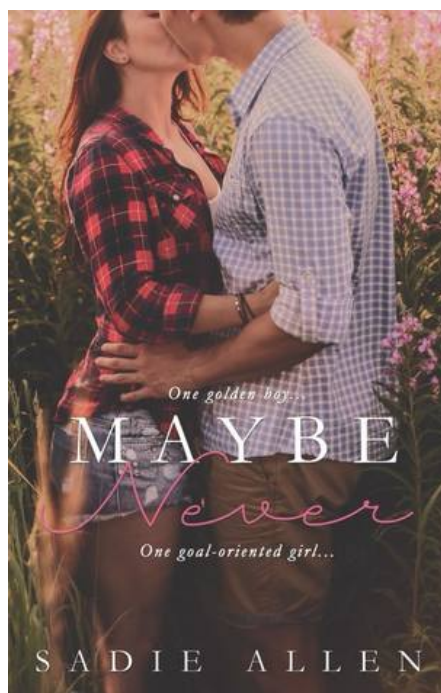




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One golden boy...

Judd Jackson had it all—star football player with a college scholarship, perfect family, tons of friends, and a beautiful girlfriend. He was the most popular guy in town ... until a family secret burned it all to the ground. Now, he's the object of scorn and ridicule, and the only thing he has left is his scholarship and counting down the days until he can leave town.

One goal-oriented girl...

Sunny Blackfox was alone in the world, but she had big plans and big dreams to keep her occupied. She didn't have time for anyone in her life. That was, until she came to the rescue of the boy she always had a thing for.

They have everything going against them, but maybe, if they are lucky, they will make it out of town after graduation together ... or maybe never.

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Carol*BeautyandtheBeastlyBooks** says

2.5 stars

*** ARC received in exchange of an honest opinion***

Unfortunately book didn't grab my attention, just the opposite, in fact. It bored me.

There were a LOT of cliches and they weren't made in a way that made me like them.

There were also some "fresh" subjects, like Jude's father scandal. But that was handled so superficially that instead of adding angst to the story and some good drama, it made it boring and unreal. I expected at least some resolving after the whole book, some closure.

Maybe Never was an unbelievable story for me and nothing in it felt real, unfortunately.

The writing wasn't that bad, but I feel like that waa the wrong plotting for this book.

Poulami says

Originally posted on Daydreaming Books. Head over to my blog to read an interview with the author herself!

I received an eARC of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

This book was so much more than I expected and it definitely didn't disappoint. I fell in love with this story and I enjoyed the ride till the very end.

Judd Jackson had it all, from college scholarship to best friends and a hot girlfriend. But everything goes down in drain when one of his family secrets is revealed and he becomes their new target of bullying until Sunny comes into the picture. She always had a thing for Judd and when they are made class partner, an unlikely friendship forms between the two which escalates into something more they both can't deny.

I really enjoyed the plot. **The story was pretty engaging right from the start and I couldn't put this book down!** After a family secret gets revealed, Judd becomes an outcast and the subject of bullying from his very own friends and girlfriend. I really hated how he was treated for something that was not even his fault which revealed how superficial his friends were.

"You only really knew who your true friends were when you were at your lowest with nothing to offer. After the smoke cleared, that was when you finally saw who was left standing beside you."

I liked Judd, he was a great guy but I wished he stood up more for himself. His anger with his father's situation was just but I wished we got to learn a bit more about it but **I felt satisfied with the ending.** Anyway, I loved Sunny! She was upfront and didn't take any shit from people. When she chose Judd's side, it

did bring her a lot of trouble but I was glad she didn't back up from them.

The chemistry between Judd and Sunny was pretty great, their relationship developed slowly and I fell in love with their romance! **Those two were definitely not devoid of flaws but together, they were perfect.** I really enjoyed Molly's character, she was a great best friend and I definitely can't rule out Sally, she was a great parent figure for her. But the one character that I truly hated was Sunny's dad, I'm so glad he got the deserved punishment for what he did.

