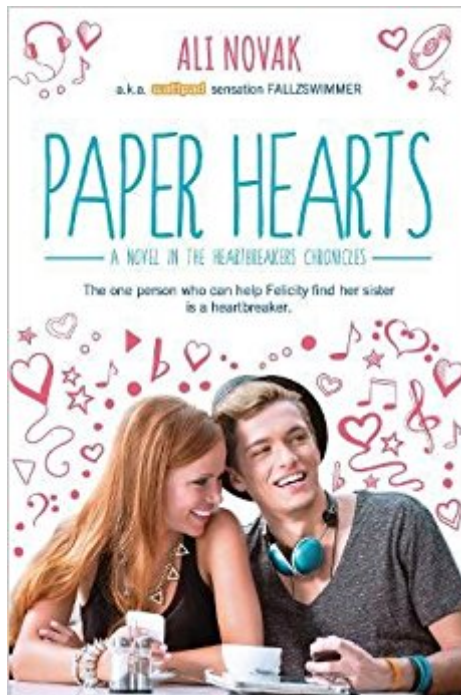




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# Paper Hearts (The Heartbreak Chronicles)



## Synopsis

"I'm sorry," he said, slowly untying the ribbon that held his mask in place. "It's just-I didn't want you to think of me any differently." Somehow I kept my mouth from falling open. I knew his face, but my mind couldn't accept that he was the person looking down at me. "My real name is Alec." Felicity has her entire future planned. Ever since her older sister ran away, she's had the full weight of her mother's expectations on her shoulders. So she works hard to get straight As and save for college. Except sometimes the best things in life are unplanned-like when Felicity meets a handsome, masked stranger while she is volunteering at a charity masquerade ball. She never thought he'd flirt with her. And she certainly never thought he'd turn out to be a member of the world-famous Heartbreakers band, Alec. Then Felicity uncovers a shocking family secret. Suddenly, she, Alec, and her two best friends are off on a road trip to find Felicity's missing sister. And she's about to discover that unexpected turns have a peculiar way of landing her right where she needs to be...

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## Customer Reviews

Ali Novak writes contemporary young adult romance and is a recent graduate of the University of Madison Wisconsin's creative writing program. She wrote her first full length novel, *My Life with the Walter Boys*, at the age of fifteen. Since posting the story online, it has received more than 33 million reads and is now published by Sourcebooks Fire.

First meeting Alex the quiet observant bassist in Heartbreakers, you instantly know there is

something special about him. And this book goes into a further exploration of his character through the eyes of Felicity Lyon in an unexpected romance, that only Ali Novak could spin together. The book has some of your old favorites from the first novel and some new added characters that bring this story life and warmth. Like her previous two books Novak has trial and tribulations the main character must face. But the main character becomes a true heroine in her own write by writing her own path and following it. Definitely a book worth a read or two.

Couldn't stop reading!!!

Paper Hearts is the second book in Ali Novak's The Heartbreaker Chronicles, but can be read as a standalone. The Heartbreakers are a band and each book focuses on a different couple but we do see the characters from the previous book. I really loved the first book in the series, and was really excited when I saw that the second book was finally out, especially since it includes a road trip. I love road trip stories! Unfortunately, I didn't think this one lived up to the first book. I didn't feel like I connected with the main characters as much as I did with the couple from the first story. Alec was so closed off and emotionless that it was hard to tell how he was feeling about anything. I think the author was going for the shy, "mysterious" type but he just came off kind of flat to me. Felicity is hard-working, money-conscious and very focused on her education. She had a lot of drama going on around her to focus on, and I just didn't end up feeling any spark between them at all. I feel like I ended up loving the secondary characters more than the main characters in this one. I was more interested in Boomer and Asha's relationship than Alec and Felicity's. The ongoing theme in this book is miscommunication, or just not communicating at all. It drove me a little crazy if I'm being honest. First we have the whole mystery of where Felicity's sister disappeared to and why, secrets her mom is keeping, then we have Felicity's best friends not telling her that they are secretly dating, then Felicity assumes all the wrong things about Alec instead of talking to him like a normal person.....it was a bit repetitive. If I'm being honest a lot of the drama felt a little unbelievable and soap opera-ish at times too. While I didn't end up loving this one nearly as much as the first one, I didn't absolutely hate it either. I ended up settling on 3 stars because I did enjoy most of the characters. The secondary characters are what ended up making this one for me. I liked when Felicity finally got things figured out about her sister too. I just didn't feel any chemistry or spark between the main characters so I couldn't get behind the romance side of things.\* I received an ARC of this title via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are own. \*

The Heartbreakers is one of my favorite contemporary novels, so when I found out there was a sequel with Alec, I almost freaked. Alec was my favorite character in the first book and I fell in love with him even more in this one. He is the sweetest man with such great manners and a soft personality. Felicity was a great partner for him. She's been through a lot when it comes to her family -- enough to sound like a daytime soap opera. But she still hangs out and fights through. She's very passionate and educated. Her two best friends, Boomer and Asha, were great sidekicks and comedic humor. I'll be honest, though. The book isn't the best one every written, nor is it the most realistic. But it's fun and exciting. This series helps you take your mind off the real world and just focus on the fun that all of these amazing characters are having together. It helps you realize that though your life isn't going the way you'd want it to, you still have your friends who are there to help you through it. And having fun every now and then and acting like a kid isn't going to hurt anything. I highly recommend this book to any romance or contemporary lovers out there. This really is one of the best series out there and it needs more love.

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