details**

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## From Reader Review Pieces of Summer for online ebook

### Yiota Misiou says

4-4,5 αστ?ρια

?ταν πολ? καλ? αυτ? το βιβλ?ο. Το πι?νεις στα χ?ρια σου και δεν θ?λεις να το αφ?σεις μ?χρι να μπορ?σεις να καταλ?βεις τι στο καλ? συμβα?νει. Φυσικ? η ιστορ?α εξελ?σσεται και αποκαλ?πτεται απ? τους ?διους τους πρωταγωνιστ?ς, αφο? πρ?κειται για πρωτοπ?ρωπη αφ?γηση και των δ?ο.

Μια δυνατ? ιστορ?α που αξ?ζει το χρ?νο αυτ?ν που θα θελ?σουν να της τον αφιερ?σουν. Προσωπικ? για μ?να ?ταν ?να καλ? δι?λειμμα.

Και θα αναφ?ρω για ?λλη μια φορ?, γιατ? πραγματικ? ?χει αρχ?σει να γ?νεται ενοχλητικ? πια, το εξ?φυλλο ε?ναι ?στοχο και ?σχετο. Ε?ναι κρ?μα να παρουσι?ζονται ενδιαφ?ροντα βιβλ?α, με δυνατ?ς, συγκινητικ?ς ιστορ?ες που ?χουν κ?τι να πουν σαν να πρ?κειται για τσοντοβιβλ?α. Και ναι το λ?ω αυτ? εγ? που ?χω διαβ?σει και αγαπ?σει ?πειρα του ε?δους. Το λ?ω εγ? που δεν χαλι?μαι καθ?λου να βλ?πω κοιλιακο?ς και ?μορφα κορμι?, ?μως νομ?ζω πως δεν ε?ναι για ?λα τα βιβλ?α. Ειδικ? στο συγκεκριμ?νο που δεν το κατατ?σσω καν στην κατηγορ?α των ερωτικ?v. Εντ?ξει αποχωρ?, φτ?νει η γκρ?νια, π?ω για ?λλα.

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### ~Anna's ?a?????g\$~ says

DNF

There is nothing wrong with this book, I guess this was just a case of "It's not you, it's me". I couldn't connect with the characters and the story no matter how hard I tried.

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### JAIME says

Careful, this one is going to hit you right in the feels.

I'm tempted to bump this up to five stars, for the mere reason that I'm certain my brain woke me up at 3 am to allow me enough time to finish before work. Well played, brain.

I'm not writing more of a review than this, because this is definitely one of those books you should go into blind so as not to spoil the aforementioned feels. Also, lazy.

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### Shari Kay says

Not interested

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

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### **Laura says**

The synopsis was intriguing but this was not what I would call a romance.

I won't go over the storyline as the five star reviews have covered it, but what I will say is that I didn't think the author spent enough time on their past when they supposedly fell in love and so I never felt this huge connection that they had and that lasted 12 years before they meet again. I didn't mind the parts when they reconnected although I did feel a bit sorry for Chase's girlfriend but the author had her sleep with Mika's brother as I presume a way for the reader not to think Chase was a bit of a cr\*p boyfriend.

It's obvious there is something wrong with Mika and I kept reading as I was intrigued to find out what but when we find out, I just found the story became less of a romance and more about her 'illness'. It's not depressing, it's just rather boring. It went on and on and on...the romance took a complete back story.

I've read books by this author before and she's a prolific author and has a huge fan base but with this being a 'one off', I'm beginning to wonder if it was something she wrote years ago and never finished and decided to now publish it. It lacked a lot of what I normally like in her writing.

This wasn't my cup of tea.

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### **Olga therebelreader says**

★★★ 6 Stars ★★★

This book is crazy good. I am impressed! I couldn't stop reading :)  
So many emotions were captured in it. I fell in love with all the characters!!!!  
I will keep an eye for C.M. Owens books.

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### **Fathima says**

Packed with a whole lot of angst , emotions and heat ! Surprisingly good !

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### **Julie says**

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## **Jennifer Kyle says**

### **3.75 Eagles STARS**

The title, cover, and blurb caught my eye for this book and I definitely did enjoy this second chance love story. The heroine's mental issues later are exposed in the present where hard to grasp for me/and connect to her. These issues take center stage when I just wanted their romance to remain in the spotlight. The past chapters establish their epic love while the early present gift angst interactions that had me completely hooked.

Mika Dalton visits a small town in Georgia called Hayden each summer and spends all her time with Chase James. As the years go by their friendship grows into relationship.

Mika and Chase had big plans once they turn eighteen but sadly their relationship falls apart. Over a decade later, Mika decides to return to the town and purchase the bowling alley and make at least one of their dreams a reality. Thinking the coast is clear of Chase James she's shocked to find that he's back in his home town none too happy to see her.

***"Be smart about this, Chase. Don't break a girl who's already broken."***

Chase reveals his reasons for her their breakup while he starts to notice changes in her behavior that he never noticed before. This is where the author gives big reveals as to what has changed about Mika (a bit much for the vibe of this story however, with that type of injury possible). Chase shows Mika that he's in it for the long haul and that she's the only person for him.

