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Francesca says

This book has gone the way of recent YA and NA novels such as *The Coincidence of Callie and Kayden* and *Hopeless* - where the guy and the girl have an equally messed up past, overcome their personal demons and find comfort and love in each other. It was a good read for this genre – I liked it more than *Hopeless* but not as much as *The Coincidence of Callie and Kayden* or *The Sea of Tranquility*.

I liked seeing Mason and Hope's relationship develop. Hope is a bit of a bad ass. I love how she managed to kick a few guys' asses – so refreshing to see a girl accomplish that. While Mason is a bit of a pussy in my opinion. I didn't like the fact he was so easily willing to put up with Hope's shit. And I don't mean emotional shit since that is acceptable given what she went through. I'm referring to things she did that were just pure bitchiness (view spoiler).

The other thing that bugged me was the instalove – Hope and Mason knew each other for a day and were suddenly obsessed with one another.

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This was literally their second or third time hanging out. I know Hope was being somewhat facetious when she said this but it just seemed too fast to be realistic to me. I hate instalove almost as much as love triangles.

But then there was Guy – who almost made up for everything I didn't like about this book. Guy is Hope's step-brother/cousin/best friend. He was hilarious and so refreshing.

"Way too much information, Guy. Seriously." Hope shakes her head, laughing. "So, what are you doing today?"

"I got plans," Guys says.

"What? With who?"

He smiles. "With Samuel. I'm meeting him for a movie."

"That dude you Skype with all the time?"

Guy nods excitedly.

"Ew. You aren't seeing a movie. You're hooking up with him in a movie theater. What is your obsession with public oral sex?"

I raise a brow. Yeah, too much info, for real.

Guy chuckles. "Well you have seen him, right?"

"Yes, and he is cute, but can't he come here or you there?"

"You are totally asking me to make a joke with that statement," I say.

Guy laughs. "Don't worry Hope; I'll make sure he comes lots of places."

If Guy were real, I'd totally want him as a best friend. And if he were given his own story, I would snap it up in a heartbeat.

Overall, this wasn't too bad of a read - more predictable than anything. While there were certain parts I didn't like, it definitely kept me entertained.

†† ?aisy ♡ †† says

I am seriously messed up

That's Hope! She is broken from child, and her childhood memories affects her until today. They ain't very pretty ones. She finds herself cutting from the release.

Enters, Mason, our hero. He is just so adorable. Their journey is beautiful. It started slow, picked up to intense, then it was BAM!!! I really enjoyed this story.

Do you still want to kiss me?
More than ever.
Kiss me.

I don't know why I want him. Need him.
I want you to be with me. Just me. Like your boyfriend.
We're official.
You can sink your teeth into me anytime you want. I'm all yours.
I was promised shamrock boxers. Are you going to deliver?
You're fucking awesome, Mason Patel and I'm grateful you're mine.

There so many sweet moments between *swoons* Mason is one hot, adorable, caring, romantic boy!!

I can't wait for Parker's story, I do feel sorry for him when Hope breaks up with him... The connection happened with Mason, Hope felt alive!

My Mason

My Hope

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

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

Tabitha R says

Whew! This is the first book that I have read by this author. I am pleasantly surprised that I stumbled upon this book. It was well written without a dull moment. I was hooked from the first paragraph. It kept me turning each page until the very end. Cheryl McIntyre did a great job in approaching a taboo subject. And although at moments I was cringing she did a very realistic view and did it with taste.

Mason is constantly on the move with his mother and little brother. After a tragic accident took his father away from them his mother has problems with staying in one place for too long. Because of this Mason goes through his days not connecting with anyone and only reaches out through sex and anger. He's always fighting for the underdog and is so sweet it just makes you melt.

Finding herself in a foster home after her mother was killed in a car accident, Hope, is just like a M&M. Hard outer shell but soft on the inside. After suffering through a neglectful childhood with her mother she looks down at herself and feels that she will never be good enough. She only allows a select few close but keeps everyone else at arms length. Always in fear that someone will see her how she sees herself and leave her behind. She hides behind her vices.. Playing drums, writing lyrics, uses anger to hide her hurt, and..... Worst vice of all.. (Hidden from everyone but 1 person)... Self harming.

