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A sexy college romance about a cocky guy who seemingly has everything until a girl shows up and spins his world on its axis. The problem? She's not interested...

Ashton Taylor lived a charmed life. Everything came easy to him.

Except Cara Hayward.

So what happened when a guy who everything came easy to, met a girl who didn't come easy? Could he fight past her shield and all the broken pieces? Would the girl he discovered deep down be able to see past his perfect exterior?

His dilemma? She's not interested...

And he's in for the fight of his life.

** A new adult college romance with strong language and mature sexual content/situations and only recommended for readers 18 years of age and older**

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From Reader Review Lovely for online ebook

Nikki Groom says

Reviewed with my blog girl Sarah!

Nikki: Wow! How lovely is 'Lovely'??!

I think i'm in love, yes I know i'm in love, with Ashton (and his abs!!). This is such a sweet, heartbreaking story. Full of 'feels' and beautiful moments. It touches on all your squishy parts with loveable characters, both primary and secondary. What did you think Sarah? Am I gonna have to share another one of my book boyfriends with you?!

Sarah: Maybe, he was pretty great. I really did think that he was a great guy, although the first couple pages had me thinking otherwise. I was glad that he was able to put that all behind him when something special came along!! I was impressed with everything that he was able to take on at such a young age. How did you feel about him taking on everything he did, without complaining?

Nikki: He did such an amazing job at being the man of the house. It was a lot of weight to carry on young shoulders and he had to think and act like a man while he was still a boy. His love and protection of his family was beautiful but my heart broke a little for the fact that he lost some of his youth. The sleeping around in the beginning was his way of rebelling against the pressure and responsibility of taking care of his family. I usually struggle with a male lead that is a bit of a manwhore! But not this time. I understood his need to let loose and not once was he dishonest with the girls he spent time with, they knew the score and quite honestly they were using him too. I hurt for the way he was so detached about it, like he used up all his love on his family and there was no room for anyone else, until Cara...

I think, having the story from Ash's POV helped understand the workings of his mind and made him totally loveable to know his reasoning and understanding of everything that goes on. How did the guy POV work out for you?

Sarah: I prefer the male POV usually, and this was no exception. I love getting into the guys mind. It is such

a mystery for me! I understand how girls think so if the male POV is available that is what I'll choose! I think that Ash could have come off as much more cold and unlikeable without his POV in this particular book.

As soon as I met Shelby, I knew she was going to be trouble. The scene with the quarterback really sealed her troublemaker status for me. Even though she had a fairly small part in the book I felt like she was really a driving force. What did you think about her?

Nikki: Slapper! That is the only real word I could come up with for her! She is just trash and trouble through and through. I agree that her presence had a huge part in showing how Ash was feeling and how he is different from the 'couldn't care less' attitude that he portrayed in the beginning. It also highlighted the differences between her and Cara. She is so meek and gentle, but also clever and funny. She showed a sweet side of her when she was drunk and let her guard down. I love how we saw her open up and blossom like a flower waiting for the rain. Ash is her spring rain and she just shone through once they had found trust in each other and made that connection. How did you feel about Cara? was she a likeable leading lady for you?

Sarah: She felt relatable. Even though there were some deeper issues going on with her insecurities, she was real. A lot of the stuff that she was dealing with was stuff that lots of girls/women deal with. Most of the time it seemed like Ash was the truly strong one in the relationship but she really stepped up when he needed her. Even though the book wasn't from her POV it was told in a way that you knew exactly what was going on with her for the most part, I really liked that.

I felt drawn into Lovely from the moment I opened it. Beth Michele is definitely an accomplished heartstring player. My emotions ran the gamut. Did you have one particular scene that drew out more emotions than the others?

Nikki: There was one scene that nearly broke the Ice queen actually, and it's not the one you're thinking of. Ash and his brother stayed up playing computer games and fell asleep on the couch. It was just so touching. Can you give away yours without spoilers?!

Sarah: I loved that one too. I can't really say anything about what happens in my favorite scene without spoilers so I'm just going to tell you the chapter. Well, I guess it's not really a chapter, per say, it's the epilogue, I definitely didn't see that coming. I was happy and sad and everything in between. I was completely surprised by it! Of course tears were shed throughout the entire novel where I was concerned, as I wear my heart on my sleeve!

The supporting characters in this book were just as amazing as the leads, did you have a favorite? I loved Jason, maybe more than Ashton. He was just so wonderful to Ash, and such a voice of reason throughout the book. He was also there for Ashton and his family when they really needed him. I'm glad that he was included in the book.

Nikki: Oh yes, I loved Jason, in fact i've asked for a Jason book! He seems like a cool guy with a story to tell and I think you're right, he could be almost as lovely as Ashton! . He is an amazing friend, totally loyal and made a great secondary character. Ok, lets talk favorite quotes, you know the rules, 2 only!...Here's mine-

'I don't remember feeling like this about a girl. But then again, she's not just a girl. She's simply the most beautiful girl i've ever known. She's not any girl. She's the girl.'

