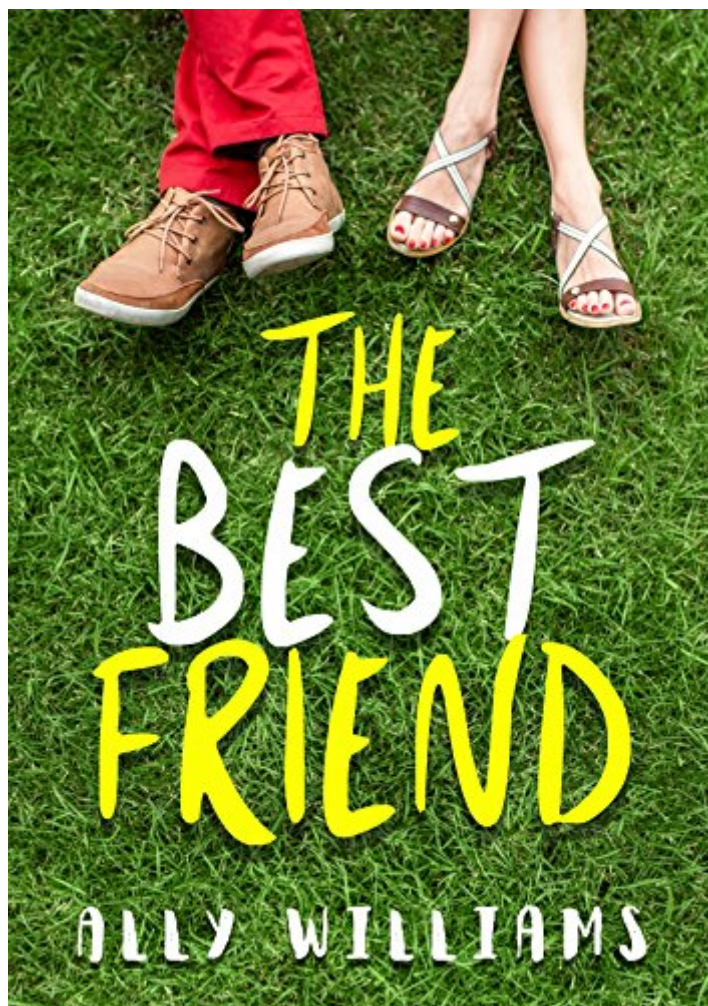


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The Best Friend: A Young Adult Romance Story



Synopsis

"I can't forget about that kiss, Elsie." His hand comes up to cup my cheek, stroking the skin gingerly. "I don't want to," he whispers so lowly I almost don't hear. His gaze falls to my lips once again. It's probably the alcohol that forces the next sentence out of me, or it's the sheer terror that I'll never be able to tell him how I really feel. "Neither do I." Elsie Archer and Hayden Jones have been best friends since they were four; the two are almost inseparable. But that is when Hayden isn't falling for a new girl. Elsie thinks her best friend's only flaw is that he falls too quickly and too hard. She has seen him charm many girls and has cheered him on. Little does he know that her feelings for him have been growing steady for years. Now on their senior year, will Elsie find the courage to tell Hayden what she really feels? Or will she remain in the safety of the friendship they've nurtured for years? This young adult romance story will surely break your heart, but it's worth the bittersweet hurt. Grab your copy now!

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Customer Reviews

Good read

- May contain spoilers -I liked the plot line (who doesn't want best friends falling in love?) and I was rooting for Elsie & Hayden in the beginning. The more I kept reading though, the more I thought that her relationship with Hayden was unhealthy. There was another guy friend in the story and I thought the author was hinting at bringing him into the picture. He seemed like a sweetheart. But Hayden needed help. I was hoping he'd somehow redeem himself - but no.

It was such an unhealthy relationship, but I still found myself rooting for them.

Spoilers..._____ I wish she would have given him that huge kick in the ass that he needed much sooner, then maybe he would have come around and stopped being such a turd. I think it was good that she went to South Africa, but I don't see the point in making him start seeing people so soon after. Why make one of your main characters so lackluster? I get that in real life people are like that, but I guess I read to escape that sad fact. I'm just a sucker for a happy ending. I would have liked this MUCH better if there was more resolution at the end. Even if they were firmly never getting back together, I'd have liked that a little more. I hate vague endings unless you're clear to your reader that there's a sequel. I feel like I've been left hanging.

Emo. Sad. Pointless. These are the words that come to mind when I think of this book. Why do girls pick manipulative jerks over thoughtful guys? Because, apparently, the jerk "knows" her. Ick. This book reminded me of those stories that victims of domestic abuse tell themselves. "Oh, he didn't mean to give me a black eye and all these bruises. I shouldn't have made him hit me." Ick. The author did give the heroine an alternative in the story, writing in a character who was "good boyfriend material." And then that character was forgotten.

Well written, but, so sad, and depressing. Hayden, the male lead, needs counselling. It was nice that Elsie was able to break the cycle of their relationship. I would have liked them to have a solid HEA. I do think that with help, they could have a, forever, kind of love.

There were some ups and downs with this book, but mostly ups for me. I found the story to be perfectly heartbreaking. I would suggest that if you are faint of heart, this would not be for you, but if you enjoy that like I do, go for it! Ally Williams has a great writing style. I have a love-hate feeling for

Hayden, but he is still a good character. The open-ending has me a little off. I prefer a complete HEA or at least knowledge of a coming follow-up. Nothing wrong with an open-ending, it works in some cases, but I'm not sure if it does here. I was provided with a complimentary copy of this book, through Reading Deals, so I could give an honest review.

Super unhealthy relationship and a totally unlikable male lead. Elsie is sucked into this terrible relationship with her best friend and the author tries to make it okay with a few chapters from his pov about how he is suffering and feels bad for hurting Elsie, but he doesn't stop hurting her. He's constantly jealous even though he is dating someone else and he is a terrible friend. Elsie is way better off without him and the only reason I am somewhat pacified is that she does break the cycle of abuse for a while. Plus the writing wasn't great, the author described eyes as green orbs throughout, very weird.

If you are like me and stubborn, not a pushover, and think you don't need anyone to be happy. Then this book is not for you. It festered me the way she let everything go. And she forgave him for everything countless times in the book. He lied to her face at least one a week and as soon as he asked to be forgiven she forgave him. HE said he wouldn't do it again but he did the next day and she forgives him again. I personally wanted to scream at the character "Are you serious right now? Give him a taste of his own medicine and walk away."

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