On Masons first day of school he glimpses Hope. Immediately he feels as though he is drawn to her. As he walking towards her he's startled to see this firecracker in a confrontation with a much larger guy and then proceeds to kick his ass. Never feeling this connection before he is determined to meet her. Unfortunately for him because of the fight she is suspended from school. Later that day Mason sees another student being harassed by a couple guys. Mason sticks up for this student, Guy, and they fast become friends. As luck

would have it he goes home with Guy only to find out that, Guys family fosters Hope and is also her BFF.

They both feel an immediate attraction toward each other. Hope is leery but Mason is relentless with his charm and sweetness and Hope finds herself falling for him. Given that they both have their issues and Hopes the biggest of them all it was a journey they both needed to begin. And what a journey it is. There was also great co characters and made the story even more complete.

I'd like to say their story was all sweetness but it just couldn't be that way. Was there sweet, melt your heart, I gotta get me a Mason moments??? Oh Yeah! Hopes character is going to (not gonna lie) piss you off. I realized that she had to be that way, thats what made up Hope. Warts and all. She's hung onto all the bad in her life and she struggles everyday. You're also going to like her, sympathize, root for her and pray that she sees the light. You're just gonna want to pick up Mason and put him in your pocket. But also scream at him why? Why? There are some hard truths in this book that may not sit well with others. Why doesn't anyone say anything? Why once the "vice" is out no one shouts from the rooftops for help. It's frustrating BUT it's also reality.. I don't want to do any spoilers so I won't get into it any more but wow..

I do hope there is a follow up book with some of the other characters.. Park, Guy, Chase, Kellen and even Annie I would love to know more of their stories... Hint Hint ;)

Overall great book that I ate up every sentence. I'll definitely be looking for more from this author!!

Jennifer says

A picture review....

The hair:

The bird:

The cookies:

The cutting:

The love:

Read this book...you won't regret it.

Tessamari ♥Many Waters...♥ ~ Sweet Spot Book Blog says

3.75-4 Stars

“I’m afraid that if I let myself feel the way I do about you, ugh, I’m so afraid you’ll realize what I am, and you’ll walk away. And it’ll hurt me.”

“What are you?” I hold my breath, waiting.

“Broken,” she murmurs.

This story reminded me a lot of Colleen Hoover’s *Hopeless*. So if you’re a fan of that story, you might want to hold off on reading this. Strange request, I know, but hear me out. I really liked this story, and maybe if I had read this first, I might’ve actually loved this. However, I’m still in a *Hopeless* funk and that story Wowed the frick out of me. This is a wonderful story in its own right. I just think I should’ve picked it up after some time off from my *Hopeless* high. Am I making any sense?

Anything could happen at any second. So why bother? Why bother meeting people? Making friends? Caring about someone? Falling in love? It’s just going to end. Taken away, ripped from my hands. Tore from my heart. ~ Hope

Hope is one messed up chick; seriously fucked up. She’s not your typical teenage girl. She’s got multicolored hair and her attitude is sometimes scary. She can seriously kick any guy’s ass. What isn’t well known about Hope is that she’s hiding a pretty dark secret. She’s got this whole laundry list of issues that I cannot even begin to divulge. Something happens to her in her past and believes that she is not worthy of love. She doesn’t do relationships. Even her boyfriend isn’t even a *boyfriend*. No labels, that’s too personal. However, when she meets Mason, how much longer could she hide behind her tough persona?

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It’s like I can breathe better. Stand taller. Smile easier. It’s ridiculous. I have this sinking feeling I’m going to regret this. That this boy is going to end up inflicting the worst pain I’ve ever felt.

I absolutely LOVE Mason Patel. Just an FYI, he made it onto my elite *ultimate book boyfriend* list. That’s saying something. Anyway, Mason is immediately drawn to Hope. He wants to get to know this girl who just kicked a jock’s ass. She is nothing like the girls he used to date, if you could even call his previous relationships “dating.” Hope is a tough cookie to crack, but he’s a patient man and sooner or later, Hope is going to crack. But when he finds out Hope’s secrets, how will he react?