'Everyone has something different inside of them to share with the world, you just have to dig deep and find it'

Sarah: Again, I had so many favorites, that it was hard to pick just two!! The first one spoke to me, so much, that I have to include it even though it's pretty dark.

'Who knows what's hidden inside? What's trapped beneath the surface of a smile. Scratching and clawing to escape I scream but no one hears. There is desperation. Yet there is no escape. There is only suffocation.'

'He found me. And I couldn't be happier. Because he changed my life in that moment'

Nikki: Perfect! The whole book was full of beautiful moments and phrases that stay with you long after you have finished reading. Beth Michele has again managed to create loveable characters, a believable story and even added some steam in there too! A definite 5 stars from me!

Sarah: I really liked Lovely. It was... Lovely. It was a well told story that I would feel comfortable wholeheartedly recommending to anyone looking for a good, emotional read. 4.5 stars from me!

Chris- Bookaddict says

5 AMAZING STARS!!!! I ABSOLUTELY LOVE IT!!!!

When Beth offered up a copy of Lovely to me to read and review I was excited. I read Love, Love and fell in love with Ben and I knew that without a doubt I would fall in love with Ashton's story.

One thing I know for sure with Beth is that she pours her heart and soul into her stories and that of her characters. She knows how to write a story, she knows how to get it to all flow together nicely and in the end you are left with a piece of her characters in your heart forever.

This story has it all, heartbreak, angst, humor, steam, and the best characters. You will laugh, cry, you will get angry, but in the end I truly believe Ashton and Cara will hold a special place within your heart too.

"I was afraid, but I'm not anymore. I was unsure, but I'm more sure than ever. My world was dark, "her eyes meet mine, "but you've filled it with light. I was hiding from the world, but I don't want to hide from you."

Cara has had a rough childhood, with a father who was always away on business she was left with her drunken mother who did nothing but verbally degrade her every chance she could get. This caused Cara to hide behind big dorky glasses and close herself off to everyone. When Ash saw this he knew she was different and in a good way and he knew that he had to find out more about her.

"I am a devoted son, responsible brother, trusted friend, excellent student, and a good fuck. I've been told I'm talented. And I suppose things come easy to me. My life seems perfect."

Ash is a player; he excels in all sports, and even with the chicks. But there is one thing he does not have and that is everything going for him like everyone thinks. Ash is very lonely; he has been through a lot. After his father dies Ash devotes his time to helping his mom and taking care of his family. He is there for everyone, but he has no one there for him. Ash broke my heart honestly. Here is a young guy who has lost his dad (who was also his hero) and he has had to step up and be the "man" of the house, but he has no one he can turn to himself to help him. Until he sees Cara in the library. Cara changes the way Ash has been with girls.

"I've felt like nothing for so long, Ash... You make me feel like I'm something...like I matter."

Ash starts to pursue Cara daily to go on a date with him Cara finally decides to go. From here they build a great friendship which in turn turns to love. I love how Beth brought these two characters to life. Their relationship was a built up one. They learned about each other and then fell in love.

“You’re the only one I’ve wanted, Cara, since the moment I first saw you... It’s your eyes that invaded my dreams, your body that fulfills my fantasies, your beautiful spirit that’s taken over my heart. It’s you, Cara.”

This is a must read for everyone who loves a great story, that builds from the beginning into an amazing relationship with a HEA. Yes you will need tissues, yes you will get angry, your heart will break for these two throughout this book but in the end I truly think you will be happy for them.

"Don't ever look down. Someone so beautiful should always be looking up."

As always Beth thank you for another amazing story, thank you for bringing Ashton and Cara into my world and my heart. They will forever be remembered by me.

We have a RELEASE DATE WOO HOOO !!!!!

Beth Michele says

Is it okay if I rate my own book? I'm in love with Ashton...enough said.

Farah *Professor Dean's Beauty* says

4 Lovely Stars!!

Firstly I'd like to say how refreshing it is to read a story from a guys POV!!

Ashton Taylor is such a sweetheart!!

He literally is the whole package, very handsome, smart, woman love him, guys typically want to be him...

What they don't know is what Ash had to give up and that he is just making the best of what he has now. He doesn't do relationships- casual sex is what he does...

Until he meets her...

The Lovely Cara

The shy girl behind the big glasses

The girl who wants to be invisible to the world.

Only now Ash is mesmerized by this Beauty..

He wants to be visible to her..

Only inside of the lonely girl are secrets leading to the sadness...

But even the handsome Ash has problems of his own.

He is sooo much more than what's on the outside and the things he does is astonishing!

