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This is the second book in the November Blue series.

November Harris is lost. After a failed romance with musician Bo Cavanaugh, Ember is left struggling to regain her true self. The problem is, Bo won't go away and Ember's stance is firm—she doesn't want him back.

Adrian Turner, Ember's ex-boyfriend-turned confidant, is patient with her heartbreak, but he can't hold back his own feelings forever.

As she sorts through her past, in an effort to plan a solid future, Ember will find that sometimes even the best laid plans bow to the soul's desire for reckless abandon.

Reckless Abandon Details

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Nicole says

****CONTAINS SPOILERS TO BOOK 1: TEN DAYS OF PERFECT****

“Sorrow is the darkest, most intense form of passion hidden in the recesses of the human spirit.”

GAHHHH!!!! So anyone who follows me on twitter knows JUST HOW MUCH I’ve been waiting for this book!!! I fell head over heels in love with Ten Days of Perfect despite wanting to throw my iPad across the room when I finished. But the ending was one of the reasons I LOVED the book, you know, besides Bo! ;)

So when Andrea Randall posted in her readers group on facebook that she just might publish Reckless Abandon early, I began to stalk my notifications, email and amazon religiously despite still being deep into another highly anticipated release that came out only days before. I HAD to know what happened with Bo and Ember – their journey in Ten Days was beautiful and perfect and came to a shattering end that wrecked me. I was definitely Team Bo and Ember heading into Reckless Abandon but what I wasn’t expecting was the roller coaster ride I was taken on as I cheered them on.

Reckless Abandon picks up after Ember gets back home from Concord after finding out that Bo was involved in that fight she saw at the beginning of Ten Days. She felt betrayed and used finding out that Bo knew who she was instantly and that maybe he was using her to protect himself. We all know that’s not the case, but when one falls in love so hard and so quickly, it’s easy to second guess someone’s intention. Despite their breakup, Ember decides to still work with the DROP foundation and Bo is determined to be at least friends with her. But can Ember and Bo stay friends despite a thousand lifetimes of love? Can they continue the collaboration between The Hope Foundation and DROP? Will it cause them to come together or push them further apart?

Everyone is back in Reckless Abandon. Along with Bo and November, Monica, Josh, Rae and Ainsley are all back. Ember’s parents even make it back this time around to support their only daughter through many rather difficult circumstances. What was surprising to me was the friendship formed between Rae, Bo’s sister, and Ember. Despite everything that has happened, Ember values her friendship with Rae and doesn’t want to lose it over Bo. You’ll find yourself rooting along with Monica and Rae as they tell Ember just how they feel about her decision to walk away at the end of Ten Days. Another major player this time is Adrian. Can he convince Ember he really loved her all those years ago and that he never stopped? How will Ember handle two men wanting her love?

Despite the regular characters being back we’re introduced to someone new, Regan. A fiddler player visiting his cousin from Ireland, Regan is instantly clued into what is going on with Ember as they become close during rehearsals. Josh has put together a house band for his bar and Ember and Regan are part of the band. But who Regan actually falls for will leave you giddy and subsequently crushed. Like I said, it’s a roller coaster and it’s those feelings when you’re plummeting down the hill that will leave you breathless.

Andrea Randall doesn’t disappoint with her descriptive paintings either as her previous background in poetry is evident. It’s hard not to get sucked into the world of Ember and Bo when you read things like this: “He fills my thoughts, my dreams, and my nightmares. The memory of him, and his touch, pound on the door to my soul with such force that cracks are forming in the wood. I do my best to act like no one is home by keeping the door locked and the lights off.”

So get your tissue box ready because Reckless Abandon WILL take you on an emotional roller coaster that is sure to bring tears to your eyes and pain to your heart. But the ride is worth it as things wrap up just as beautifully as they started as Ember finds herself amongst all of the pain. The final question for the reader is will her happiness include Bo? Oh, and can we PLEASE have a book 3???

Joy says

Now that I've finished my therapy for the rollercoaster ride that was this book, maybe now I can review it! I had been waiting for this book for months. I couldn't wait to have some closure to the cliffhanger ending for Ten Days and Andrea didn't disappoint! I'll admit though that I wasn't crazy that we had to endure so much Ember and Adrian in the first half of the book! I wanted to choke Ember at times but I was glad that the people she was surrounded by weren't letting her off the hook either. I loved Monica in this book. She wasn't afraid to tell Ember how it was and make her aware of the denial she was living in. Apparently Ember was the only person that didn't realize she was still in love with Bo! Even the new guy in town (yup, there's a new guy. Swoony too!!) Regan figures that out within a short amount of time! We are also gifted with Bo's POV in this book! Which was a life saver honestly. Because even though we weren't seeing Bo and Ember together, we still got to see Bo. Which meant we also got to see Rae. What can I say about that girl. I loved her in Ten Days and loved that we got to see her more in RA!!!!

