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How long would you wait to be with the one that you love? How much of yourself would you hide in order to keep them?

Brooks knows the moment he meets Vivian that he will do whatever it takes to protect her, even if it means leaving her. Running from his past, he spends the next decade trying to forget the shattered heart that he left behind.

Is there any betrayal worth the cost? Are there some sins that cannot be forgiven?

After a lifetime of rebuilding the walls guarding her heart, Vivian confronts the harsh reality that some fortresses are not meant to stand. Winding through a gray fog of disappointment and deceit, she must conquer her deepest fears to accept the love she believes she is too unworthy to have.

As the paths of these two battered hearts cross once more, together they seek redemption for their sins. However, when the secrets of their pasts come knocking on their door, forgiveness and love will be tested, and they will be forced to answer the question: "When the lies run out, will the truth finally set you free?"

Forgive Us Our Trespasses is an adult contemporary novel and is not intended for younger readers due to mature content.

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From Reader Review Forgive Us Our Trespasses for online ebook

Angela Ruble Scott says

This is my 5 snowflake review for Forgive Us Our Trespasses by M.L. Steinbrunn.

Forgive us our Trespasses follow the path of Vivian, a young woman who has had to deal with heartbreak at every turn. When Vivian is 5 years old she makes a vow to herself to never let someone hurt her again after her father is murdered. When she enters college she is a very reserved. She doesn't trust easily and doesn't want anything to do with someone who has the potential to hurt her. When she meets Brooks Ryan she knows that he is everything she doesn't want to need. Brooks is gorgeous and he knows it. He uses girls to get what he wants then never looks back, until he meets Vivian and everything changes. He gets his sex life back on the straight and narrow, but is it enough for Vivian? What will happen when Brooks uncovers a secret that he knows will destroy everything that he and Vivian have built together? When Brooks deceives Vivian, he walks away from her and leaves her in his best friend's hands. Hoping upon hope that Will can heal what he has shattered. When fate steps in and Vivian and Brooks meet up again later in life will she be able to forgive all the hurt that Brooks put her through?

I really liked this book. I can understand why Vivian was so reserved. I can say that the plot line follows a different path that I had originally thought. It was really good, and unexpected. The author seemed a little skittish in the first half of the novel but totally blew me away in the second half. There is a scene where the dialogue between Grace, Emma, and Blake made me laugh so hard I thought I was going to soil myself. My husband thought I was crazy because I was laughing but had tears pouring down my cheeks. The humor that those three brought to the book really moved this from a 4 to a 5 star review for me. The only thing I would have liked to have seen in the book was an epilogue to let us know where the couple was a few years down the road.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a second chance romance with sweet love scenes and cute humor to keep the pages turning.

Lindsey Lawson says

Holy Sh!t! Get ready for a roller coaster ride. Grab a box of tissues before you strap yourself in, also. OMG! I don't even know what to say about this book. I am seriously at a loss for words. I knew it was going to be amazing. ML is a seriously awesome person and author. I didn't expect what I got. I'm still sporting a cry headache and I'm going to have to take some time to digest it all.

Lucia says

No voy a decir que lo ame o que lo odie más bien me alegre de poder terminarlo y no pensar mucho después de eso, es una historia algo larga y pasan varios años desde que inicia la historia a cuando termina, hay "saltos en el tiempo" pero como tal la autora no aclara este hecho hasta cuando has leído algo y te das cuenta de que la situación de los personajes ha cambiado, encuentre predecible lo que pasaba con los personajes. Y me aburrí .

Fin.

Tina (As Told By Tina) says

I was provided a copy through Netgalley in exchange for my honest opinion.

Forgive us our trespasses what a title right?

The prologue draws you in; leaving you wondering just how does this title fit into the story. The story begins with Vivian reliving the moment her life changed forever...the death of her father. We then fast forward and meet Vivian in college trying desperately to get away from the small town she grew up in. She was tired of being "that girl whose father was killed, the whispers, the pity she wanted to break free and start all over. College was about to give her that fresh start. We meet her roommates Jen, Carly and Campbell. We get to know a little about each one such as Jen is the potty mouth and will have your back no matter what, Carly is the emotional friend and Campbell is more of the tell it like it is friend. The kind of friends you need by your side when the going gets tough and believe me for Vivian the going gets tough a lot.