No one is perfect, everyone is a little broken but it is that special someone, if you allow them in... *that can make it all okay...*

A very BIG thank you to Beth for providing me with an ARC for an honest review

Purcheria says

Just. Couldn't. Finish.

Do guys really think/talk like that? With their penises only? Really?

Ailene♥ says

DNF at 15%... Not because it's badly written. I think this could be really good. It was only written in male POV and I'm a sucker for it. I think Ash could be swoon-worthy and all. But you know why I stopped? Well, I got turned off big time. The way he hooked up with another girl was written in detail! I know he just met the heroine. He's already attracted to her but they're not even friends yet. So, I could still accept him hooking

up with others. But an almost 6-page description of how he f***ked another girl was a big **NO NO** for me!

I did push through after that. I didn't want to be so harsh. But it's not working for me anymore. I just couldn't forget how he devoured and f***ked the other girl four times into oblivion. If this was erotica, I may have accepted it. But no, this was a new adult contemporary romance.

I would not rate it just to be fair. I'll put it on my DNF shelf. I still want to be wrong about my decision though. I still want this to rate high and people to like it. And maybe then, I'd get back to it.

Mariam says

Gosh, I don't know what to say about this book...

I guess I liked it, I wouldn't have finished it if I didn't, I just wished it was better, I expected so much because it was all from the hero's (Ash) POV.

The story was really good and unique and I loved all the characters but it was incredibly cheesy, my eyes hurt from rolling them so much...

By the time I reached 50% of the book, I was dying for it to just end, I **hated** the ending, the writing style was just so....normal, like I wasn't highlighting anything in that book, Ash and Cara made me wanna throw up, they probably said "I love you" to each other a bazillion times.

When writing from a male's POV, it's either a hit or a miss, unfortunately I found this to be a miss, there are a lot of stuff I didn't understand why Ash did them, I thought he was a bit...feminine.

Overall, it was good, I just wish it was better, maybe if it was written from Cara's POV and in past tense it would've worked for me...

Kindle Crack Book Reviews Cheri says

ARC kindly provided by the author in exchange for a fair and honest review. Release date: September 26th. Stand alone. No cliffhanger. Spoiler-free review. 4.5 – 5.0 stars!

Ash Taylor is a player...on and off the field. He excels in whatever he does...baseball, football, school and being a chick magnet. He looks like he has everything going for him. In reality, Mr. Perfect doesn't feel so perfect...and he is actually lonely...but never really alone. Ash becomes the man of the house after his dad died of cancer. He forgoes a prestigious baseball scholarship to remain close to home to be with his mother, sister and brother. While attending a local university he meets Cara, a beautiful student and librarian. Cara appears very reserved, studious and seemly sweet (not Ash's usual type). Ash asks Cara out almost a dozen times until she finally agrees to go out with him. Cara believes that no man (especially someone as perfect as Ash) will want to be with her if her secret is uncovered. Can this unlikely pair trust enough to let love in? Will their emotional obstacles be too much to deal with? Are things as lovely as they seem?

Beth Michele did a fantastic job developing Ash's character. I loved getting into his head and heart as his cocky exterior cracked open to show such a beautiful soul. I also liked Cara and wished there was more back story after learning her secret. Lovely wasn't overly dramatic or trying too hard to be steamy. I have to say

that I had to bust out the tissues a few times. This story seemed so real. Beth Michele's writing style sucked in from page one. I can't wait to see what she is working on next. Whatever it is I will beg for an ARC or happily download. This book was refreshing (especially after I just read something dark) and just Lovely.

This review appears on www.kindlecrack.net, www.facebook.com/Kindlecrack, Goodreads, Amazon and Twitter.

Can't wait to read this!

Harriet ~ bookworm says

"You are that one star in a starry sky that stands out on the darkest of nights; the one you can't help but look at, be drawn to... The one whose beauty makes itself known by nothing more than just simply existing... You're my star, Cara. Your smile filled me with hope and your love filled me with life."

Lovely is a book that is well.. Lovely!

Its wrote in just Ash's POV which I absolutely loved and is actually my first book I have read that is just a guys POV and I will definitely be reading more. Its really nice to get in a guys head and see how they cope with emotions changing and how they have to deal with it!

This book is very romantic with a lot of swoon moments, I felt I forever had butterflies in my tummy and my heart was always beating too fast.

Ash has had a hard life starting 6 years a go when he lost his dad which was also his best friend, he felt he had to look after his mum, sister and brother but had no one there really to help him until he found Cara!

Cara also had a hard life that started pretty much from the beginning of her life.. Cant say too much as I don't want to spoil it, she stays in the library hiding behind her big quirky glasses and keeps to her self until she meets Ash.

They both brought out the best in each other and I'm so pleased! Their love was absolutely beautiful one of the best I have read in a long time.

