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Livie has always been the stable one of the two Cleary sisters, handling her parents' tragic death and Kacey's self-destructive phase with strength and maturity. But underneath that exterior is a little girl hanging onto the last words her father ever spoke to her. "Make me proud," he had said. She promised she would...and she's done her best over the past seven years with every choice, with every word, with every action.

Livie walks into Princeton with a solid plan, and she's dead set on delivering on it: Rock her classes, set herself up for medical school, and meet a good, respectable guy that she's going to someday marry. What isn't part of her plan are Jell-O shots, a lovable, party animal roommate she can't say 'no' to, and Ashton, the gorgeous captain of the men's rowing team. Definitely him. He's an arrogant ass who makes Livie's usually non-existent temper flare and everything she doesn't want in a guy. Worse, he's best friends and roommates with Connor, who happens to fits Livie's criteria perfectly. So why does she keep thinking about Ashton?

As Livie finds herself facing mediocre grades, career aspirations she no longer thinks she can handle, and feelings for Ashton that she shouldn't have, she's forced to let go of her last promise to her father and, with it, the only identity that she knows.

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From Reader Review One Tiny Lie for online ebook

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

****2.5 stars****

Cheater, cheater pumpkin eater! Livie, you disappoint me.

I was in the camp that liked Ten Tiny Breaths. I excused Trent's stalker behavior, and I just sat back and enjoyed the chemistry between Trent and Kasey. When I heard that Livie was getting her own book to tell her story, I was pretty excited. I expected this book to be great and went into it with high hopes. It had a beautiful cover and a lot of hype- what could go wrong?! And for the first 50% or so, I really enjoyed "One Tiny Lie". However, soon after it took a turn for the worst and I dropped my star-rating like a hot potato.

Livie enters her freshman year at Princeton feeling the pressure to be perfect. She wants to make her deceased parents proud and so she is determined to study hard so she can go on and be the pediatric oncologist that they always wanted her to be. However, at her first college party, with the influence of Kasey (naughty sister!), she gets wasted and makes out with the very hot captain of the crew team, Ashton. Though she feels chemistry between them, Livie decides that Ashton isn't boyfriend material and tries to move on with a nice boy that she meets later on campus (Connor). However, avoiding Ashton and her feelings for him are not as easy as Livie originally thought.

Though I should be sick of it by now, the trope of the virginal girl and the bad boy player still has some draw for me. I don't mind reading about how the good girl changes a player's ways. However, this isn't quite what this book is about. It is more about Livie's inability to make a decision and grow a pair.

I am not a girl who can't read about cheating. I don't mind a little cheating in books as long as it is nipped in the bud early on, and the girl breaks up with the guy she was originally dating, giving him full disclosure. Full out affairs are NOT my jam. When Livie starts hooking up with Ashton as she is dating Connor, at first I excused her. However, as it progressed and Connor was used, abused, and ignored, I grew increasingly irritated with Livie. I mean, COME ON. You knew what you were doing girl, it is just bad behavior at this point. Connor was an upstanding, nice guy and I hated to see him get treated the way that Livie treated him. She honestly didn't even seem to like him at all, so stringing him along just seemed cruel.

In addition, Livie just lets Ashton walk all over her. Each time they hooked up and he left her a little note that he didn't want to see her anymore, she never got angry. She just kind of accepted it and didn't ever bring it up to him... and they kept on hooking up! Doormat alert! I was spitting mad when (view spoiler) He deserved to stew in the naughty corner for a few months at least for that one.

However, though the cheating was a big issue for me, a bigger issue was the unbelievable character of Dr. Stayner. He did things that even the most cutting edge, experimental psychologists would never dream of doing. Starting with doing weekly therapy sessions pro bono (come on!), he did the oddest things with Livie. Popping in on her unexpectedly, encouraging dangerous behavior, and meddling HUGELY in her affairs- the stuff that he did just didn't ring true. And don't get me started on what he did at the end of the book that involved Ashton. It just went so far beyond what would be considered normal.

Also, I think many people would be annoyed with the back and forth between Ashton and Livie. It was a constant yo-yo that gave me a headache. I didn't like all of the games between the two of them.

To top everything off, the ending wrapped up way too neatly and quickly for my tastes. It was like conflict

and angst to the Nth degree until the ending... then a buttery smooth resolution.

I think the twist with Ashton and his parents was an interesting one (I see twists are kind of K.A. Tucker's thing), and I stayed up until 1:30 am to see what would happen in the end. However, overall this book was a bit of a disappointment.

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Michelle says

3.5 and 4.5 Stars!

So I HATE a love triangle book! Hate it I tell you! I also hate it even more when the girl KNOWS that she only has feelings for one of the guys but still holds onto the other. I also hate cheating! I will say that the only thing that kept me going was that she wasn't screwing them both.

So this book just fucked me up! I had a love/hate relationship with it. I found myself growling through the entire book. lol

The book starts off with Livie moving into a dorm at Princeton. Kacey is there and dragging her to a toga party. Livie is to go to this party and she is under strict orders from the good Dr Stayner to let loose and have some fun. Kacey is there to make sure it happens. The drink of the night just happens to be Jell-O shots. After Livie has several and feeling the affects she's just sucked one in her mouth when the sexy beast Ashton slips his tongue in her mouth and steals it and also steams Livie up with a kiss that rocks her world. After Livie recovers she punches Ashton in the face. She's pissed that he just stole her first kiss. After Kacey blurts out that Livie is a virgin of everything Ashton and Livie do a lot of firsts. When she wakes up her head is a mess trying to remember everything that happened.

Livie gets dragged to another party with her roommate and there she sees Ashton with a beautiful girl who is his girlfriend. She is not happy that she was kissing on a guy that has a girlfriend. She hates Ashton's cheating ass! She then catches the eyes of Ashton's best friend Connor. Connor is the complete opposite of Ashton. He's sweet, smart and wants to take things slow with Livie. He's the perfect guy that her parents would of approved of her dating. He's not a cheating manwhore like Ashton.

