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*Bestselling author Emma Nichols presents a new adult contemporary romance fans and critics are comparing to works of Jennifer Weiner. Snark and heart make The Souvenir a novel that will leave readers desperate for more.*

Wren Jacobs—a twenty-something corporate trainer— would like to announce the birth of her baby, Taylor, named after the artist singing "Bad Blood" during the conception. Mother and child are adjusting nicely and ready to welcome visitors, especially the father, Brady Conner.

Despite a few too many misunderstandings, Wren never stopped loving Brady...and would love the opportunity to thank him for her souvenir from their relationship who weighed in at a whopping 8lbs 5oz, effectively ruining her after an unintentional natural delivery. Taylor's birth will forever remind Wren of the first day of summer, the last time she was ever able to wear a bikini, and that she'll probably never go to a bar again.

*Follow Wren and Brady as they navigate through the tricky dating scene in this touching romantic comedy, and fall in love with the souvenir of their relationship.*

## The Souvenir Details

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## From Reader Review The Souvenir for online ebook

Viviana says

3.5 stars

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Shari Kay says

Nope...I don't think I'd like either MC

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

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Jen\_C says

Honestly 3 stars is the compromise. For me personally it's a 2, but for those who can tolerate the lies, angst, and selfishness it's probably a 3.5. It does have some seriously swoon-worthy quotes!!

Don't hate me for my honest opinion. To each his own.

I wanted to throat punch both main characters. I HATE unnecessary drawn out lies and lack of communication. If he was okay to sleep with and get knocked up by, he is okay to be told you are pregnant.

The world revolves around Wren apparently....

*I don't want him to be with me because he feels responsible...*

*I don't want him to disappoint me again..*

*I can't have him hurting a sweet, innocent baby.*

*I can't have him bouncing in and out of our lives.*

*"Yes, but you've decided all of this without ever giving him a chance to prove it to you one way or the other. You haven't even given him the opportunity to decide if he wants to be a dad."*

*I know you mean well, but I just don't see how this is ever going to work.*

*I already have a name picked out.*

*I shook my head vehemently. I refuse to be a soccer mom.*

*I wanted to tell him, but I was too scared. I couldn't have him leaving **me** now when I needed him most.*

***I'm** a mom now. **I'll** be lucky to be a four. **My** body is completely wrecked. Hell, **my** vagina is probably going to be like the Grand Canyon."*

*In the hospital, I saw what **I'd** done, how **I'd** robbed you of months of getting to know him, feeling him kick, and being there for us. It hurt.*

*It scared **me**.*

*I was afraid you really would leave **me** for being such a horrible person.*

Cliche - Male best friend is gay, H jealous. Saw that coming a mile away.

**“You’re late. Trey says you haven’t had a period since you moved in.” My face scrunched up and I whipped around to face them. “How would you know?” I snarled as I threw my hands up. “Wren, we’re together every day,” Trey murmured gently. “I use your bathroom...” He looked at me pointedly. “I know.” He shrugged.**

**"How long have you known?" He smirked.**

**“There isn’t a closet big enough to contain you, my friend. I don’t know. A while. Maybe almost forever. You’re too pretty. You spend more time getting ready to go anywhere than I do. You know designers and feel the need to own them. Hell, your man purse matches your shoes!"**

**I. Can't. Even.** Jerry Springer show come to life on the page.

**"If you have this baby, it could be the end of your life."**

**He pursed his lips.**

**“There will be no time or energy for dating, no extra money to go out. You’ll ruin your body and no man will ever look at you again.”**

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**Nikki ? Navareus says**

**\*\*\*THREE STARS\*\*\***

This wasn't too bad of a story. It actually started out pretty strong. Brady was a total douche nozzle in the beginning, and I loved the way Wren didn't put up with his shit one bit, and left his stupid ass, because he WAS a stupid ass at that point. I adored Wren's bestie Jas. Every woman should have a bestie as faithful as Jas, and every woman wants a bestie exactly like Trey. Trey added that bit of humor this story needed. My issues with this story started about halfway through the story. (view spoiler) Great story for people who enjoy story with lot of needless drama and a stubborn as hell heroine.