Overall, Maybe Never was a great read! The plot was executed neatly and I fell in love with the characters. I really enjoyed the romance between Judd and Sally and I couldn't stop myself from wanting more. The **writing was smooth** and beautiful and the **pace was even** throughout the book. I am absolutely keeping my eyes out for the next book by this author!

Recommend it?

Yes!

Farah says

This is a wonderful story, definitely one of the best I have read this year.

Sunny Blackfox lost her family to death and alcohol, she lived in a well loved trailer owned by her beloved grandmother. Although she was basically alone except for her best friend / neighbor and her boss, Sunny was one of the strongest heroine I have ever read. She studied, she worked, she cooked, she baked and she planned for a brighter future for herself.

Although her father abandoned her, she did not have daddy issue and did not need anyone to fulfill her loneliness, as I mentioned above, she kept herself busy. She was called names because of her alcoholic dad+ where she lived but that did not stop her from coming to Judd Jackson's rescue.

Judd Jackson was one of the popular kids due to his talent on the football field + having a dad, an ex football player turned coach. The popularity came to an end when his father decided to be what he wanted to be which was unacceptable in the small town where they lived. Judd had a rough time, harassed by the same people he used to be friends with, his mum started an affair with wine, no one was talking to him at school, he was all alone until Sunny could not take it anymore and began defending and healing him.

This story is perfect, I am in L.O.V.E with Sunny Blackfox, Judd was great too.

Oh ya, Sunny can cook+bake too, how can I resist her?

Please spend your precious time with Sunny and Judd. They warmed my heart, hope they'll do the same to yours

Psychotic Chipmunk says

Finding your feet in your teens is hard. It's even harder in a small town, when you don't quite fit in. Judd and Sunny find out what it means to find your feet when someone's willing to hold your hand.

These two may have started their high school experiences in very different places, but the end is the same... on the outside. And sometimes the outside is where you find yourself. Sadie Allen introduces us to Judd when he's been on the outside for a while, but still hasn't accepted it, not really. He doesn't fully accept it until the one person willing to hold his hand on the outside, figuratively pulls him up, dusts him off, and he finally sees he isn't alone.

Anyone whose been on the outside looking in, will find themselves in these two. And the prom ask will make you smile... I won't say anything else. Read it, you'll fall in love.

Λ?να Θωμ?ρη says

Why am I late read this book?!?!

It was sooo good. I just love it the story of Judd and Sunny. It has all the things that I like to read in a book. Such as romance, tragic and drama moments, funny moments and the writing was so realistic.

4 (not maybe) stars !!!

Kahea says

5 'Teenage Yoda' Stars

The cover was what drew me in and after reading the description my curiosity got the better of me and I needed to find out what this book was all about and I'm happy I took a chance on it. From the first page I was hooked and had a difficult time putting it down. This sweet romance brought out all the feels as Judd and Sunny navigated their way through the fallout from a secret that tore Judd's family apart.

Sunny's life hasn't been easy, but with the love and support of her tight knit circle she has thrived and is determined to see her dreams become reality. I absolutely adored Sunny. I think I want to be her when I grow up. She has a good heart, a good head on her shoulders and stood up for herself and others when necessary, but did it in such a way that I couldn't help but admire because it was about doing the right thing and showing strength, but trying to draw attention to herself. And though she is 18 and has the insecurities and doubts that come with it, she was much more mature and aware than many around her.

Judd has been the golden boy all his life and has always been apart of the popular crowd, until a secret is unceremoniously revealed and everything he knew came crashing down around him. My heart hurt for Judd and how people were treating him. The secret wasn't his, but he ended up being everyone's punching bag. What I admired about his was how he dealt with all the crap, it wasn't easy but he kept his head and focus on his future. What endeared him to me and then morphed into adoration was that while he was popular he hadn't been an asshat, simply clueless to those around him. He was happy in his little bubble and didn't think further than that. But with all that gone he took a hard look at himself, acknowledged his shortsightedness and worked at becoming a better person.