So throughout most of the book (85%) Livie is dating sweet Connor but lusting over Ashton. Ashton also has a girlfriend that only visits on breaks.

Now Connor didn't give me goosebumps ever. He was nice and sweet but I didn't feel anything when him and Livie were together. But Ashton. Oh my! He gave me goosebumps! This tatted up muscle bulging sexy man was yummy! He was closed up tight. He didn't talk about his past but yet you just knew it wasn't filled with rainbows. I was dying for him to open up.

When Livie started to get him to open up my heart was breaking for him. Ashton is what made me love this book! Even though I couldn't figure out why the hell he kept telling Livie to stay with Connor. I knew Connor was going to end up getting his heart broke. They were suppose to be best friends.

Livie was the one I had a problem with. I needed her to tell Connor that they couldn't be together. Even if Ashton told her to stay with him. I needed her to man up and cut Connor loose. She grated my nerve with the thoughts she had about telling Connor and if he would break up with her. Then when it all came to a head how she acted toward him. I was growling I tell you!

So anyway I'm done ranting about that. lol I will tell you that this one had more smexy in it than TTB. I did say smexy not smutty. Haha!

I loved Ashton and Livie together. I loved that he called her Irish. I loved that we got more of the crazy Dr Stayner. I loved that we got more of Kacey and the rest of the gang. I also loved Livies roommate Reagan.

I did NOT love that throughout almost all of the book Ashton had a girlfriend and Livie had a boyfriend.

That's why my rating is like it is.

Thank you for never giving me any details of Ashton and his girlfriend. I probably would of moved on to the next book if I had gotten even a hint that he was sleeping with her.

I'm off to read the next book. Yes! Because I'm loving this series!

Ash Wednesday says

3.5 STARS

"Go forth, and make thy mistakes."

So I gave *Ten Tiny Breaths* pretty much the same rating but I might just like this a smidge better. So much so that the latent soap opera watcher in me may have enjoyed this a little too inappropriately that I've been sorely tempted to give it an outright 4. But where this book fell short, it fell a little too hard. So much so that I can't really find it in myself to rave and recommend it to anyone without expecting some backlash.

Livie Clearey's lived her life following the path and structure her parents seem to have designed for her. Straight A's in high school. Pre-med at Princeton. Med-school to get into Pediatric Oncology (which, sidenote, is all sorts of warning signs because nobody in pre-med and and very few in medschool wants to get on that depressing train). That was until her sister Kacey and her therapist intervenes who through a series of (ridiculous) non-therapy sessions eventually lands her smack in the middle of the bermuda triangle of her, Ashton (the wrong kind of right guy) and Connor (the right kind of wrong guy).

You really want to recommend THAT trope to anyone without some Xanax handy?

The Good

✓ One of the reasons why I jumped this ARC is because while I wasn't the biggest fan of TTB's plot twist towards the end, KA Tucker's writing fits this genre very well. Very easy on the eyes and the brains, no unnecessary whoring of adjectives or excessive scene exposition. **The storytelling feels clean, the dialogue sharp (most of the time) and the characters consistent (again, most of the time) which always does great service to mostly predictable plot lines.**

✓ I appreciate that **the drama on this one was relatively restrained compared to TTB**. The plot twist didn't give me too much of a whiplash that the story begins to blur the lines of realistic fiction and fantasy. Most of the story points were believable as much as I guess the drama in *Gossip Girl* was believable (specifically season 1 and 2, I KNOW that's not saying much).

✓ I actually liked Livie... outside of the love triangle. Her burden of walking a path made for her and not of her own choosing was very relatable to me. **I liked the contrast of how Ashton seems like a carefree character but yearns for freedom while Livie shies away from it because she doesn't know what to do with hers.**

The Bad

✗ **At the heart of this book was a very, poorly designed love triangle which only sets out to make the participants act like dickholes and asshats.** I'm very forgiving towards manwhores and quite lax with cheating in books if the cause can convince me. But Livie didn't merit enough emotional conflict to string along two guys at the same time. She's a smart girl and the choice was made so very obvious yet she hung on to the other guy while lusting after the other making her come off as a selfish horndog.

And no, owning up to it in the end doesn't make it okay.

✗ Ashton is a puzzle to me. I do love his backstory and his Livie-related antics were mostly cute. What I don't get is how he had those past experiences and still have the predilection to "man-handle" Livie especially in the early chapters. I wish the effects (view spoiler) were given some detail and depth instead of just focusing on the abuse itself.

✗ **All of the Kacey-Trent appearances still made me squirm** because of their own blend of cray. I'm still not sold on their HEA.

✗ I was not a fan of using the Deus ex Machina resolution.. well, of everything. **Using one character as the device to resolve every single issue raised in the story was pushing it a little too far.** It leads to question why (view spoiler) didn't do ALL those things before and thus avoiding the unsavory aftertaste of the character acting out on his drama.

✗ And speaking of drama: **the cancer kids subplot could've been handled better.** It felt trying a little too hard in making me feel something. They're kids. With cancer. You really don't want to pile on the tearjerkers beyond that because you'd just end up making me feel like I'm getting manipulated to cry.

The Ugly Irish

To much Irish-ing! It reminds me of what little I read of *Beautiful Disaster* with all the Pigeon-ing. I really wish someone would do something about this for the actual published edition because it was REALLY annoying. There was a stretch of conversation between Ashton and Livie where his every turn of phrase ended with "Irish" which I can't quote because of the publishers' restrictions but this might do:

Ash: here are your fries, Irish.

Liv: Thanks Ash, can you pass me the salt please?

Ash: Those fries are salty enough, Irish. You can't risk gaining your first fifteen seeing as you can't jog without tripping, Irish.

Liv: but it's organic potatoes!

Ash: nope sorry, Irish. Gonna go out in the rain and run shirtless now, Irish. The world implores me to.