"It's okay, Ash," she whispers. *"You can fall now... I'll be here to catch you."*

The epilogue WOW... I'm left feeling so many different emotions, this book will definitely leave you feeling for Ash and loving him so much.

You definitely need a box of tissues by your side, I sobbed like a baby!!

5 AMAZING STARS

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Alison says

5 lovely stars!!!!!!

This book was beautifully written! It flowed so well and had a little bit of everything I like! The book contained steam, angst, wit, charm, heartbreak, and great characters!

Can't say anything bad about this book!!! Highly recommend!

Ellie says

5 Oh-my-god-I-endured-every-emotion-reading-this-book stars!!!

Wow..wow...wow.....Loved this story! Loved that it was written purely from his POV. Loved how Ash (yummy, sweet, delectable Ash) grew throughout the book, found himself and let himself live and feel again and allowed love in after feeling the tremendous loss of his father - his best friend and hero. I adored how he was the self imposed protector of his mother and his two younger siblings Delilah and Colt. But mostly I loved how he found his soulmate in Cara - the beautiful, shy, reserved and emotionally damaged girl who didn't fall at his feet or his charm like every other woman. He had to fight for her friendship, build her trust and eventually win her love...and what a joy it was for me, the reader to experience their amazing journey along with them!

This book had me laughing out loud, swooning at the romantic poetry, clutching my heart and yelling out 'No! Hell no! Please don't let this happen!!', to sobbing quietly while my heart broke along with theirs...

What a wonderful gift for a writer to be able to evoke all those emotions from the reader in one story...hats off to you Ms.Beth Michele...you've just recruited yourself another diehard fan!

I loved it - I really did....sweet, lovely, heart wrenching and heart warming this book had it all for me. I adored all the characters - from the hero Ash and the heroine Cara - to the secondary characters which helped make this into the beautiful tale that it was...Ash's mum, Delilah, Colt and Jason...

Do yourself a favour and pick up this incredibly gorgeous story which is accurately titled 'Lovely'... ❤?

Monica James says

When Beth Michele told me I was lucky enough to receive an ARC of her novel Lovely, I was over the moon. And I am so pleased to say, Lovely DID NOT disappoint.

There is one thing about Beth's writing, and that is, she puts her heart and soul into her work. The characters,

the story, the mood- everything, it grips on tight and doesn't let go.

Lovely will remain with me for a long, long time, and by far, is one of my favourite reads for 2013.

This story touched me in a way that had me sobbing like a baby in certain parts, and swooning over the incredibly hot Ash *swoon* (new book boyfriend alert!!)

I loved Lovely!!

5++++ freakin' Ash lovin' fabulous stars!!!

Well done Beth, you rocked this!!!

Natalie says

4.5 Stars

"a devoted son, responsible brother, trusted friend, excellent student, and a good fuck."

Ashton is all of those things but what he fails to mention is that he is also lonely, and vulnerable and just downright sad. Hiding behind his cocky attitude and his *flavor of the month* is a man who is trying to find himself after the death of his father while still living up to his responsibilities to his family.

Cara is the girl that no one sees. The quiet book worm (a girl after my own heart) hiding behind huge glasses. She never expects for someone like Ash to even notice her, let alone want her.

"She's not any girl. She's the girl."

When Ash meets Cara he is instantly taken with her but Cara is reserved and hesitant. Trying to protect her own heart she resists Ashton's advances, but with a guy as persistent as Ash it is hard to resist for long. Lovely is the story of Cara and Ash, a story of family, friendship, love and loss that will have you crying, laughing and most importantly smiling.

I loved both Ash and Cara. I loved the build up of their relationship, a connection that I could feel. I loved Ashton's playfulness and his down right determination to get the girl made me smile. I loved seeing the transition in Cara from shy and reserved to confidnt and supportive. I loved how honest and real Ash was; he was a real guy complete with a few dick moves that made me want to punch him.

Author Beth Michele knows just how to create characters that pull you into the story. From the cocky and sexy book boyfriend with just the right amount of vulnerablility to make you fall in love, to the beautiful, smart and supportive heroine. You are truly able to get a sense of who they are through Beth's words.

The poetry that Cara wrote was just beautiful, hell even Ash's poem about pizza was classy. And while it was refreshing to have the book told solely from the male point of view I would have liked just a bit more from Cara. We get to see her through Ashton's eyes but I really wanted to hear directly from her, her inner dialogue and what she was thinking at certain points in the book. But don't let that deter you, Lovely was a true romance and one that I would highly recommend and that you will remember long after reading.

Heidi McLaughlin says

I'm not sure I can sum up this book in a review. I had heard amazing things about LOVELY and believe me it didn't disappoint. I ugly cried... hard and to the point where I told Beth that I hated her and had to put the book down and do housework. Simply put - this book is worth every ounce off energy it takes to read. Beth captures every emotional issue possible and does so flawlessly. If I could give it more stars, I would.