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**J says**

well both H and h were just plain immature. H clearly was rebelling against being in a relationship and basically kept having secret dates with ex. The h finally got backbone and left his sorry ass after he spent the night out and of course she assumed he spent it with ex and he didnt tell her otherwise. Lots of back and forth, childish immature, self centered ex g/f kept coming at the H who turns out couldnt stand her but kept giving in to her demands further driving h away -stupid. i mean, why in the world would you still keep spending time with this skank if you are trying to get back with h??Throw in h's secret pregnancy, new gay bff who H thought was her new man and angst and more stupidity reigns. Dispite all of that and wanting to clubber both H & h, wasnt bad, liked the ending, liked the best friends support - would be great to get second chance romance for friend who's husband was cheating on her for real. All in all not a great read but not bad either, was ok.

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### **Geri Reads says**

Yeah, no. This book was a mess. The heroine was a hot mess. The hero was a weak mess. The plot was even messier.

Nothing about the characters are endearing. And they totally act like a couple of 12 year-olds which is an insult to 12 year-olds everywhere since I've known quite a few who act more mature than these two.

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### **Ashley says**

2.5????

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### **Kim Brewing says**

Due to his immaturity, Brady loses Wren. It takes our boy awhile to clue in and work at getting back what he misses. Loved the part about the "flowers" kept. Enjoyable read. Hope Jas and Trey get stories.

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### **Giseli says**

What the heck is this book?

It started well, promising, good writing, kept my attention and then all goes down ...

The woman is a doormat. What guy tells the girl he loves it that she is a 7 in a good day? Cheezus! Keep your truthfulness to yourself. Besides the guy has no backbone, a bad boy with no backbone, which let his ex-girlfriend do whatever she wants because she is the pretty one!

Pleeeeeeeeeeeeeee I need brain bleach!

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### **San-Dee Keefner says**

After having such a book slump.... I was very pleasantly surprised by this book. I have never heard of this author before but I will be marking her page! So much I loved about this book! I loved that she walked out on his cheating butt. And yes, like the h said there are more than one way to cheat it is always not just the sex. I loved hat we were able to see the growth of the H and how he "finally" figure out he was acting immature and his expectations of the h where the OW was concerned was just unreasonable! And the gbff he was awesome! Very surprised the book was based in Charlotte, NC ..... Which is where I live so it was great to know exactly where the author was talking about places in the book. Highly recommend his book!!!!

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## **Jen says**

### **3 Underwhelming Stars**

Seemingly intelligent woman meets commitment-phobe manboy? **Check!**

Woman and manboy move in together but manboy still acts like he's single, thus bringing the heavy douchebagery element I crave? **Check and Check!**

Manboy pulls his head out of his ass-type area way too late and doesn't do much in the way of grovelling? **You betcha!**

This story had a serious case of potential but I'm a cold hearted bitch on my best day and I needed that grovel. NEEDED IT! As it stands, I could've used a little more inner reflection and a whole lot more remorse from the manboy.

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## **Debbie "Buried in Her TBR Pile" says**

I picked this one up for free and it sat on my TBR pile - saw a friend's review and dived right in. I couldn't put it down. H is fairly immature (h calls him a man-child) - doesn't treasure what he has until its gone. Definitely character growth for him. To me - this isn't classic grovel as coincidence and interference by others help with reconciliation. 4 stars for now - if I read again - I'll bump it up.

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## **Dilek VT says**

The cover & the blurb says it all, not my cuppa!