Get it? Irish? Potatoes? Ah, fuck it.

I'm gonna wrap up this up because I may have gotten carried away (again). Overall, I did enjoy this book just not something I'm brave enough to recommend to anyone. But I'd still grab the last book in this series hoping KA Tucker's great writing will find the perfect plausible story to match it and finally hook me in.

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Pearl Angeli says

3 Stars!

This book is all about **Livie Cleary**, the sister of **Kacey Cleary** from *Ten Tiny Breaths*. Unlike her sister, she grew up with a different outlook in life. She's intellectual and so much in control with everything. When she went to *Princeton University* to pursue her childhood dream of becoming a pediatrician, her meek and virginal lifestyle changed. She was introduced to lots of college drunken parties which were new to her. The first time she was exposed to a party, she met the gorgeous college manwhore **Ashton Henley** and had an unforgettable one night hook-up with him. There's certainly an attraction going on between them. But when she met Irishman **Connor**, she decided that he's the right one for her because he is different compared to Ashton. Connor is the exact opposite and he's uncomplicated. But of course she soon realized that she's more attracted to Ashton because of their undeniable sexual tension whenever they see each other.

There was certainly an **angst** in this book. It wasn't a normal college romance book where majority falls into the flirty side. This one dealt with certain issues but it wasn't as heavy as *Ten Tiny Breaths*.

"Because you're not a one-night girl, Irish. You're my forever girl."

The problem I had with this book was the heroine. I have nothing against Livie. I think she's a good and likable character. I just didn't really connect with her POV and her giggles and blushes that she always did in this book. Her mannerisms were kind of annoying. Sometimes she also overreacts to certain things and over-analyze them and it made me face palm myself at least a couple of times.

The thing that I loved here, though, was Ashton. One with a playful charm but with deep issues underneath the amused smiles, he's the kind of male lead that interests me. I've always rooted for him since the first time he was introduced in the book.

The romance was good and there were delightfully sexy times, too. I loved that the author delved into a different theme this time. I have always been a sucker for college romance books and the college air in this story was something that drew me in. Yes, there was a little bit of love triangle that happened but it was obvious who's the love interest here.

I found the story, as a whole, okay but it didn't capture me like I would have hoped. There wasn't really something that's remarkable and special in this book. I must say I enjoyed *Ten Tiny Breaths* more because of the amazing storyline that came with a perfect, mind-blowing plot twist. Still, *One Tiny Lie* wasn't a bad read. I'm looking forward to enjoying the rest of the series more.

Jennifer Kyle says

Warning: This book contain cheating

One Tiny Lie is the story of Livie Cleary, Kacey's little sister from *Ten Tiny Breaths*, which by the way is a fantastic book that I highly recommend!

Kacey's little sister Livie is preparing to head off to college...Princeton to be exact. Kacey is concerned about her **"too fucking perfect"** little sister and enlists the help of Dr. Stayner to chat with Livie.

"He simply said, "So I hear you're a ticking time bomb."

The good doctor rattles Livie's world with the idea that her goals and life plans aren't her own but her parents.

Kacey and Reagan (Livie's roommate) bring Livie to her first college party...a toga party! Jell-o shots are being downed when suddenly a Jello-thief strikes...not only stealing Livie's shot but her first kiss!

The thief...Ashton Henley the captain of the Princeton Heavyweight rowing team, who happens to be the hottest guy at school and also a man whore.

"Don't worry. When my baby sister gets laid for the first time, it won't be with you."

The party was CRAZY and the morning after is just as CRAZY. What follows days later...a brush off from Ashton!

Classes start Livie's begins her volunteer work at the hospital and quickly starts to question whether she can handle working with children with cancer.

Livie meets Connor, a fantastic nice guy who asks her to a party and guess who his roommate is? You guessed it! We have a **love triangle readers!**

Oh you thought Ashton was gone? Nope, he can't stay away from Livie. Ashton tells Livie to stay with Connor because he has a girlfriend and can't be what she deserves.

"This can't work, Irish. Stick with Connor."

Ashton is a broken and trapped. A reader will be both cursing him and loving him at different stages of the story.

"Because you're not a one-night girl, Irish." Leaning in to place a kiss on my jawline, he whispers, "You're my forever girl."~ Ashton

Livie follows the good doctor's advice and through trial and error and **A LOT** of mistakes, she breaks some hearts, fails some tests, and finds what will make her happy and...**REMARKABLE.**

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Ramona says

After reading *Ten Tiny Breaths* I became a fan of K.A.Tucker mainly because of the message she sends to readers. I always enjoyed a book with a strong message, that raises awareness of a social problem and managed to make you reconsider about certain ideas you may had and thought they were correct.

The one important thing that reading thought me was not to judge, to look deeper into someone's personality and try to identify what makes them click and act that way. And there are a lot of books that simply give you reality on a plate, making you discover that underneath the exterior comes a great story.

I learned that with Kacey and I was convinced that with Livie it will be the same experience. The story chicks off 3 years after *Ten Tiny Breaths*, when Livie is 18 and ready to go to Princeton. Yes, our little sister has grown up into a beautiful lady, smarter and more determined to follow her father's footsteps. The only problem with our dear girl is that she is so focused on pleasing others that she forgot to live for herself. Her life is kind of boring, without fun or extra activities, making her kind of geeky. So, Kacey decides to celebrate her baby sister going to Princeton and have some fun, just the 2 of them. We all know Kacey's wild side and there are no surprises something unforgettable will happen that night. At that party, Livie meets Ashton, a gorgeous guy who surprises her with his witty, charming and egomaniac personality. What happens that night will be a crazy chain of events, that will lead Livie and Ashton closer, although their relationship will initially be cat and mouse like. But you know what they say, opposites attract and this 2 are living proof.