Vivian has always been closed off since her father's passing. That is until she locks eyes with Brooks. Brooks is a total womanizer who's only concern about getting sex. That is until he meets the beautiful red head named Vivian. But unlike every other girl on campus Vivian won't give Brooks the time of day because she knows boy like him have heartbreak written all over them. Instead Vivian hangs out with Will (Brooks' roommate). Brooks changes his womanizing ways to win Vivian's heart. The chemistry between Vivian and Will is electrifying and neither one can deny they feel something for one another. Eventually they end up together.

For a class project they have to write a paper over something that has changed them and Vivian decides to write about her father's murder, her mother won't answer her questions leaving to investigate on her own. Brooks offers to go with her to find out more and then begins to act weird. Then it happens, Vivian knocks on the door and another girl opens up getting dressed.

Heartbroken. Betrayed. Lied to. Vivian never hears from Brooks again, leaving what ifs and unanswered questions to always be in the back of her mind. And it leaves the reader with the same questions.

We ended up skipping ten years later...literally one minute Brooks cheats on her and then we've skipped to ten years later. Vivian is now a teacher and has two kids Blake and Emma and get this she's married to WILL. I personally did not like the ten-year hop. I was left wondering what happened in those ten years. I would've had liked to have seen Will and Vivian's relationship blossom. I really didn't feel the chemistry between them like I did between Vivian and Brooks. I kept wondering if this was going to turn into a love triangle a Vivian-Brooks-Will, and whom would she pick in the end. I was thinking Brooks since the title is "Forgive us our trespasses" but my theory was wrong!!!

Vivian ends up a widow...like can this poor girl catch a break. And once again, she is getting pitted, becoming the woman "whose husband died" and being treated like glass. She decides its time to move away so she moves with her sister to Denver. A fresh start. With her upcoming college reunion she realizes she faces her biggest fear seeing Brooks again. And sure enough he's there and this time he isn't running but could he ever tell her the truth about the secret he was holding from her all those years ago? Will forgiveness set you free?

Overall, I loved how the title played into the story. It really fit the story perfectly. I thought the author had good supporting characters. I loved how they help Vivian go through everything in life. I thought the story was original because there was no real love triangle for once. I would've liked more of an emotional and physical connection between Brooks and Vivian, I wanted to feel their passion. But really, Vivian is an extremely strong character. I don't always grant forgiveness but I loved how beautiful and forgiving Vivian was. She was what really made this book so wonderful. I did think the end was a bit abrupt like the author felt she needed to end it right there and then. Besides that I really enjoyed reading this book and I'll be checking out the rest of the series.

Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

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Review

This was a good read and I found myself sniffing a few times.....but the story was kinda predictable. Now that doesn't mean I didn't enjoy it because I fell in love with Will and Brooks....well – Brooks I did, then I didn't, then I did, then I didn't....you get the jist of it.

I liked how this book was first told while the characters were in college up to the climatic event between Vivian and Brooks – then we start out 10 years later and pick up with Vivian's life.

The author did a great job of pulling the reader in to experience the ups and downs of each character. Even the secondary characters add so much seasoning to the book and I'm hoping that each one of them may get their own story!

Re-Cap

When Vivian was 5 years old, her father was murdered and she has a very hard time building relationships and trusting others. That is until she meets Brooks....well not so much at first – she believes him to be a womanizing man-whore but is intrigued nonetheless. Brooks sees something special in Vivian and vows to change his ways in order to settle down and get the girl.

Just as Viv and Brooks are in the happiest times of their lives and their relationship is going strong, Brooks finds out a secret that will destroy Viv's feelings towards him. He breaks her heart thinking this will be the only way to keep her safe.