I loved watching Sunny and Judd's relationship evolve as they went from strangers to friends to a couple and the entire process felt natural. They got to know each other and became each others rocks in a world that wasn't treating either of them kindly. What I enjoyed the most was how Sunny's strength and sense of self ended up helping Judd work through his own issues and shift his perception of himself and his current situation. Their romance is very much on the sweet end of the spectrum and I think it was the perfect fit for them. That isn't to say that sex isn't mentioned or alluded to, we are dealing with teenagers with raging hormones after all, it's just not the focus of their relationship. I liked where they are at when the book ended, but I can't deny that I wanted more time with them and see where the road took them as they drove off into the sunset.

This was my first read by Sadie Allen and I really enjoyed it. It was engaging, well paced and I really enjoyed the dual 1st person POV's. I liked that we got the more transitioning to the adult side of the YA/NA genre with Judd and Sunny than being mired in young/new side of it and all that tends to come with it. There were a couple of twists tossed into the story that surprised me, but they all made sense and gave more depth to the characters and the story. So, if you're looking for a sweet and quick read with heart and characters you can get behind and fall in love with give this one a try!

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Annika says

Yep. This was exactly what I needed after my latest disappointing reading experience.

A story full of tenderness and light-heartedness, featuring a cast of well fleshed-out characters, most notably this amazing, amazing - did I say amazing? - young heroine. It's hard to find one of those in the YA/NA genre.

The romance felt genuine and real, even though it was quite cheesy at times. But that's what first love is, right?

This book deals with sensitive topics such as bullying, racism, conservative intolerance and sexual orientation, but in a way that makes it easy to digest.

Also, I loved Sadie Allen's choice of family scandal (can't say I've read about that one before).

If you're in the mood for a sweet, compelling, easy yet surprisingly profound read with loveable lead characters, you should really check this one out.

ARC provided by the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Fanna says

This was fine. The story is particularly good for the romance that the two protagonists, Sunny and Judd shared, especially the way it gradually went uphill and wasn't instant. Other than that, the story fell flat to me for most of the parts.

Both, Sunny and Judd, are outcasts with their own problems to tackle. However, they find their best support in one another and often in themselves, which I definitely liked. Sunny had a granny who passed away, a mother who died at the time of her birth, and a drunkard of a father who gets violent with her. Judd, though, was the star of the school—popular and handsome—but the one decision his father made, to be a transgender, changed his life. The two plot lines were interesting, no doubt, but the way it was all dragged with a bit too much drama, made it annoying.

Also, while the entire world around Judd is judging his father for running away from his house, he also does

the same. Like why? I mean, the story started off on the wrong foot for me when even Judd looks down upon his father's choice and blames him for the *embarrassment* that he and his mother has to go through. I would've preferred a protagonist who would've not judged his Dad and instead stood up for himself.

Disclaimer: I received a digital copy of this book via Netgalley but that in no way influences my rating and/or opinions about it. Thank you Saddle Allen!

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Angel - Angel Reads says

I received a copy of Maybe Never by Sadie Allen from InkSlinger PR in exchange for an honest review. This has in no way influenced my thoughts and feelings about the book.

I had never heard about, but when I read the synopsis and I was intrigued. I am always interested in when two very different people fall for each other. And that is what I was expecting from Maybe Never and I got it – sorta.

Maybe Never follows protagonist Sunny Blackfox and Judd Jackson, two very different people in a small town, and both outcasts in different ways. Sunny is counting down the days till she can get out her town. She feels alone and all she wants to do is get away. Judd has had his life turned on his head and he doesn't know what to make of it. He has lost all his friends and the town has turned their back on his family. He feels alone and all he wants to do is leave.