So, a very delicious beginning for our dear couple, but once you really get the feel of the story, it will get better. Certain problems occur, like Ashton's girlfriend or Connor, Ashton's best friend, who will date Livie, but that just adds the salt and pepper to our story. As you know from *Ten Tiny Breaths*, not everything is what it seems and there will be motives behind our character's behavior. You just have to be patient enough to discover them and remember not to judge.

I loved Livie from the very first word I read about her in *Ten Tiny Breaths*. I liked the way she stood by her sister, cared for her, making her the center of her universe. They only had each other and this connection was overwhelming for me. But nobody actually thought much about Livie when Kacey had that accident. All focus was on Kacey because she actually lived it, but what about her sister? She suffered a terrible lost too and not to mention that she had to witness every day the destructive path Kacey was taking. The breakdown she had in the hospital in *Ten Tiny Breaths* only indicated the suffering and hurt she felt and it was only a matter of time until she would break. I liked that she was so innocent, the kind of sweet innocence that made you want to hug her and be there for her.

Ashton was exactly the guy she needed to get her out of her comfort zone. But, they were alike in so many ways, because they had hidden many feelings inside and it was hard to figure after a while what was true and what was pretending. I liked him as a hero, despite that he kept on telling Livie he was not OK for her. He knew exactly what he was getting himself into, but at a certain point he didn't care, because it is impossible to resist Livie. Although he was the one to push her away, he also pulled her in many times, and it kind of confused me at times. Adding Connor in the equation was exciting, because this was the perfect example that life is not all the times meant to be lived by rules and fixed ideas. Livie thought the perfect guy for her has to be sweet, respectful, cute and nice, and she ended up falling in love with the complicated but gorgeous bad boy. How about that? This was a perfect way of her growing up, realizing things and taking decision for her own well, not for the acceptance of others. She managed after meeting Asthon to take chances, and although

she suffered a lot, she also gained a lot, that made her more stronger and independent.

So this was a sweet story about 2 different persons who realize they have a lot in common and as a bonus, K.A.Tucker managed once more to insert a strong social message that made me cry a little because of its intensity and frequency in families around the world.

4 stars!

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destini mia says

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chuckles to self that gif gets me every time . . .

Anyways, I *really* wanted to like this one. **Really**. And to some extent I did, but it wasn't everything I thought it was going to be.

REACTION BEFORE READING

REACTION UPON FINISHING

So the basics before I commence ranting . . .

To some degree I liked the book. At some points, I was so interested and captivated with the story that I couldn't even think about putting it down . . . and then there were other times were I felt kind of bored and I started lightly skimming. When I put the book down, I didn't have that all-consuming urge to pick it back up again :(

I didn't feel a connection with the characters, especially Livie. She was just . . . *there* for me. Really innocent and really uptight. She just needed to relax, take a chill pill and:

I enjoyed reading about the characters. but I didn't feel *in* the story. I read about some heartbreaking things that have happened to them, and don't get me wrong, I felt bad. You never want to hear about that happening to a person. But at the same time, I didn't take their pain as my own, you know? I just didn't *feel* it.

On to the rant . . . spoilers ahead (they will be tagged).

I definitely should have done my research on this book because holy hell was I blindsided.

Ashton. First impression: he's a dick. Who thinks with his dick. And after a while I was ready to:

Then, a train wreck caring his (view spoiler) comes my way. I don't like it . . . well, I pretty much hate it. But I can sometimes, maybe, look past it . . . ? Or at least make an attempt to understand. I get that sometimes, **shit happens**. It sucks, but it does. But here's when I really went WTF? (view spoiler)

Really, Ashton? Do you feel the *judging* coming from me? (view spoiler)

Another quote by Ashton that gave me the warm and fuzzies <-- heavily laced with sarcasm.
(view spoiler)

Now you'd think I'd like Livie because of how she called him out on his shit. Well, she *says* one thing, but her *actions* say something else. I was kinda disappointed.

But in true Destini fashion, I ended up feeling a little bad for the guy. When I heard his full story, my heart went out to him. It doesn't change what he did, because he **definitely** could've handled thing with more finesse, but now I don't see him as *just* an asshole. Now I see him as an emotionally (view spoiler) scarred asshole.

On top of that, *One Tiny Lie* also had (view spoiler) My top two most hated things in one book.

In the end,
My heart said 3.5 stars
& my head said 2.5 stars
So 3 stars it is.

I have to let go of everything.

And so I walk away.

I walk away from the voices, the shouts, the disappointment.

I walk away from my deceptions, my mistakes, my regrets.

I walk away from all that I am supposed to be and all that I cannot be.

For all of it is a lie.

Oh.

And uhh... to you authors whose books I plan on reading after this one?

Good. Luck.

Sharon ∞💎 is an emotional book junkie 💎∞ says

While *Ten Tiny Breaths* was about one person obviously spinning out of control, this book is the opposite. Livie is very much in control or so it seems. Kacey is always looking out for her sister and this time, she's enlisted the help of Dr. Stayner to help Livie actually *live*.

WOW...this book had all the elements I love but most especially, it had all the emotional drama. I could not put it down and literally read it in one day. I'm not really sure why I loved it so much more than *Ten Tiny Breaths* because they are similar. I guess I just loved seeing Livie come out of her shell.

When I heard Livie was getting her own book, I wasn't really excited. I mean, she was a sweet girl in Kacey's book and I just couldn't imagine what KAT could do that could make me enjoy the book. I'm sooo happy I decided to read it.

Livie is three years older and off to Princeton to go to college. As I mentioned before, Kacey got Dr. Stayner's help in bringing Livie out of her shell so all summer they have been doing crazy things and that doesn't end with Livie going to Princeton. Kacey is there to see her off in style and almost one of the first things is getting her drunk at a toga party.

Enter Ashton...aka Jello thief, aka rowing captain, aka has a girlfriend, aka man whore, aka majorly broken, aka wants "Irish". Ashton is everything Livie's heart wants but *nothing* her brain says she should have so she fights it all the way. Ashton doesn't let her get away easily...even though he really tries to push her away!