When we meet Viv again it's 10 years later and the story begins.....

Wrap-Up

This was such a sweet and heart wrenching story – I found myself crying – then laughing – then screaming. If you want to exercise your emotions, then this is definitely a story for you.

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Sienna Logan (Lost to Books) says

I first saw this book up on NetGalley however I ended up borrowing it from Kindle Unlimited instead. I wasn't sure enough about it to request it for review as I didn't want to feel obligated to review it. Regardless, when I saw I could borrow it it seemed like the perfect solution.

In general this was an okay read. I liked the concept and bigger picture in the book but it wasn't without its fault.

Firstly, the start intrigued me. The prologue was great and had me hooked instantly. I felt for the kids and I was curious to see where the author took their story. Needless to say that after this the first few chapters were a bit slow. It wasn't until Brooks chapter that things started to pick up for me and I could engage with it once again.

I enjoyed the college section of this book. I liked the relationship between the girls. It was solid and believable; they clearly had each others' backs and I liked that about them. They also all had a unique personality that made them different from each other.

However, I'm not sure I can say the same about the guys. I never really connected with Brooks or felt anything but indifference towards him. I also think I could have liked Will but he wasn't around long enough to find out, which I hated. I just felt they were a little bland compared to the girls.

Similarly, Brooks didn't come off as that smart. He made dumb decisions and constantly messed up. This is what leads me to my biggest issue with this book: it was so predictable. Brooks secrets was so obvious and the reveal came so late that I did find myself skimming and my attention drifting. The pacing in this book varied from good to poor whereby by the end I was really losing interest. For me the reveal should have come a lot sooner so the ending wasn't as rushed--it seriously needed an epilogue at the least.

Anyway, overall, despite its faults this was an easy book to read. I think it has potential but needs a little more work so I'm glad I was able to borrow it rather than buy.

Nikki Reeves says

Where to start with this one? It made my heart skip a beat on more than one occasion. It's so hard to put all my emotions into this review because it's an emotional roller coaster ride from start to finish. This book is so well written and consumed my life for a few hours. I couldn't stop once I got started and stayed up until wee hours of the morning because I had to know how everything would play out.

Tragedy hits Vivian right from the get go. She is heart broken and vows to find out who killed her father. Trying to move on with life, she goes to college and meets some life long friends. She also meets Brooks everything is perfect... until it isn't. Now 10 years later, tragedy has struck Vivian again. While dealing with a broken heart, Brooks enters her life again. But can she let go of the past and move forward on the future when she finds out the truth?

Brooks meets Vivian in college and they eventually fall in love. Brooks finds out a huge secret that changes everything. Instead of telling Vivian he runs. Now 10 years later, fate has brought them back together. Brooks doesn't want to make the same mistakes again, but he also doesn't want to lose Vivian. What happens when she finds out the truth?

Whew this book took me through the ringer a few times. There are some HUGE shocker moments in this book that I did not see coming. I actually shed a few tears in this book too. One part really tore me up pretty good. I love that the book took place in college and several years later. I grew close to these characters and even though they made me mad at times I still love them. ML did an amazing job on this book and I can't wait to read book 2.

Loraine Oliver says

Forgive Us Our Trespasses by M.L. Steinbrunn is a really great read, and I enjoyed it very much. This was the first book I read by this author and it will not be my last!

Vivian is a girl who at a young age loses her father as he is murdered. Vivian and her two sisters and Mom stayed in the small town they lived in and it was very difficult and stifling to grow up there as everybody was never themselves around Vivian or her family, not wanting to say the wrong thing, and her mother was a weak person so never even thought about moving somewhere else. Vivian did and that is how she ends up at College in a new town where no one knew her. She quickly makes a few good friends who wind up being with her throughout her life.

Vivian meets a young man named Brooks and falls for him even though everyone knows he is a player, but she can't help how she feels, and Brook's attitude changes when he meets Vivian. Unfortunately something happens and they go their separate ways, Vivian with a broken heart, and Brooks too, but he feels that whatever he knows is better kept secret than admitting it to Vivian and hurting her more.