When Sunny and Judd come are trust together for a school assessment things start to change and before they know, they are leaning on each other and maybe they don't feel so alone anymore – but hey, life is never that easy.

Sunny was an interesting protagonist. Like most contemporary YA novel she is the outcast. But, on this occasion I really enjoy it. I loved Sunny's determination and her fight to get out of this town. She works so hard and has to deal with so much, and yet she is so strong.

Judd was harder to like. At times he was quite judgemental and in a sense, I understand why in a way – but it could hurt some people. Judd has gone from top shot – to someone who those people pick on. He has lost everything and it's hurting him, even if he doesn't admit it. He has no friends, so when he starts talking to Sunny there is this instant connection.

The romance in Maybe Never was a hit and miss for me. I really enjoyed parts of it and then there were things that just didn't sit right. Firstly, I didn't like how fast it moved or how fast it seemed to move. In saying that, I loved how natural the romance is, how they fall so easily with each other.

There wasn't many good friendships in Maybe Never and that did make me dislike the book more. I like good friendships and it just lacked. I wanted something that Sunny and Judd can hold onto, but it fell through. Although they find friendship with one another – it just wasn't the same for me.

I also didn't like that there was too much drama. I felt that I was going in circles. Something would be resolved and then bang, another thing comes their way. It was a never ending cycle and I just wanted to take a breath for a while.

One thing that made me really enjoy the book was the diversity. Firstly, just let me say, I don't know how well it was done, so I could be totally wrong here. Maybe Never features a Native American protagonist. I don't know if Sunny is half Native American or not, it wasn't exactly clear on that account. But her father is Native American and I really enjoy that aspect of the book. Judd's father is also transgender. There is a lot of hate towards his family because of this and it's heartbreaking. The only thing that did tick me off was that we didn't know if the father was transgender or just dressed as drag. It was kind of hinted at times. But, didn't really get explained until the end.

Overall, Maybe Never is an okay read. It's not going to be forever and I won't recommend for everyone. But, I will say that if you enjoy contemporary and like to see something a little different then this book is for you. Maybe Never explores the notion of first love, friendship, family and finding yourself. It's about trying to fit in where you don't really belong and then learning to stand on your own. It's an adventure with a cute romance and hard cutting issues.

Adele says

A huge Thank You to Sadie Allen via Netgalley, for allowing me to read Maybe Never by Sadie Allen.

Trigger Warning:

Bullying as a result of having a trans-parent.

Alcoholic Parents

Physical Abuse

Sexual Assault

Gun Violence & Attempted Murder

I was drawn to Maybe Never because of the truly pretty cover.

What I received was two characters who, unbeknownst to them, would be huge parts of each others lives in just short days. What I received, was, two characters who have difficult lives in the small-minded town where they live.

There are two different points of view within Maybe Never.

The first and the one we read from the most is Judd. Judd is an honestly an all around great guy. I won't say much more since I don't want to spoil anything. I'm glad that the majority of the story is told in Judd's point of view since quite a few YA Romance's are told in a female's point of view if the story isn't a heterosexual romance.

The second point of view that we read from is Sunny. Sunny's point of view is very much appreciated. Sunny brings a certain light to the story that would otherwise be very dark without. Sunny is such an emotionally strong character. I mean, she has to be, in her situation, otherwise she'd break. Sunny is the kind of girl who'd stand up for someone if no one else does/did.

Both Judd's and Sunny's story are complicated. They come from opposite sides of the tracks, and frankly if

they didn't fall in together they could have had VERY different stories. Together, they tell the story of falling in love with each other.

What I liked about Maybe Never was not only their individual stories, and their story together as a whole, but, I love the fact that Judd respected Sunny's view point on sex and didn't pressure her at all. I also like the fact that Judd and Sunny's lives weren't dumped on us at the beginning. Information about them was more of a slow-release, which kept me interested in the story.

Most of all, what I liked about this novel was that there were verbal admissions of being wrong, that there was talk about consent. That there were multiple times where the "bad guys" could have won, but the characters took control of themselves and didn't let what happened to them affect their relationship.