I loved Livie and Ashton together. Something about them just worked. Yes...they have A LOT of roadblocks and they both don't do the right thing. I guess that's it...the pull they have on each other and that they just

can't stay away. Ashton gives Livie quite the education...I wish things were a bit more detailed though! And he was sooo romantic! I loved the five reasons and the picture and of course, how he always called Livie "Irish". ~sigh~

I loved all the characters in the book. Livie's dorm mate, Rachel, was hilarious and Ashton's roommates were great too. Dr. Stayner really shined in this book and I have a feeling that will continue. But mostly, I loved the relationship between Kacey and Livie and of course, reading more about Kacey and Trent! ♥

We do get lots of drama and a lot of people won't like it. If you really want to know....(view spoiler) I'm always torn about that but it was a big part of how Ashton dealt with being so broken...and that's quite a story! :(

There are a lot of other sad issues in this book...child abuse, death, cancer and Alzheimer's. The twins were really sweet though and I loved what they brought to the story.

Probably the only thing that bothered me was the ending. Just like the epilogue in *Ten Tiny Breaths*, I felt things tied up too perfectly!

The next book is *Four Seconds To Lose* and it's supposed to be Cain's book. Again, I'm not sure how I feel about that since we don't know Cain very well **but**...after this book, I'm going to trust KAT to do her magic! I heard there will be a fourth book and it will be Ben's....now, that's one I will be looking forward to!

Favorite quotes:

♦ Ashton "I Regret You" Henley.

♥ "Irish loves Ashton"

♥ "Because you're not a one-night girl, Irish." Leaning in to place a kiss on my jawline, he whispers, "You're my forever girl."

- ♥ 1. I'm brilliant
- 2. I'm charming
- 3. I'm hung like a thoroughbred
- 4. I've stopped all philandering
- 5. I'm highly skilled, as you've learned the other night.

P.S. Stop staring at my hands. I know what you want me to with them.

♥ "It was . . . incredible. It feels *right* in a way that nothing else has ever felt right."

♦ "He's five hundred for two hours!" Swinging her hand Ashton's way, she adds, "Seven-fifty for him because he's young. You should hear how he makes my sister scream!"

Jasmine says

I've always wanted to read this when I accidentally saw a picture quote few weeks ago and I totally don't regret doing so.

It's another beautiful story between two teenagers, Livie and Ashton. Both of them experienced something that left scars deeply inside their hearts, but what I liked most is the fact that this time, it was the **male character** who'd been abused instead of the female. I don't know why, but there are way too many similar stories that always described the young ladies as someone entirely broken or too vulnerable to live their lives, and I'm glad it isn't what's going on with this book.

Since I simply skimmed through the book within several hours, all I can say is that **the ending was the BEST part of the story**. The author kind of threw out many questions about Ashton to keep the readers wondering the truth behind them and he never gave a complete answer to them, so it's pure perfection that he did spill them out eventually. *That* was really something worth waiting for and made this book more valuable. :)

Last but not least, thanks to my great friend, Jasmin, for recommending this one. I know it's been awhile since you finished this, but thanks so much for bringing another satisfying NA novel in my reading life. :>

Vibha★ says

Meet **Livie**-

One Tiny Lie is Livie's story, Kacey's younger sister from Ten Tiny Breaths. She is going to start college now, the college where she always wanted to go, Princeton. She is *almost near perfect*. She doesn't do anything wrong, doesn't drink, doesn't party, nothing. **And that is all because she's still clinging to her dad's last words to her-**

"That's my Livie Girl. Make me proud."

But it's all about to change now. Kacey and Dr. Stayner are about to take care of that. So, now you can imagine why Livie goes to a 'toga party' on her first night on campus. An guess who she meets there?

Ashton Henley. The hottest guy on campus, captain of the rowing team, manwhore, a bit of a jerk with a swoonaliscious bod. But Livie doesn't know all that. She only comes to know about all of it *after* spending the wild night (thanks to Jell O shots) with him doing all kinds of crazy stuff. And she even comes to know that he....has a girlfriend.

So now Livie is trying her best to avoid him. She even meets a super nice guy, Connor. Connor is just the type of guy for Livie but why can't she stop thinking of Ashton? But, there's a problem there too- Ashton and Connor are **best friends**. So things just get more complicated. She knows Connor is the perfect guy but

Ashton is CONSTANTLY occupying her thoughts. And when she gets to know Ashton, she sees the real him. She wants to spend time with him. The truth is there is SOO much more to him than what he shows the world. He's hiding a terrible past...

Livie wants to be with Ash. Connor's near perfect but he doesn't make Livie feel like Ash does. Livie wants to break up with Connor but Ashton is continuously pushing her away. But mind you, he has his own reasons for that. It's all VERY COMPLICATED. He really wants to be with Livie, trust me, he really does. But we don't always get what we want.

"This can't work, Irish. Stick with Connor."

So, what will happen? **Can Livie and Ash make things work out? Can they ever get to be together?**

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Overall, I REALLY enjoyed reading One Tiny Lie. Loved seeing Livie come such a long way in her life. She finally found herself. She wasn't perfect, she made mistakes and she learned from them. Ash pissed me off in the beginning but when I came to know all the reasons why he acted like a jerk, I fully forgave him. And I'm so glad (view spoiler)

**4.5 learn-from-your-mistakes stars!!**

***Life's all about trial and error.***

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**Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says**

I need to preface my ~~rant~~ review with this: I loved, truly loved, Ten Tiny Breaths. I genuinely enjoy this author's writing. So it pains me to give this anything other than less than 4 or 5 stars, but I simply can't give it more than 3. This book was sadly a big let down for me, but only due to the plot. The writing was still fantastic. Unfortunately, there were issues in the plot that hit every single one of my no-no buttons. Minor spoilers below, and I'll block the major spoilers. You've been warned.