Years pass and Vivian found comfort and then love with another man, Will, and they had a boy and a girl. Will was Brook's roommate in college so he knows what went down and is there to pick up the pieces of Vivian's heart put it together again and take care of her-they have a comfortable love and it works. Unfortunately, history has a way of repeating itself, and Will is killed when he was out on the job one night; he was a policeman.

After this happens, Vivian is in limbo and her sister helps her move away from her Mom and Sister as they are no good for Vivian, and the kids. So she moves and gets a house for her and her kids and her sister is there for her.

At their class reunion, Vivian sees Brooks and he sees her, and it is an instant attraction once again, and Vivian runs away fast from Brooks. Brooks, however, hearing about Will's death, is determined to re-enter

Vivian's life, for as successful as he is, he has never stopped loving Vivian, and even though he has a little girl now, he lives with her and there is no mom for her, as the woman who got pregnant wanted no children- so Brooks paid her off and kept his little girl. His daughter is the same age as Vivian's daughter and they wind up going to the same pre-school! Brooks and Vivian now decide they want to try again. And the kids are all for it!

Then the worst thing that can happen does, history repeats itself once again and Brooks is horrified when Vivian runs away again with her children in tow. However this time Brooks is not willing to take no for an answer, after getting to have Vivian in his life again! He is not willing to lose the only woman he has ever loved and now is acting as a wonderful mother to his little girl. Brooks will not let Vivian go ever again-she is his "Clover".

What will happen? Will Brooks finally open up and tell Vivian why he ran all those years ago? Will Vivian be able to forgive Brooks one more time? What is this secret that has disrupted both of their lives? Is it strong enough to keep them apart for good this time?

This book was well written and the plot was good and there was no way you could see what was going to happen. The book is filled with rich characters we get to meet and will hopefully see in other books. But most of all this book asks the question - do people deserve a second chance at love with the same person years down the line? Can they pick up where they left off and be better people for each other?

Read this book-you will be glad you did! I gave this book 5***** stars and look forward to reading more by this author!

Aubrie Brown says

Forgive Us Our Trespasses. This book immediately caught my attention based on its title. I am a Catholic so I recognised The Lords Prayer in these three different title. And it was a book I greatly enjoyed. Vivian had endured so much heartbreak. From losing her dad, to losing Brooks to losing her husband Will. I swear my heart broke along with hers, and tears were shed too. But I understood how losing the most important people to you will make you appreciate life more. And that everything happens for a reason, as Our Father preached. Which is why Brooks came back into the picture and formed his family with Vivian. This was a beautiful book and one too special to remain contained. It's the type to be shared and appreciated and made into a valuable life lesson. Amazing book. Loved it so much.

Amber says

Forgive Us Our Trespasses is a deeply moving and sincerely breathtaking journey into crushing pain and mind-numbing bliss that will leave your head spinning and your heart fighting to survive. What you find within these pages is a story that will sweep you away into a beautifully heart-wrenching world that shines so brightly amid the deep, dark patches of pain and regret the permeate it. There can't be light without darkness and without darkness we can never truly appreciate the warmth and joy that the light brings. You will willingly lose yourself within this book, and you won't ever want to turn away from the incredible characters and their wondrously limitless capacity for love and strength. Don't close your heart to the breathless anticipation and indescribably love that is bursting at the seams to overflow right into you.

Vivian was dealt a crushing blow at a very young age. She learned early in life that if you want to survive

you have to lock your heart away in a steel fortress that no one can reach. Upon entering college, she never expected to face her deepest fears as they relentlessly stare her in the face each day. Even worse, they come in the handsome and determined form of Brooks. He is not one to back down from what he wants, and he wants Vivan. She intrigues him and touches him on a level that no one ever has. As his world shifts in meeting and getting to know Vivian, he discovers that he is helpless in holding back his own heart from her. Will an unknown force from Brooks past force him to push Vivian away in order to protect her, or will he refuse to allow others to control the life he is determined to build?