I’m done counting the days. Now because of you I’m making the days count.

This really was a very good story, one I really liked, a lot. The author dealt with some seriously dark issues and handled it very well. The relationship between Mason and Hope is a beautiful one. It’s amazing when you find the one person who truly mattered and can change your life like that. Just beautiful. However, there were times where I wanted to smack some sense into Hope. How she treated Mason at times made me so angry at her. Plus the ending left me a little disappointed. No worries, it ends happily, but it felt just a little rushed. Anyway, I have no problems recommending this read, just go into it without certain expectations and with a little patience with Hope’s character.

Jenn says

Don't let the synopsis of this book fool you. It was much more of a book than I expected and nothing like I thought it would be. *Sometimes Never* is an emotionally layered story.

"I never thought I could love someone so much, but sometimes never is a distorted perception, because I continuously find myself falling deeper in love with her every day."

Hope is very messed up due to a horrible event in her early years of life. She finds a dangerous method to help her cope. She doesn't feel safe with others except her best friend Guy. For Hope, trust and love are very terrifying for her emotionally, physically and dangerous to her heart and defenses. Then Mason happens in to her life.

"Mason is my truck. I have no idea what happened, or how, or even why. I was just walking through life one day and, BAM. Mason smashed into me. Into my mind. My body. My heart. He's filled every fraction of me. Every minute, of every day, Mason is a part of me."

They very quickly start a friendship as they are drawn towards each other with attraction and maybe something a bit deeper. They realize how so alike they are in random ways which helps with their relationship as these two opposites strongly attract to each other.

"It's as if we were made for each other. Mason Patel is my counterpart. He is the eraser to my chalk. The milk to my cereal. The chocolate to my peanut butter. We were made for each other in cookie heaven."

I was never once put off when Mason relays his past to Hope. It's a part of what made him but its not what makes him once he meets Hope. He never uses it in anyway against her. It's not a topic that the author has the reader dwell over thankfully. Hope's issues take more precedence in this story. Mason is a bit messed up too, just in a different way than Hope.

Hope and Mason must over come obstacles in their path if they want to stay together. They need to learn to trust each other, love each other, and let their defensive walls down.

I like the cast of secondary characters. They were there as supporters and good friends. They made you want to care about them and their feelings. They made you want to know what happens to them down the road too. I hope a few of them get their own book.

For me I felt this book was about learning how to: cope, trust, figure out relationships and there different forms, love someone and oneself, and finally how to let go, move on, and free oneself of past demons.

"I'm done counting days. Now, because of you, I'm making days count."

Side note: I felt that the ending was a tad rushed. As for the epilogue, even though I loved it, it needed a little bit of clarification regarding the time line even though I think I have it all straightened out in my mind.

I will definitely read another book by this author in the future.

Aa'Ishah says

This. *This* was what I needed. A compelling contemporary with a heart-stopping romance and beautiful friendships. Granted, this was by no means a light read. It was dark and intense, which admittedly is the kind of book I usually go for. But aside from revelling in this side of the story, the pages of *Sometimes Never* are home to characters I fell head over heels in love with. Cheryl McIntyre has, without a doubt, made it onto my list of favourite authors.

Hope's life has been far from easy. She never knew her father, and her mother was uninterested in raising a daughter, instead either leaving the house unexpectedly or bringing home undesirable company. Then she died. For the past few years Hope's lived with a foster family, and while she's much better off than before, she still can't erase the pain and the scars that her past has inflicted on her. And love? Out of the question. Mason is now at his eighth school in five years, a result of his mother's constant desire to move. He's tired of not being able to stick around long enough to make proper friends, tired of having to leave places behind - especially his home of Illinois. He lets his temper get the best of him and uses girls as a way of trying to forget and to lose himself, but doesn't really believe in love.

And then they meet. And everything changes.