***"Just tell me how to make it work. I'll worry about the rest."***

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## **Libby Harrison says**

<https://romanticcynicblog.wordpress.c...>

### **Beware of Spoilers!**

#### **Star Ratings:**

Heroine (Mika): 28yrs old

Hero (Chase): 28yrs old

Plot: 4/5

Grovel: kind of

Cheating: none

HEA: yes

Triggers: H has a girlfriend when h returns to town, self-harm

**Average score: 4.5/5**

Best Line: “*You were always my light too*”

Worst Line: “*Summer was intense. I’m the one who ended it, Whit. Not her.*”

#### **Personal Review:**

An interesting second chance romance between an author and a tattoo artist

#### **Random Ramblings:**

- Wow, first I’ve read about a h losing her virginity before the H
- Shame he becomes a manwhore during their separation
- Uh oh...the OW works in the building the h just bought!
- I really liked H’s response to OW accusation that he didn’t care about her
- I understand why her dad told him that
- I was expecting her letters to not reach him but to find out he intentionally ignored her letters makes we wonder why he was sooooo angry with her for returning
- I LOVED that the h and the OW had a mature conversation
- I am so curious
- Dubious ethics with the so-called psychiatrist
- I so am confused right now but I’m willing to go with it
- I can’t imagine living without timings
- That scene...I would have done the same

•Well, I was NOT expecting the story to go in that direction but it sure was original

#### **Overall Feeling:**

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#### **Nicole Heffernan says**

Ok to start off with: I don’t include spoilers in my reviews.. I do my best not to mention anything that could ruin a part, a piece or well the whole darn plot. To me every part of the book makes a book. And for anyone wondering..NO I’m not being asked to make this review. I purchased the book, but felt so strongly to have to review it.

My opinion about this book. Well, I guess I should be honest and say that I love this author, I’ve enjoyed every book she’s written. That being said..this book hold’s no exception. It actually goes far beyond how much I’ve enjoyed her writing and the books she’s published before. This book is one of the best books I’ve ever read.

Not even halfway through I’m sitting and realizing that this book takes you so deep into the emotions, so deep into the lives of the characters...it sort of hit me that in my personal opinion this is a best seller. To me, this book could be made into a blockbuster movie (easy based on the writing) and it’d be an Oscar worthy film.

The journey you go through for the main character, Mika...just wow. You never really get a better understanding until you finish. Let me explain that, every point where you think you "know" them...you think you're figuring out who they are - what they're about...she moves you to feel more of her life. The layers of her emotions and experiences are so beautiful. And Chase: well as expected he just makes you want to sigh. Hotness in more ways than one (and I don't mean physically)...again, C.M. Owens adds depth to his character.

You think you know the story, you think you know what you're going to get but you simply get more. She does an amazing job in this book because you keep getting more invested with each moment, not knowing where you'll end up but rather you FEEL as you move forward. She even finishes the book without it being a sappy over finished ending, or quick here's an epilogue ...you just feel as simply as I can put it: content. Calm, happy, full. There's nothing missing from the experience, nothing making you feel as if there could be more. There isn't. It's perfect.

You get moments you laugh, moments you cry, moments you're simply happy and find joy. It takes all I've experienced with her writing and blew it all out of the water. There's no need for more story, it's literally perfect. (Ok I've used that word already - I know).

I wish I could express far better how GOOD this book is. How amazing the journey is from start to finish. Not enough words could express how fulfilled the reading experience is when you've finished the last page and you reflect the entire story line, the growth of the characters and the feelings it's left you with.

Drama, with love and real emotions are what you find in this book. Not drama in the chaotic immature kind but the deep mix of good and bad moments all equaling out into this mixture of raw truth. It may as well be someone's "true story" because it really feels real. Like when you watch a romantic drama movie based on someone's life...you get the same vibes from this book.

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So to the author, C.M. Owens...if you read this: thank you. I love your books, but this one...it's special. I feel honoured to have been able to read it.

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## **C.M. Owens says**

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### **Christine says**

A lovely story.

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### **Kimberly / Love Notes Book Blog says**

[ This book deals with a heroine who has major mental problems after a traumatiuc brain injury. (hide spoiler)]

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### **Lainey Da Silva PA says**

This broke me, it is such an intense story between Mika and Chase who find friendship which turns to love in their teenage years every summer when Mika stays with her father over the summer break. Their love and connection is unique and never ends, even when they stopped seeing each other for 12 years their love never died and even though they tried to move on they never could. Both Mika and Chase believed it was the other who caused the break up never realising what truly happened until 10 years later.

Mika is forced to live with life changing consequences after a series of events change her life forever, she will never be the same again.

This is truly a tragic love story that is both shocking and heartbreaking, my heart broke for Mika learning of the night that changed her life forever and everyone around her. Aidan is her saviour in so many ways after the accident and surgery (not only her brother) he has basically put his life on hold to ensure his sister is looked after and safe from herself.....

Hunter is also a friend she met during her therapy appointments who turned out to be just a close as family, always there for both Mika and Aidan,

Although this was a seriously emotional read I have to mention the laugh out loud moments between Whit and her old bag neighbour Mrs Penderson, these scenes had me crying with laughter....

To sum it all up it is an emotional book that touches on so many different levels but comes out the other side with you smiling and feeling so much better for reading their journey!

# Because it's too good to hold on to. It defies the balance

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