A great thing about Maybe Never is that out of the one prediction I had made, only part of it came true.

Overall, I genuinely loved this book. I'm very happy with how Judd and Sunny's stories have turned out!

Kristin Campbell says

Oh, the feels! Maybe Never tells the story of Judd, who goes from being the popular kid that everyone wants to be or date to completely ostracized by his friends and the town. Right from the start, I wanted to reach through the pages and hug him. Nothing was his fault, yet he was the one everyone picked on and humiliated ... like he hadn't already been humiliated enough. Poor Judd. :(

Then there is Sunny, who is so brave and smart; a girl who has her life planned out and is well put together. Sunny is the girl all other girls should exemplify. However, she has been through a lot to become the strong person she is.

There are some controversial topics discussed in the book, stigmas that come from a small town, and family dynamics that would crush a normal kid. It's truly a story that will touch you deeply and isn't soon to be forgotten. It's a story about strength and overcoming prejudice. A story about right and wrong, justice, and of course love.

AJ says

4 stars!

This is a gorgeously written mature YA book - an emotional, dramatic and romantic story that deals with some pretty heavy themes, but that is also sweet, funny and uplifting. This book captivated me from start to finish, and I loved it!

Judd Jackson was the golden boy who had it all – quarterback with a college scholarship, good looks, popularity, best friends and a hot girlfriend. But a family secret ruined it all, and now, through no fault of his own, he is an outcast who is subjected to strange looks from total strangers and daily ridicule by the people he used to call his friends.

You only really knew who your true friends were when you were at your lowest with nothing to offer. After the smoke cleared, that was when you finally saw who was left standing beside you. Unfortunately for me, I found myself alone when everything had been said and done.

Judd is existing for the day that he can finally leave town for good and start over... and then along comes Sunny Blackfox.

Sunny is quiet and a bit of a loner. She is also all alone and has been through so much in her short life, but she is hanging in there waiting for graduation so that she can get out of town and attend culinary school and make her dreams come true. Sunny had crushed on Judd from afar for most of her childhood, but like most of the people she attended school with, he never really noticed her. But when they are paired up for a school assignment, and she sticks up for him against the people that are making his life miserable, he suddenly starts to pay attention.

I didn't know whether I wanted to laugh or cry because of this girl.

She was like a teenage Yoda, I could swear.

Judd and Sunny have a beautiful, beautiful relationship. Both considered outcasts, they quickly become friends, and feelings soon develop as they begin to spend time together. Both of them have been beaten down by life, but while Judd has taken the 'head in the sand' stance, planning to ignore it all until he can leave, Sunny is bold and brave. She fights back, determined to protect herself and Judd from those that would tear them down, and she teaches him so much about standing up for himself. She's a wonderfully positive girl who is strong, brave and resilient with a great sense of humour and I absolutely loved her!

The development of their love story is easy, natural, and so, so sweet! Judd may have been brought low but he still has a spark to him, and I loved the confidence that he had in flirting with Sunny mixed with the vulnerability that he felt knowing that she was something special and wanting to do right by her. Neither of them have experienced feelings like the ones they have for each other, and watching them fall was absolutely gorgeous!

*I looked down into her beautiful face, cataloguing every feature: her dark, fathomless eyes; her smooth, soft-looking skin; and her full lips. I never stood a chance.
As I studied her, her eyes searched mine, and then she bit her lip, and I was gone.*

But as much as Judd and Sunny want to be together, real life and the dark characters in their lives are determined to get in the way. They battle against violence, brutality, neglectful parents, vicious schoolmates, and pure circumstance as they count down the weeks until they can get away. And their battle to stand strong in spite of it all will be the fight of their very lives.