Walking this beautifully broken yet love filled path with Vivan, I felt such a tremendous amount of privilege and awe. She is an incredible character that has limitless amounts of inner strength and such a huge capacity for love. She is so much more than she thinks, and Brooks and her friends are determined to show her just how wonderful she is. More than that, this amazing group of friends are fiercely protective and will do just about anything to see that they each find and keep the happiness and love that they need. This story tugged in my heartstrings so hard, but I just couldn't put it down. I had to see it through to the end, and I was so happy that I did. This is an unforgettable story that will live within your heart for a long time to come.

M.L. Steinbrunn has birthed a true masterpiece that is carefully and meticulously crafted by the heart every step of the way. She shook my world apart and then pieced it together gently and precisely with hands of hope and love. When the heart truly opens to another nothing is impossible or off limits. Boundaries will be crossed and new thresholds will be discovered. What other see as ridiculous or unfathomable will become the normal and the perfect to you. Don't dismiss the power and the reach of the heart for it is the difference between what could have been and what will be.

Mitchii says

I couldn't make up my mind with this one. On one hand, I liked that the story didn't blow out of proportion and despite the drama it wasn't overly sensationalized. The girl didn't wallow after the break up and she ended up marrying the guy who actually decent than the other (in my humble opinion of course). But the story kicked him to the curb paving way to her one true *lurve* but then I found out his connection to the guy that did her family wrong.

But on the other, the story was bit flat to me. I don't hate the characters, I don't despise the drama and I don't think the romance was that bad either. It was all ok. Fine. Flat. Hardly memorable. But it was enjoyable in spite the length so that says something... positive.

Ashley Jasper says

I won this book during a takeover but didn't read what it was about before I started it. I wasn't expecting to get so invested in the story so early but that prologue gutted me and kept me flipping the pages.

Forgive Us Our Trespasses follows the story of Vivian. We first meet her as a hopeful and outgoing young girl. Then tragedy strikes and changes her. Flash forward and Vivian is starting college. She is reserved yet ready to make the most of her college experience. I loved her shy self confidence and quick wit. She knew what she would and would not stand for. However when she crosses paths with her neighbor all bets are off. Enter Brooks. He is everything Vivian isn't; bold, outgoing, flirtatious and unafraid to go after what he

wants. He doesn't know what it is about her but he feels a pull towards Vivian that he wants to explore. I loved how they opened up to one another. Unfortunately, after the big revelation, Brooks pulls a shocker.

Flash forward another few years, Vivian is married to someone else and has two children. She has moved on but not forgotten the hurt of her past. When tragedy befalls her once again she decides that it is time to live a better life for herself and her children. I wanted to fly into my kindle and console this woman who had lost so much. Thankfully, her friends and sister are there to help. All of those ladies, everyone from Jen to Campbell provided the humor and lightness to balance out the heartache. Vivian's babies, Emma and Blake were another bright spot. Their innocence and unconditional love were the right touch to bring out a softer side of Vivian.

When fate intervenes once again, Vivian is brought face to face with the man who changed her life, Brooks. From here the story really takes off. The rekindling of their friendship and then their romantic relationship was gradual and inevitable. Of course life happens to them once again and forces Vivian to make a tough choice. Does she finally let go of the chain that is holding her to her past and move on or does she carry the burden? Brooks was great in the second half of the book. His big, kind and selfless gestures proved how much he cared for Vivian. All I can say about the ending is, full circle.

Amazeballs Book Addicts says

What can I say about this book? Just from looking at the title and book cover I was intrigued. "Forgive Us Our Trespasses" sounds so bleak, right? Well I can tell you that this book will surprise you.

The main character, Vivian, loses her father to a tragic accident when she is five years old, and that leaves her guarded about getting close to anyone for any reason. ML Steinbrunn had me crying in the prologue. THE PROLOGUE!! And I can say just how rare that is for me... to cry over a book for anything, much less during the first pages of the book. Steinbrunn's telling of Viv's loss of her father as a child... *tears*.