When I first met Livie in One Tiny Lie, I really liked her. I couldn't wait to read the book where she was the heroine. As I began reading this, I began to get cold-sweat flashbacks to Keira from Thoughtless. (I was one of the few people that did NOT enjoy that book).

This was me for the majority of this book



I did not expect for this book to have a bit of a love triangle. Love triangles, yeaaaa.....

But I digress. When Ashton is first introduced, I was all over that!

**"He's pretty much the hottest guy at the school." She takes a sip of her beer. "And also a giant ass."**

**"That much I gathered."**

**"And a bit of a man whore."**

Those are the magic words for me, and a recipe for a great hero, but sadly it just didn't last.

(view spoiler)

There was a whole lot of angst, which I normally don't mind. The constant push-pull, back and forth dance between Ashton and Livie drove me bat sh!t crazy. It was a whole bunch of

followed by

Over and over and over and over...well you get the point

Livie was a big let down for me as well. (view spoiler)

(hide spoiler)]

I get that they're in college and Livie is only 18. But like I said, this is a huge hot button for me. I hate it. So it just killed the whole vibe of the book for me.

The 85% mark of this book was the straw that broke the camel's back for me. (view spoiler)

Yes there are reasons behind all this that we find out in the very last chapter of the book. For me, I already had such a solidified dislike for both of these characters, that it was a case of too little too late.

I can go on and on, but I need to cut myself off, or this will be the review that never ends.

Majority of the book is filled with this angst. We do get a HEA, but I thought the ending was very glossed over and rushed.

Don't get me wrong, there were still parts of the book that I enjoyed. I loved getting to catch up with Kacey and Trent. The interactions between Livie and her sister were hilarious. I also really liked the banter between Livie and Dr. Stayner. I loved his character. We also get more glimpses at the old gang, Ben, Storm, Dan and \*swooning\* Cain. Livie roommate, Reagan was also a riot to read.

Sadly that just wasn't enough to bring this book up to anything above 3 stars for me.

I just didn't find the title, One Tiny Lie, to be appropriate to what I read (there was nothing tiny about it).

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## **Lucia says**

*I could not wait for Livie's story! I loved her so much in Ten Tiny Breaths but unfortunately this book did not work for me.*

This is one of the most painful reviews I have ever written. I absolutely adore K.A. Tucker's writing style and all her previous books were 5 STARS read for me. So obviously I went to reading this book with very high expectations. However, this story contains quite intense love triangle and it truly did not sit well with me. There is no doubt that writing was superb, it was **storyline and heroine's and hero's behaviour that did not work for me.**

One Tiny Lie reminded me a soap opera, I just did not feel the angst of main characters and whole ending was too fairy-tale like and quite unrealistic. Saying that, I am not giving up on this author. On contrary, I cannot wait for her next book since I truly love her ideas and style of writing!

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## **Aestas Book Blog says**

**I love this book!!! 4.5 stars**

**If you loved Ten Tiny Breaths, you'll love this one too! It was different in many ways and definitely stood on its own but it had that same spark! I just could not put it down!**

I have to say this story really surprised me. It went in a really different direction than I was expecting and I just LOVED that about it! See, it was actually a bit of a forbidden romance. Here's the set up:

Livie was always mature for her age and after the tragedies her family suffered through, she grew up too fast too soon. Her shrink just wanted her to let loose and LIVE a little and so her sister, Kasey, takes her out partying. She wakes up the next day with very fuzzy memories, a brand new tattoo on her back and in a room full of people, one of whom happens to be Ashton.

To her horror, Ashton seems to remember everything but... seems more than happy to forget it. Much to her disappointment. At this point, she meets his best friend Connor who is pretty much perfect, gorgeous, Irish and totally the kind of guy she could see herself with while Ashton is gorgeous, mysterious, but more than a bit of a man-whore and is hiding something underneath it all. But even with this perfect guy in front of her, she can't stop thinking about the one who shouldn't be on her mind.... Ashton.

"... you're not a fuck-buddy kind of girl and he's not boyfriend material. Clearly."

As the story goes on, Ashton keeps insisting that they shouldn't be together, that he isn't good for her... and something about it makes her wonder if there's more to his story than meets the eye.

"Why?"

"He looks away for a minute and I watch his jaw clench... "Because you're not a one-night-stand girl, Irish." Leaning in to place a kiss on my jawline, he whispers. "You're my forever girl."

Ashton was just the kind of hero I love. Broken/tortured heroes just break my heart in a way that just makes me fall even harder for them and Ashton was definitely one of those characters. Between that and just his whole attitude and all the swoony and sweet things he did, I found it impossible not to fall in love with him.

It was all about the little things... flirty comments, a glance that has so much meaning, a little touch that lingers too long, a glimpse into something deeper behind the carefree exterior.

But I have to say that when his back story came out, it seriously just made my heart hurt. It's bad, guys. Really bad. I was trying to think and figure out what exactly his reasons could be for staying away but nothing that I came up with made sense. But when the reason was brought out into the open, it totally and completely explained EVERYTHING. It was very well put together, took me by surprise and ended up being fully believable given the context of the story.

As for Livie, I really liked watching her journey as she figured out what she wanted most out of her life. Up until now, she'd always taken the safe road. The right road. Connor was safe, right, perfect. And Ashton wasn't. This story was about her letting go, learning to live, and learning to choose with her heart over her head.

"Life has a funny way of creating it's own tests. It throws curve balls that make you do and think and feel things that are in direct conflict with what you had planned and don't allow you to operate in terms of black and white."

I loved watching Livie and Ashton dance around each other a bit in the beginning. The reason I called this a forbidden romance is that there were genuine reasons why they couldn't be together at first and so everything between them was in these little, emotionally charged stolen moments.

I'm not usually a fan of love triangles but the reason I was totally okay with this book was that you could tell right from the start that Livie and Ashton were right for each other. There was really no question there. It was just a matter of figuring out how they'd end up together.