Even though I wasn't crazy with the whole Adrian/Ember hookup, it made sense! I loved the progression of the book. We still had the live music that was such a focal point in RA but with new and different characters. We got to see Bo and Ember reconnect. We got to see (and hold our breaths occasionally) while they forced themselves to just be friends. We got the touches, and glances and all those beautiful moments Andrea creates so well! THEN we got the heartache. For the love of all that is holy did we get the heartache!!! I for one never saw this coming and I have to admit it really pissed me off! But again without the heartache we would have missed the beauty that was born of it! Beautiful, touching moments between multiple characters that were written so perfectly that you felt you were right there in midst of it all! (hence the aforementioned therapy) So thanks Andrea for the rollercoaster ride! looking forward to what's next ;)

Jill says

****3.5 Stars****

Cristina says

I have to touch on Ten Days of Perfect before I get into Reckless Abandon. I had some concerns with the first book but not many. My biggest concern about the book was the insta-love between November and Bo. I always struggle with love at first sight because somehow it just doesn't ring true. The other issue I had with it was the "big reveal". I waited almost the entire book to find out what the big secret was and when I did, I felt disappointed...it felt anticlimactic. With that being said, the writing is absolutely stellar. It almost felt poetic and that helped me overlook some of the issues I had with the overall story. Also, the characters were

believable and likeable and I found myself looking forward to what would happen next which brings me to Reckless Abandon!

“Sorrow is the darkest, most intense form of passion hidden in the recesses of the human spirit.”

Reckless Abandon is a fabulous story. It picks up where it left off and the push and pull that was not present in the first book, made its grand entrance in book two! November is an absolute train wreck over the turn of events with Bo which leads to a love triangle of sorts and obviously, that complicates everything. November is a heroine that every book should strive to have because she's so fierce and stubborn and I love that she's not weak or submissive. She's gutsy, whether I agree with her choices or not she's a force to be reckoned with.

Bo is still perfect. He suffered in book 2 that will make your heart break a thousand times over. What he goes through, no one should ever go through. Like EVER. Those moments that are filled with pain left me feeling and thinking, what just happened? I even turned back a page or two to make sure I didn't misread anything. Nope. Andrea Randall knew exactly what she was doing and she did it brilliantly because you won't see it coming from a mile away. It's all about the element of surprise and that it did...it didn't surprise me, it floored me! It will make you love Bo even more!!

Andrea Randall wrote a flawless and fluid story, one that is filled with depth and the characters are feisty but yet, relatable. All the characters in this series have earned their spot in my heart and I'm not likely to forget them anytime soon.

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I'm not sure why I waited so long to read Ten Days of Perfect but the timing couldn't have been better because I got to read both books back to back. If you are looking for a new series to read with flawless writing, look no further and you can thank me later. ;) Yes, they are that good!

Redheaded Bookworm says

Ok, I loved this book, but I really wanted to reach into my Kindle and beat the ever loving crap out of Ember. I liked her in the first book, but this one, UGH! What Bo did, wasn't even that bad, put your big girl panties on and deal with it! And, I didn't care for Adrian, but she totally did him wrong too! I was so happy when Monica finally told her to "grow up" and get on with it! Regan was her voice of reason, and I loved him! She finally comes to her senses, Thank GOD, and redeems herself.

This book was an emotional roller coaster and had me ugly crying, but I loved every minute of it! I read this book and the first book (Ten Perfect Days) in 2 days. I don't usually read that fast, but I couldn't put them down. I had to know Bo was going to be ok! If you like angst, drama and steam, you will love this book!

I received this book from the publisher/author in exchange for my honest opinion.

Lelyana says

CONTAINS SPOILERS

“He fills my thoughts, my dreams, and my nightmares. The memory of him, and his touch, pound on the door to my soul with such force that cracks are forming in the wood. I do my best to act like no one is home by keeping the door locked and the lights off.”

I have thinking too much while and after reading this book Andrea wrote. And I'm still dunno what to write in my review. Some characters are waaaaaay annoying, especially the main character, November Blue. I can see Monica, Josh and Rae also Regan are the most precious people to make Ember realize, who she loved.