As she enters college she is determined to leave the past behind and re-invent herself in another town across the state from home. She has three roommates with whom she forms a close friendship immediately. And then she meets Brooks. Oh, Brooks.... the playboy. For some reason they are both attracted to one another and can not deny it. He is everything she knows she must avoid, but can't help but want. She is everything he never thought he wanted and thinks he doesn't deserve. Sounds cliché, right? Maybe it is, but what I really liked about this book is that you don't have the typical responses to it. She doesn't run, and he doesn't treat her like crap. After some misunderstandings, Viv and Brooks finally face their feelings for each other and begin a great relationship. And can I say just how much I love them? They take their past issues and actually talk about it. They both work through their issues with what happened to their fathers together. Their connection they have is rare, and they are stronger together than they are apart. Until something happens that causes Brooks to break Vivian's heart... as well as his own And can I say I was pissed as hell! It was one of those "ON NO SHE DID'NT!" moments that made you want to hit something. It broke my heart.

Skip forward ten years later.... Viv is married....and comfortable. Until tragedy strikes and brings Brooks back into her life... and let me say: THANK.THE.BLOODY.COCONUTS! Old connections are still there and things feelings are stronger than before... but will the past and its secrets tear them apart, or bring them together? You'll have to read it for yourself because - I'll never tell! ;)

And M.L. Steinbrunn..... I want more of Lakin and Cam.... ;)

Anny hernandez says

***** I was provide a copy by the Author/Publisher for an honest review *****

First let me just say that this is the first book that I read from this author.

O.M.G. I just finish reading this book, and I love it, this is a story about second chance, in this book their is heart broken, Losses, and more Losses, their is also happy time, I love the characters and love how the book end it, this book had me crying in some part and mad in other part but I love every single minute of it. I am gone keep this short since I don't want to give anything away.

The story begging with Vivian when she just five years old, her father was opening up a store on the night of the day of the opening Vivian receive the worst news that a five year could get. That was the night that she promise her self that she wont let anyone get closed to her.

Years later pass by and she is starting collage away from her home town, on the first night with her roommate they felt sleep watching movie, they walk up with two stranger sleep on their bed, that's when she met the sexy hunk of Brooks and his friend and roommate Will. Few months past by and Vivian and Brook became closed that they felt in love, but everything change the day that they found out more in formation about Vivian fathers, after that day after the break Vivian notice that Brooks had being acting different, when she went to talk to Brook she got a surprise and end up with a broken hart.

Few years had pass by now Vivian is married with two kids, but once again her life change again and she find her self moving back to the city, on the night of the university reunion she end up seen Brooks again for the first time in ten years, that night she told him everything that she couldn't ten years ago, but when her best friend made a confession what she found out change her life again, but this time she made her self a promise to fight for the love that she has for brook.

I love it how you could get to read it from both point of view, and you get to read the why Brooks broke her heart ten years ago, love it how he still love her from the first day that he met her. I really enjoy and love reading this book, author M.L. Steinbrunn THANK YOU for introducing me to this awesome characters and this amazing book love it.

Peggy says

After a 5 year old girl's father is murdered, she vows to never allow anyone to get close to her again because the pain of losing someone is too much to bear. This book picks up 13 years later when she begins college. She will make new friends and meet the one man who could finally teach her to love again or destroy her emotionally. Ms. Steinbrunn has written a beautiful story of growing up, loving, and forgiving. He storyline is wonderfully developed with delightful characters and excellent dialogue.

I truly enjoyed this book. My emotions were pulled from one extreme to another...I laughed, cried, became frustrated with the characters, and cheered when they "got it right". The love in this book is deep and abiding among both friends and lovers. This is just a sweet, beautiful story that will touch the heart and soul of all who read it. I recommend this book for all adults 18 years of age and older because there is some sexual material (that is not explicit or graphic at all). I am awarding this book 4.5 stars.

I beta read this book prior to publication in exchange for a fair and honest review.