The entire book was really well-written but I also have to say that the scene where Livie figured out what had happened to Ash in his past was just phenomenal. I felt like I discovered it right along with her and came to the realization at the same moment that she did. That moment? Omg I was just right THERE. I teared up, got chills. It was really emotional and I loved it.

The story wasn't a fast build but I enjoyed the pacing. Around 50% in, my heart really started to race as the layers built. The detailing and character development was so engaging that honestly I just wanted to read this

in one sitting. Add that to the fact that broken/tortured heroes are just my all-time favorite and really this book just hit all the right marks with me. I cared, really CARED about the characters and the story.

There is definitely steam in this book but it's very tastefully written and not graphic. But trust me, you'll feel it!

I also loved that we got to see quite a bit of Kasey and Trent in this. I think it's wonderful when, in sequels, the characters from the first book are remembered and included. It gives the whole story a really wonderful, well-rounded feeling.

Oh and yes, there is a happy ending! Fully resolved, no cliffhanger!

I love the whole interconnected sort of family network that has been built between this book and the first one. I've heard that the next book will be about Cain (he's so mysterious! I want to know more!) and then Ben. I really can't wait!!

Each of the books in this series can technically be read as stand alones but I do suggest reading them in order if you can.

I highly recommend this series!

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*Livie has always been the stable one of the two Cleary sisters, handling her parents' tragic death and Kacey's self-destructive phase with strength and maturity. But underneath that exterior is a little girl hanging onto the last words her father ever spoke to her. "Make me proud," he had said. She promised she would...and she's done her best over the past seven years with every choice, with every word, with every action.*

*Livie walks into Princeton with a solid plan, and she's dead set on delivering on it: Rock her classes, set herself up for medical school, and meet a good, respectable guy that she's going to someday marry. What isn't part of her plan are Jell-O shots, a lovable, party animal roommate she can't say 'no' to, and Ashton, the gorgeous captain of the men's rowing team. Definitely him. He's an arrogant ass who makes Livie's usually non-existent temper flare and everything she doesn't want in a guy. Worse, he's best friends and roommates with Connor, who happens to fits Livie's criteria perfectly. So why does she keep thinking about Ashton?*

*As Livie finds herself facing mediocre grades, career aspirations she no longer thinks she can handle, and feelings for Ashton that she shouldn't have, she's forced to let go of her last promise to her father and, with it, the only identity that she knows.*

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**Brandi says**

**4.25 Stars**

Short and sweet - because I am a slacker, and my ADD is acting up. I really enjoyed this one. I'm an angsty romance addict and this one left me satisfied. The writing was brilliant and it was well paced. The characters are great - honest, damaged and flawed, just like I like 'em. *One Tiny Lie* was an emotional NA read with a good mix of drama, steam, and humor. I definitely recommend it.

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## Beatrice Masaluña says

The second book in the *Ten Tiny Breaths* series features Kacey's younger sister, **Livie Cleary**. She handled the loss of their parents better than Kacey. She's resilient, coolheaded, mature and organized. Getting a glimpse of reality at the age of eleven, she took the responsibility of keeping themselves together when Kacey can't. If not for her love, care and patience, Kacey will further spiral into self-destruction.

Attending Princeton to pursue medicine is one of her lifelong dreams. She's going to dedicate herself to studies and stay out of trouble. Kacey say otherwise: Relax, have fun and live a little. One night, they get drunk on a party before the classes starts. Livie loosened up a little and had an intense drunk make-out session with the Princeton's Rowing team captain, **Ashton Henley**. He's a hot, egotistical womanizer who undeniably makes her heart beat faster. Later on, she meets his best friend and roommate Connor who happens to be her ideal guy.

*What if her attraction to her ideal guy isn't as strong as she expected?*

*What if she wants Ashton more than ever but keeps pushing her away?*

*What if her dreams was actually not the one she really wanted?*

There comes a point in life you feel lost and question everything. Your wants, goals, and expectations. I like Livie and Ash's story because they faced downfalls and rose up in the end. It's okay to make mistakes as long as you've learned from it and it's definitely okay to follow what you want than what others want you to be. It gives you freedom and happiness. As for the romance, I think their chemistry is good and not over the top. I just wish there's more flare to them.

### Here are things I've encountered that gave me mixed feelings:

- I don't like Ashton constantly gives mixed signals to Livie. Both are mutually attracted with each other. I can't stand Ashton hurting and confusing her feelings. Like, c'mon man.
- Dr. Stayner's overfamiliarity. I don't know if it's just me. I understand he's like a guardian to the Cleary sisters but he shouldn't overstepped a line. Plus, his advices... nah. There are many things to have fun than going to a party. Also, what kind of shrink knocks on a dorm room early in the morning?!
- Kacey should tone down her wild side. Jesus C. Chill down woman!
- Most of the time, Livie overreacts on many things. It gets on my nerves.

I think the highlight in this book is Ash's backstory. That one is heartbreaking. Overall, I like it despite of my issues on it.

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## Jacqueline's Reads says

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## 5 STARS! Spoiler FREE Review

**Oh.my.word.... one word to describe *One Tiny Lie* is ONE BIG FANTASTIC YES!**

Seriously people, if you haven't picked up a KA Tucker read, you.need.to.do.it.NOW!

I LOVED LOVED LOVED *Ten Tiny Breaths*. *One Tiny Lie* isn't anything like *Ten Tiny Breaths* and you would think that would upset me huh? Oh.No. Makes me love *One Tiny Lie* even more. *One Tiny Lie* is book 2 of *Ten Tiny Breaths* series and is a completely new and different novel from the first book BUT you still need to read *Ten Tiny Breaths* so the story isn't ruined for you.

### [Summary]

Its two years later and Livie is 18, I jump for joy on this. I am happy she is legal. Anyhow, Livie is always the responsible one and has her future planned out for her. She attends her first year at Princeton and everyone wants Livie to loosen up and enjoy her college years. Livie finds this difficult, but with the help of Ashton, it might not be so difficult for Livie to be a little reckless, even though predictable, yet safe Connor seems like the obvious choice.