And Ember? She was just one lucky girl with two good men who loved her like there's no other woman except her, she was just too lucky, but having too much choices, and cannot respect herself. I don't like her

ADRIAN TURNER

Why Adrian? Because I loved Adrian. he's a gentleman. Sneaky but he has ethics, even when it comes to a woman who doesn't deserved him. He deserved much better. I love Adrian character, mostly when he tried to fought him self to to take advantage from Ember at the hotel room and after that. He waited. Such a gentleman.

I cried for Adrian when he asked Ember to chose between him and Bo, and when Ember chosen to **save her DRUNK EX-BOYFRIEND instead of run after her boyfriend.**

I can understand when he was upset about Ember chose to be with Bo instead of him, when Ember asked him NOT to come wherever she's having Bo around. **The man loved you asshole !!!**

In my eyes, there's nothing in him that doesn't deserved to love. He probably snobbish, but ain't anybody in his LEVEL, (honestly) somehow snobbish? what's wrong with living in in a best area? what's wrong of been in Princeton, and been a first class man? He's perfect.

Gosh! I think am in love with him. It's not healthy.

Andrea, you should write about him someday!

NOVEMBER BLUE HARRIS

How can I never have respect for her? I know! She doesn't have THAT for herself. She drove me crazy by her ping-pong play between two poor guy who loved her **too much?**

And while she slept with Adrian before she found out what was Bo did with that bitch Ainsley, why did she angry with him? She's the one who betrayed him in a first place. Duh!

Even I can't hate Ainsley for taking advantaged on Bo when Ember disappointed him that night in the studio. She probably a bitch, but she's there for him, right?

I think, Ember was over thinking about her love to Bo, just one lie, and she's already accused him that he didn't deserved her love? You scaled your self too high, November!

I hate it when Ember used Adrian the night she found Ainsley kissed Bo in his house! She won't listened to

Bo's explanation, and drove to Boston and f*** Adrian instead.

Sigh! **Listen to him, woman !**

SPENCER "BO" CAVANAUGH

What should I write about him? Well, okay. He have a tortured past, his parents died in car accident, he's millionaire, can play guitar, he's devilish handsome, he can sing like an angel, he's strong for his sister. He seems like a perfect man to love. But! In November case, he's a LAME!. And for awhile, Ember chose Adrian over him, for some wrong reason (maybe right when she was decided to at that time), but Ember also seems like she's a woman of **STUBBORN**.

She's too stubborn to admit that she love Bo in a first place and kept thinking **their love was too fast**

Bo was, somehow, head over heels for Ember. Like he seems believe that have that chemistry of "**thousands life times**" things.

The three months separated decision probably the best he made, and I respect him for that, for making Ember learn from her mistakes!

Bo, when he's disappointed, was a male typical, run to alcohol, instead of speak up! Hah! That's not healthy sweetie...

OVERALL

Even I don't like Ember, I love the book. Andrea Randall can make me drown into the characters, especially that annoying November Blue!

I can't stop thinking I hate her, even finally she chose to follow her heart to be with Bo, instead. It's about time , a little too late, but its okay.

I cried when Adrian was dumped (even he's the one who told Ember to chose between "ME OR HIM", and she chose HIM!)

I cried for Rae and Regan, their young love have to ended before it begun. ***sob***

And it make me realize how when we crazy in love with someone, we sometimes ignored details, like his/her birthday.....

Simple, but important.

Thank you Charles Sheehan-Miles , for telling everyone in the group to read Andrea's book, and for telling me that you ALSO cry (in the airport among all those macho men)...

And thank you Andrea for friendship, and for writing a beautiful story, and am still hoping you write about Adrian, my baby.

RECOMMENDED!

Sarah says

I NEED MORE BO!! <3

4.5 Loooove! Review to come

Kim says

4.5 stars

I loved Ten Days of Perfect and could not wait for this book.

I remember the first ten beautiful days we spent together. We did everything backwards--fell in love first, and learned about each other after.

This book sent me on a rollercoaster ride of emotions. It frustrated me, made me angry, made me gasp, made me cry, broke my heart, and put it back together with a small piece still missing.