McIntyre deals with difficult issues in a very sensitive manner. Looking at the cover, it does kind of give the impression that this is perhaps something of a heavier read, but there is no specific mention of the topics that get brought up, leaving me surprised when I started reading. A lot of these stem from Hope's character. Hope has had some truly traumatic experiences, and because of that is a character completely and utterly broken. Both within the book and as a YA protagonist, she stands out from the crowd. Strangely enough, I felt almost no frustration with her character. I could see how much pain she was in, how she genuinely felt that she wasn't worthy of love and that she would destroy any kind of relationship she had, not realising that her friendships were relationships in themselves. Commitment is an absolute no-no for her, and that makes her almost oblivious to how differently other people might feel. She's also one hell of a fighter. She does struggle with herself quite a lot, and by the end of the book she's come a long way from where she was at the start. Not completely healed, but I think almost as much as possible for someone who's been through her experiences.

Now, if anyone were to ask me to name all my book boyfriends, it's safe to say we'd be here for...well, for a long while, let's just say. So what does it tell you when I say that Mason would be among the first names you hear? And he would be. Because he is honestly that amazing. This guy does nothing but help Hope and be there for her. He is just more sweet than I can describe. He makes mistakes, and then does his utmost to rectify them. The relationship he shares with his younger brother is also touching; these two don't fight and yell at each other. Mason is the responsible older brother who takes the time to do things with him, and you can see clearly that Kellin respects him. He gets along with his mother too - although this was a woman who had lost my respect by the end. She pulled a move that I was so scared would happen, and when I was proved right, I couldn't believe she would do such a thing. Yet somehow Mason has turned out to be a genuinely good guy, someone who stands up for what is right, makes his own choices, and refuses to go along with what others want him to do.

The secondary characters are brilliantly fleshed out as well. I can't even begin to tell you how much I adored the friendships in this book - between Mason, Hope, Guy, Chase, even Kellin and Misty. Guy is Hope's absolute best friend, and she's pretty tight with Chase as well; all three of them are part of a band, and Park is the fourth. Out of the secondary characters, Guy was by far my favourite. I loved him. Completely. He's been there for Hope ever since her mother died, and he understands her like no-one else does. At the same time, he says his mind. But even though he's my favourite, I love Chase too. I'm a little mixed with Park. On the one hand, I can see where he's coming from, but at the same time he does something that's pretty unforgivable.

I adored this book. Pure and simple. It's so clear that Cheryl McIntyre knows every single one of her characters back to front, inside and out. And every single relationship in here, whether it's familial, platonic, romantic, loving, indifferent, painful - *every single one* of them is deep, layered, expertly written. *Sometimes Never* is all about the characters and their struggles to move on in their lives and, without fully realising it, this is what I needed to read. And if this review has made even one of you add it to your TBR, I feel like I've accomplished something. Because this is a book that deserves to be read.

This review is also posted on my blog.

Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

I really liked this book, the characters and their dialogue were so fun. I want a Mason!

Sanny says

"But Sometimes never is a distorted perception."

I'm so in love with this one. So here you go, my love declaration for "Sometimes Never":

Yes, it was a little rough around the edges with some minor spelling and grammar mistakes and the occasional awkward sentence structure but it reminded me so much about being in love for the first and my first boyfriend that I didn't even care about falling in love way too fast.

I loved Hope Love, apart from her name being the shit, she is truly awesome. I like her "random" personality with these little quirks and ticks. She certainly could act like a bitch as well but all in all she was amazing. I adored her character even when I wanted to slap her, although her past more than explains her erratic behavior at times. And don't get me started on her candy addiction and mushroom allergy (damn fungus :D).

Mason... *sigh* he's is made of awesome. So awesome in fact that he jumped right on the shelf to my other book-boyfriends. I don't even know where to start - he just seems to be so damn perfect. Thoughtful, playful, polite and loving – that's Mason. He has his own problems to deal with but he's always there for Hope, no matter how hard it gets.

These two alone are already fabulous but together... I lack the vocabulary to describe them but how about: cute, adorable, lovely, darling, charming, lovable, perfect.