I love a really well written romantic YA drama, and that is exactly what this book is. Allen sucked me in from the very beginning with her beautifully descriptive storytelling – from the town to the people who inhabit it, and of course Judd and Sunny. I fell in love with both of them individually and I couldn't get enough of either of them. Their stories are truly heartbreaking, but I loved watching them find something so special together.

As long as he looked at me with that soft, sweet look offering me his hand, I would follow him anywhere.

Their story is tragic yet beautifully heartwarming. The drama is pretty intense at times but it's balanced well with lighter, sweet moments that made me smile, and though their journey is a difficult one, I loved watching it all play out.

This is my first book by Sadie Allen and I'm definitely looking forward to reading more of her work in the future (I'm especially hoping for a book for Sunny's best friend Molly)

I loved this one – 4 stars.

An Advanced Review Copy was generously provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Lin says

Alright I will just jump into this and pour my feelings about this book.

Let me tell you, I really did enjoy this, but there was that something that felt short and lacking about the story and I cannot quite put my finger on it...

I loved the diversity, we had a strong female character that stood her ground and was mature for her age. A native American (of half native America was not very clear), a transgender father, a "pretty boy" that struggles to survive his high school and his degrading relationship with his alcoholic mother. Extreme bullying and of course love story.

The story could have been much better if some of the topics in it were more developed and not just superficially placed there just to make the plot running. It had potential that for me was not used at its best.

Towards the end of the book was the downhill for me, everything felt rushed, Judd and Sunny at some point started to act out of character, and it made me really annoyed because I was left with the impression that they both were mature and then BAM! there goes your maturity.. I do not want to spoil anything, therefore cannot talk much in details, but why did we focused more on Sunny's daddy issues instead of Judd's? I wanted to get to know him better know his past, his pain from his dad abandoning them especially after knowing that he is transgender, this is not a spoiler you get to know about this at the first chapter of the book.

Also the fact that there were some grammatical errors just drove me nuts (I am not a native English speaker and by no means I claim to be a good one, but there were mistakes that a toddler would have noticed) and then the repetition of one phrase made me facepalm more than once: "I let out a breath I hadn't realized I had been holding." mm yep I will have this phrase lingering on my mind for a bit now...

Another thing that bothered me a lot and made me give it 3 stars instead of 3.5 was the hospital scene and what followed afterwards was just a mess and chaos for me. I felt let down and rushed and a bit disappointed.

Overall I still recommend it, I just wished it was executed a little bit better and more in depth.

Tiffany Heywood says

I received this book from netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

I really enjoyed this book and flew through it to the point where i had no clue what time it was all i knew was i couldn't stop reading. I loved that the story was told in two points of view from both Judd and Sunny. I liked that they both had problems with their families but together they could forget everything and focus on their future. Their friendship turn romance was genuine and I'm so happy that they found and cared for each other and no matter what was thrown at them they overcome it together. I did feel for sunny as she seemed to be the one who had the bad stuff happen to her over again. This book deals with many sensitive topics in our society including: bullying, racism, conservative intolerance and sexual orientation. I really enjoyed the ending and glad tahat the main characters got the peace that they deserved. I gave this book 5 stars as i loved it!

Natalie Hughes says

Really enjoyed this read. It's is my first book by this author and I definitely had all the feels reading it. Judd was the all American teenager. On the football team, scholarship, friends, girls and hot girlfriend. His dad is even the teams coach, that is, until his Dad is discovered to be hiding a bit of a scandalous secret. After up and leaving Judd and his mom are left with the fall-out and oh how the mighty fall. Judd goes from popular to being ostracised and bullied by his ex best friend and ex girlfriend.

The most unlikely person steps up and stands up for him and suddenly he isn't so alone anymore. Sunny has problems of her own with her father being the town drunk so she knows what it's like to have people talk behind your back. She steps up and defends Judd just when he needs it. This story really was well written and kept me turning the page to see what would happen next. It really showed how cruel teenagers can be and how you really do not know your true friends till you are at your lowest point.

Looking forward to more from this Author.