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## **Debbie DiFiore says**

### **Really what just happened??? Spoilers below**

I feel like I just have missed something important in this book. I have no idea why they stayed apart so long. And what was with him and Paige? why did he even let her in to his life? He says he never touched or kissed her but they slept in the same bed together?? Honestly it was just so confusing. And when he saw her with the pregnancy test why didn't he put two and two together?! I can't believe he didn't even try and find out if the baby was his either. She basically told him she hadn't had sex with anyone when they hooked up. It was just a mess. I almost gave it four stars though. One for not having physically cheat. I do believe it was cheating though and I think she should have whacked him with boogies skillet the night he didn't come

home. And I would have loved to see her whack that stupid Paige too. And he kept her around for awhile which really pissed me off even though he kept saying he didn't like her. It was so frustrating. So the second star was for Trey! I loved him. Yes the gay best friend is an overused character anymore but he was priceless. The third star was for the last two chapters. I loved how he wanted the baby even though he didn't think it was his. The ending was so cute and I believed in the HEA. And in almost gave it four because I had that ahhh feeling at the end. But then I remembered the three boxes of stuff that he kept in his closet containing women's items left behind in his sleazy past before he dated Wren so I took it back. Why would he still have that stuff in his house??? An old bra, boots, shirts, etc. Just tacky.

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## **Melody Cox says**

\*\*\*4.25 Stars\*\*\*

Oh wow! What a cute and sweet story. I loved it and liked the fact that it was relatively short, the angst was limited, and the Hero had not physically cheated on the woman he loved. Now I will have to say that to me he did cheat. You don't have to be sexually intimate with another for it to count as cheating or betrayal. Unfortunately he lied several times about meeting the old girlfriend and made excuses that were untrue. His ex desperately wanted him back (she was a wacky witch.) She kept texting him and it seemed he always bent to her will. Then one night he simply did not return home. We don't know what they did during the night but he and the ex were together all night long but there was no sexual intimacy involved. She was evil and snarky and he was a sap that she led around by the nose. I didn't like him at all in the beginning. Even after the heroine left him and he wanted to get her back, he and the ex slept in the same bed but did nothing sexual. Sorry...still cheating to me. You don't allow an ex to come into and try and take over your home at her will, dictate your life to you and allow her to stay overnight at her insistence and sleep by you in the bed you share with the woman you love. He claimed he didn't have the strength to fight her insistence but... It was also told by the woman he loved and lost that so many women had been in that same bed before her. Hello...new mattress coming right up. And in his closet he had three boxes full of clothes that the women left who stayed for the night and he had the gall, or was it stupidity, to keep them in his closet. Even went to find his true love some snow boots to wear out in the snow out of the 'lost and never found' boxes. Good grief he was ignorant and I think he was clinging to the life of freedom he had before he fell for Wren.

So yes Brady was an a-hole to the max. He was a frightened man-child. Scared to death of love and commitment and what he was already feeling for the heroine, Wren. So to say I was a bit disheartened at the beginning of the book is correct...but it gets better. He gets better and finally realizes all he lost, all he threw away and he quickly learns that it is hell to earn back trust once it has been broken-smashed to pieces. What man in his right mind tells the woman he loves that he and the ex made a promise when they were fourteen to be together forever and he was considering if that is what he needed to do. If it was me, I just may have emasculated him in the worst way possible. For those of you old enough think 'Lorena Bobbitt.' Yep, that would fix him! It takes him a while though, a long while to figure things out and to grow up.. He is continually messing up with this ex-girlfriend and every time he does something stupid it seems that Wren runs into him out somewhere with her...even though what he was doing was innocent. BUT still he couldn't say no to that horrible conniving ex. The story begins to flow better, or at least it did for me, when I finally realized he was not going to cheat with anyone as his sole thoughts were on Wren and winning her back. He just had to figure out how and to begin to regain her trust.

You will crack up at Trey, Wren's new neighbor when she leaves Brady. Oh my gosh...so funny. Definitely a lift to read and relax on a Saturday after. I highly recommend this book!