"Mason Patel is my counterpart. He is the eraser to my chalk. The milk to my cereal. The chocolate to my peanut butter. We were made for each other in cookie heaven."

Yes, they are definitely made for each other in cookie heaven. The dialogues ranged from funny and entertaining to serious and heartbreaking. There was a bit of everything and there was a huge smile on my face throughout many parts of this book.

I don't think I can even name you one thing that I didn't like about this book. I loved how Hope's living situation was portrayed, it would probably be anything but easy, yet there was love – a lot of it. And not only

the interactions between Hope and Mason were good, but there were also many entertaining scenes between Hope and Guy (another awesome name!).

There are also some serious topics and one of them is very current, the author managed to portray this problem and the struggles it brings with it in a tasteful way. I've never read any other book that included this topic but I liked the way she handled it nonetheless.

I had so many favorite scenes that I highlighted a lot in this book, I probably also forgot to mention many things in my review. So maybe you should pick this up yourself and see if you love it as much as I do.

P.S.: You know, I usually don't do the picture thing but this time I just couldn't resist and that alone should tell you how much I loved this :) (I couldn't find a source for the picture but kudos to whomever its from!!)

caren says

I don't want to say that *every* New Adult book I read is the same, but *almost* every New Adult book I read is the same. It's becoming really, really tiresome. This is a great genre--one that could have my full attention--if they all didn't seem to be a carbon copy of the last. Including the horrible editing issues!

In *Sometimes Never*, we meet high schoolers, Mason and Hope. Mason's father has been dead for six years, and Hope's mom died in a car accident a few years ago. He's new in town (something we don't really know until we figure it out for ourselves after a bit). Oh, and Mason's angry--another fact about him which we don't discover until about halfway through the book. And Hope, she's a piece of a work. She's a commitment phobic cutter who's been sexually molested in her past and doesn't trust anyone. But of *course*, when Mason and Hope meet all of their problems disappear in the wake of the little hearts floating above their heads because they're immediately in lurve. Like, after a week. Not saying it can't happen, but make me *feel* it! Drama happens, more drama happens, their relationship is threatened...someone almost dies, and then Mason turns into a big fat liar, but it's all good because they're in lurve, remember?

Sound familiar? Probably because like I said before, this is just another variation of nearly every other new adult book out there right now. Nothing felt genuine. It felt cliched, overdone and eye-roll worthy. Near the end, it got to a point where I was skimming because I honestly just wanted to be finished with it. There was nothing spectacular about anything in this book, or these characters that sets it apart from any other NA book out there, which is why it only earned one star from me.

CT says

4.5 stars

Just finished *Before Now*, it reminds me how much I loved this book. I don't know how Cheryl does it but when I read *Blackbird* and *Before Now*, it always makes me want to go back to where it all began with Hope and Mason's story with their bags of skittles! Their story is one of the few that I still remember after reading it months ago. I like this author's writing, not overly descriptive but enough story to keep me turning the pages with some twists along the way. Love this couple. Really worth a read x

khungkhing says

WARNING: This review might be hard to read because I was blown away by this book and still not recover yet.

In order to kill my time during some boring class, I bought "Sometimes Never" because I thought I was going to something light and easy to read. However it turned out to be anything but.

- The story was so intense but it also had something that could light up your mood; it would make you laugh until your stomach hurt.
- The story was well built. It would make you smile a minute and cry another.
- It also had some twist in the story which was so wicked ... something that I couldn't imagine.
- The story was much more than I thought it would be.
- The story was too short. It was too good to end so soon; I wanted to read more.

The characters in "Sometimes Never" were far from perfect ... especially Hope. She was the character that I couldn't predict. The only thing I knew about her was she fought hard to live through each day (before she met Mason) and I liked her for that. Mason was another character that easy to fall in love with. He was ~~my~~ Hope's warlock. I felt connected to their relationship ... it was bitter but (more) sweet. Guy was my favorite character since he was super fun and being a great friend to Hope and everyone.

I give "Sometime Never" 4.5 stars. And you should read this book.