It starts soon after the ending of Ten Days and Bo and Ember are apart. She is still upset about him keeping secrets from her and feeling betrayed. And Adrian is happy to be there as the "supportive friend." I will say upfront that I am Team Bo. Always have been, always will be. Adrian was just an intruder in the happy place I wanted Bo and Ember to be in. So now that we are clear....lol

Bo: I adore him. I fell in love with him in Ten Days and that has not changed. He tries so hard and does not want to give up on Ember no matter how much she pushes him away. He is a damaged, broken man with a big heart and love to give. He knows he loves her, he knows he was wrong, but Ember is so stubborn. Can he find a way to get her back?

I'll dial it down, but I refuse to turn it off. I love November, and I don't intend to let her forget it.

November: Ugh! She made me so mad in this book! She was unforgiving, closed off, and afraid. She hides her pain away, is wishy washy, and used the men against each other. Will she figure out who she really wants to be with or keep hurting them both?

He fills my thoughts, my dreams, and my nightmares. The memory of him, and his touch, pound on the door to my soul with such force that cracks are forming in the wood. I do my best to act like no one is home by keeping the door locked and the lights off.

"I really feel like I loved Bo, but it was more of a firework than anything else. It was hot, heavy, and just too fast."

Adrian: Ember's old flame. He sees his opportunity and does not hesitate to try to move back in on Ember. But does he really want Ember or the girl he remembers?

He was there for me. He stood stoic and let me fight my own battles with Bo--he didn't try to dash in and save the day. He was there for the aftermath, sure, but he knows I'm no damsel. Adrian gets me.

Bo and Ember are having serious issues with anger, guilt, trust, and fear. They honestly cannot seem to communicate effectively or get on the same page. I seriously wanted to shake Ember for most of the book, I wanted Adrian to just disappear, and felt sorry for Bo.

I did love the introduction of a new character Regan. The sweet, sexy, fiddle playing band member who became friends with Ember. And I loved seeing more Bo's sister Rachel, Ember's feisty BFF Monica, and her fiance Josh who we met in the first book. They all are involved in trying to deal with the mess that is the Bo,

Adrian, November triangle. And although I was not happy to see the nasty Ainsley back who is still after Bo, I guess most books need a drama queen and someone to hate.

This book just took me through the gamut of emotions. At some points I was literally cursing Andrea Randall. I both hated and loved the book. It got to me. It had depth and emotion. She took this book places I did not expect and even made me cry. The journey for these characters was hard and heartbreaking and I felt it all. Although there is a satisfying enough ending and not a huge cliffhanger, these characters still have more ahead for them and the 4th book in this series will focus on them. The 3rd book in the series will be Regan's story.

Reviews by Tammy and Kim

Kirsten P says

So I've just finished up this sequel to Ten Days to Perfect, and it was a huge emotional journey. I have to say that while there were circumstances in this book that drove me to put my kindle down and walk away, I enjoyed the ride. I laughed and I cried. I became so wrapped up in the characters that I could feel their joys, sorrows, hurts and victories. I saw Ember transform, and while she frustrated me at times, and I didn't agree with some of her choices, I understood why they were made. I love a book that makes me "feel" and this one certainly fit the bill. I don't want to spoil anything, for a reader so I will leave it at this, if you enjoyed the first in this series, then you will love this second installment. It's emotional, heartwarming, and at times heartbreaking and the writing is wonderful.

Christy says

Ember and Bo's story continues in Reckless Abandon...

BO CAVANAUGH? ??

NOVEMBER BLUE

Bo and Ember aren't together anymore. Ember feels betrayed by Bo. Bo is still helplessly in love with Ember, and even though Ember won't admit it to anyone, she still has strong feelings for Bo.

He fills my thoughts, my dreams, and my nightmares. The memory of him, and his touch, pound on the door to my soul with such force that cracks are forming in the wood.

They are still working together for DROP, Bo's organization, and Ember is still close with Bo's sister, Rae.

Ember is still trying to heal from the heartbreak of Bo, and falls right back into her ex-boyfriend, Adrian's arms. I love Ember- I really do- but I wanted to slap her a few times for this... I mean really??? There is a lot of miscommunication between Ember and Bo in the first half of more of the book. Even after all this, Bo is insistent about keeping Ember in his life, even if it's just as friends. But he will never forget those first 10 days he spent with Ember, he isn't sure if he will ever fall out of love with her.

Yes, in an instant I fell in love with her; the very instant I met her eyes when I was on stage for my first show at Finnegan's.

I remember the first ten beautiful days we spent together. We did everything backwards- fell in love first, and learned about each other after.

?