PS. I forgot ... these were sentences that made me fall hard to "Sometimes Never." It was because I knew right then that Cheryl McIntyre had her way with words that would bring a beautiful romance into the story:

"I Hope I can get in Love. I'd Love to have some Hope."

"I'd Love a little sliver of Hope."

"Hope can get me up."

Taryn says

A DNF...

I'm on the fence with this one- **and clearly in the minority with my review.**

I'm neither here nor there. While I did find myself glued to my kindle in the beginning, I became bored at the same time. Once I hit the 50% mark, I was becoming tired and a bit irritated and that's when I decided to stop reading it. Yes, this is a DNF for me. It's a strange feeling, really. I want to read it, but I don't.

Hope, the heroine, has some serious deep seeded issues. I can understand why the story dragged out so long in order for her to overcome them since they're that serious, but it just got boring at some point. I'm not sure where either. As much as I connected with her and her emotions, I felt like she was nothing but a totally selfish ~~bitch~~ girl more than anything. She didn't care about anyone around her because she was too busy with her own pity party she was having on a regular basis. But it wasn't a pity party either...I can't explain it. Hope

had it rough growing up for sure, so she carried this huge chip on her shoulder for most of the book. She was an emotionless teenager and it really bothered me how she could ignore such huge issues going on around her. One of them being what happened to her foster sister. She just didn't care- about anything.

With that being said, I feel like I'm being so insensitive! It's really bothering me how I feel. I know I should cut her slack, but for some reason I'm not. I think it's because I can only give so much....? I really do feel bad for Hope and what she had to deal with growing up. It was heartbreaking no doubt. But at the same time, I also believe that we can't let or past define who we become, and that's what she was doing. Granted, she is young and in high school still, but...I don't know...

What put the nail in the coffin was when we found out why everyone hates Hope at school. It's something that drives me bat shit crazy making me roll my eyes into the back of my head when it happens.

This is how I feel about it, truly. It's so annoying.

?I really HATE when the heroine is picked on and hated by all because she is soooooooooooooooooooooo freaking beautiful that everyone can't stand her for it. And of course she had no idea she's so damn gorgeous! ??Of course! She didn't know she was a "natural" beauty that all the guys and jocks wanted which is why the girls were such bitches.

Yeah. Right. JUST STOP.

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Ughhh...I don't know. At times this read like a young adult book, and others like new adult. I'm all over the place with this book. **There were times when I really did enjoy it very much! ?The side characters are what save it for me and why I'm giving it 3 stars. Guy, Park and Mason all had qualities I like in my heroes and secondary characters.** I liked Park so much (even though he was a douche) that I'm going to read the next book. I know, I'm crazy to read it when I couldn't finish this one!

?It's so weird for me ?to feel like this. In fact, I don't think I ever have before. I think the story had a lot of potential, but in the end, it just do me like it probably should have. I would still recommend this since so many loved it. I just have mixed feelings about it.

♥ Sarah says

3.5/5

This story reminded me of a "lesser" version of *Hopeless* by Colleen Hoover. If I'd read this before *Hopeless*, I MIGHT have LOVED this. *Sometimes Never* had SO MUCH POTENTIAL. When I read the first couple chapters, I was thrilled!! I loved the dual POV and Hope's character. She was so unique and broken but completely lovable. And the fact that she was the only chick in an all male band, earned her major points. I especially loved her lyrics to the beautiful song, her little quirks, insecurities, fears, flaws, etc. Basically, her character was my ideal protag. I loved reading about her, and delving deeper into her secrets, her fears, and brokenness. I loved her vulnerability AND her fierceness. However, the story kind of lost its' luster after the weak climax; I was a bit disappointed. I had high hopes. I also expected there to be much more drama

between Hope & her ex. Also, the romance aspect was just OK; could have been better, without the cheesy back & forth texting & unhealthy co-dependent behavior. ;-) But honestly, I blame *Hopeless* for ruining *Sometimes Never* for me! If only I read this BEFORE *Hopeless*. Unfortunately, Mason just could not compete with Dean Holder.