Things with Adrian get a little rocky, Ember knows she doesn't love him the way she should. She does the right thing and ends it with him. Now everything is good... right? Not. Be prepared for waterworks... (view spoiler)

Just when Ember and Bo appear to be on the right track, sorrow and grief settle in and he needs time and space. Ember needs to work on herself. Will it ever be their time to be together???

I really enjoyed Ten Days of Perfect, and this is a great sequel. It was very frustrating at times, but I still enjoyed it. Ember drove me crazy, but she came around. I still loved Bo in this book, maybe even more than the last! He's wonderful! Monica and Josh are back- I was so glad(view spoiler)And I loved the new guy- Regan that was introduced. The ending was nice... but please tell me theres a third book?!?! It was an emotional ride for me, but a good read!

"I'd follow you to the beginning of time, to the end of time, and back, November. Just say when."?

"When."

Amy says

Sorrow is the darkest, most intense form of passion hidden in the recesses of the human spirit.

This book gutted me. I couldn't put it down. This is turning out to be one of the best series I've read. I'm devouring these books!! Kudos Ms Randall!

TeriLyn says

Reckless Abandon was just as good as Ten Days of Perfect. The November Blue Series is now one of my favorites. This author knows how to write heart break and angst.

The journey that November takes through this book is quite fulfilling for the reader. I feel she is ready for the next step she chose in her life. She finally realized, without a doubt, what she wants and needs. Adrian Turner wasn't my favorite part of that growth but I understand his purpose in that transition. Bo is just as swoonworthy in this albeit in a different way. Great series, a must read!

Charles Sheehan-Miles says

This is the second book in Andrea Randall's "November Blue" series, and picks up immediately following the end of Ten Days of Perfect. I really enjoyed Ten Days, but this one is a significant step up, both in Andrea's storytelling ability as well as the level of emotional involvement with the characters.

Filled with sexual tension and attraction, I was a little worried going into it because I'm not a huge fan of the boy-girl-boy dynamic, but this story has a tremendous amount of depth which made it not only make sense, but drew me deeply into main character Ember's life. I loved the secondary characters (in particular Rachel, who I fell just a little but in love with) and would recommend this to readers who look for books with real pain, tragedy and grace in their stories. One of my favorite reads of the past year.

Jess says

"His finger lifts my chin. **"I'd follow you to the beginning of time, to the end of time, and back, November. Just say when."** I grab his face and kiss him softly before pulling away. **"When."** -*November and Bo*

Well. It started off a little sketchy for me. I had a hard time trying to like Ember, some of the decisions she made in the last book pushed me over the edge and I was hoping there was no redemption...I was wrong. I really enjoyed this one more than the first. It doesn't really have that '2nd book syndrome' like some books do. It's actually slightly better than the first, we get a glimpse into more Bo with a few pages written in his point of view, which I loved! I love dual points of view and it really worked in Reckless A because of the motions he and Ember were going through at the time.

Andrea Randall most definitely has a way with words. Reckless A actually drew me in pretty quickly. It starts where Ten Days of Perfect ended and I was in a "I don't like you Ember" mood so I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to get through it. Thankfully, I did. The story in this was really good, it flowed all the way through and although Ember did really frustrate me with pretty much everything she did I managed to

overlook it because the writing was wonderful. I'm just going to touch on Bo a minute. He's still absolutely perfect, and I love him. He goes through so much in this book that I instantly fell for him all over again. Around the 72% mark Bo's world came crashing down and it is a punch to the gut for all his fans. I was sat on the train on my commute home when it happened and I had to restrain from ugly crying. So I settled for wet eyes instead. The situation although completely unfair, is handled extremely well by Andrea Randall that you feel it, all of it, along with the characters. Marvelous piece of writing.

Overall Reckless Abandon is a fluid story filled with angst, love, unrequited love, betrayal, so much depth and a wonderful set of fabulous characters that will just leave you wanting so much more from them. It has a wonderful HEA that I can assure is absolutely most welcome after everything that happens.

Although I did only give Ten Days of Perfect 3 stars (for my own reasons) I do love Andrea's writing and her stories are fabulous that I will absolutely recommend this series to be read, and I will absolutely be reading many more books of hers. Providing she writes more HOT males ;)

A very solid 4 stars :)

Tracy says

Absolutely loved this book. Just like the first book in the November Blue series I was captivated by every page. The story was everything I imagined it would be and so much more. I found myself going through every emotion imaginable and even had tears in my eyes at times. The ending was so perfect but I am still hoping that the author may consider a third book to this wonderful series. Highly recommended!!