### [Disclaimer]

If I read the blurb prior to reading, I probably wouldn't have picked it up. I am always a little apprehensive of love triangles, it's a difficult story line for me to get into, however, this just goes to show what a fabulous writer Tucker is, because I was hooked from page one.

### [Livie]

I LOVE LOVE LOVE Livie. If Livie and I went to college together, she would be my best friend. I love Livie so much because I see myself in her. I mean, never getting anything lower than an A, oh yeah, I feel for ya girl! She's a great Heroine. Livie is young, independent, smart, yet emotional, caring and a really great character. If you looking for a coming of age kind of character, she's your girl. I even like that she cries so much, it's very cute.

### [Ashton]

**Ashton is swoon-drool-panties-down-my-leg kind of Hero.**

Oh boy. Oh boy. Why do we "good" girls love these bad boys?! It's just too much and I LOVE IT!

***I'm sure most girls do everything in their power to stage a run-in with Ashton Henley after getting drunk and making out with him on a random street corner.***

***But I am not most girls***

Ashton could be considered an anti-hero in away. When we first meet Ashton, he's this bad-boy party guy who is pretty laid back, yet when you get to know him more, there's something about him that makes you just ache. He has a lot of past issues and it's slowly uncovered throughout the read. And let me tell you, his secrets... wow.

**My very honest emotions throughout**

**At 1%.... I was just like oh, I need to allocate 6 hours for his because I don't want to put it down**

**At 27%... I was like OH.MY.GAH. NO!!!! BUT secretly oh yes**

**At 42% ... I am just swooning over Ash**

**At 70%... I am grabbing on to my tablet for dear life, b/c the tension is just killing me!**

**At 86%... I am about to explode**

**At 100%... I just felt like I had the best orgasm of my life! No joke girls. The ending... EPIC**

I think what makes *One Tiny Lie* such a powerful and wonderful read to me is it's so relatable. We all face hardships and we all have our coping mechanism, but sometimes, it just good to let go. You know? I adore this read, I truly do.

**I love the story, I love the cover, I love the characters and I love you KA Tucker**

KA Tucker has made it to my favorite authors list. I am so excited and happy for her visit to Houston, Texas. I just can't wait!!!!

5 HUGE STARS!!!!

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**Megan • Reading Books Like a Boss (book blog) says**

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My Rating:

*I received a copy via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.*

After the tragic death of their parents, Kacey and Livie were forced to grow up fast. In *Ten Tiny Breaths*, we saw Kacey struggle with the trauma of losing her parents. For years, Kacey bottled up her emotions and behaved badly, and it all came crashing down. Through Kacey's point-of-view, it appears Livie dealt with her parents' death extremely well, much better than her sister.

However, everything is not as it seems.

One Tiny Lie takes place a few years after Ten Tiny Breaths. Livie is on her way to Princeton for college, fulfilling her father's dream of attending his alma mater. She has maintained a spotless academic record and has never gone through any teenage rebellions. Concerned that Livie hasn't really dealt with their parents' deaths, Kacey recommends that she chat with Dr. Stayner, Kacey's therapist.

Dr. Stayner is not your typical "lay-down-on-the-white-couch-and-let's-talk" therapist. His tactics and methodologies are anything but conventional. In fact, they border on crazy. The summer before college, he subjects Livie to a summer full of dares and tasks to complete, and she excels at all of them. For as long as she can remember, Livie has wanted to be a pediatric oncologist, but these weekly chats with Dr. Stayner make Livie question what she really wants for her future. Her whole life has been building to this one goal of becoming a doctor, but is this what she really wants?

Kacey takes Livie to her first college party to initiate her into college life. What Livie doesn't know until later is that this is part of Dr. Stayner's therapy plan. Essentially, Dr. Stayner gives Livie a prescription for tequila and debauchery. Crazy ensues in the form of stolen Jell-O shots. Livie meets Ashton, the hot-shot captain of the Princeton rowing team and said Jell-O shot thief. After a night of drunken make-out sessions, Livie and Ashton are drawn to each other. The problem is that Ashton is not available and has a sort of playboy reputation on campus. Livie eventually moves on with Connor in hopes of forgetting about Ashton.

What I loved about Ashton and Livie was their chemistry. There are very few book couples that give me this feeling. I couldn't get enough of them and I just wanted them to just BE TOGETHER. Every time they were together there were sparks and feel-good fizzies. I just wanted to scream, "Just do it already!" When a scene with them ended, I couldn't wait until I had more Livie and Ashton time. The romance between the two of them had that forbidden aspect that I loved. Ashton was in a daddy-arranged relationship with a girl, but he wasn't in love with her. And Livie was in a relationship with Connor, the safe guy. There was a (sort-of) love-triangle in it, so if that sort of thing bothers you you should probably stay clear of it.

Aside from the romantic aspect of their relationship, I loved seeing them work out their problems with each other and with themselves. As Livie struggles to find her identity in something other than being a doctor, Ashton is there to sweetly support her. The things Ashton does for Livie are extremely selfless and show exactly how he feels about her.

Ashton and Livie are one of the most passionate and unforgettable couples in a book that I have read this year. I will reread One Tiny Lie again and again and again.

Favorite Quotes:

"The only thing I regret is that it ever ended. And I'm the one who's jealous. Insanely so."

"1.) I'm brilliant

2.) I'm charming

3.) I'm hung like a thoroughbred

4.) I've stopped all philandering

5.) I'm highly skilled, as you've learned the other night.

P.S. Stop staring at my hands. I know what you want me to do with them."

"I feel as though I've entered some strange twilight zone where everything I know has been turned upside down."



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## Christy says

*One Tiny Lie* was nothing like I expected it to be. I think it should have been called *One Giant Clusterf\*ck*. There were parts I genuinely LOVED, parts I HATED, but overall, the book just really stressed me out. My anxiety level was through the roof. Just think of it like this- If Ten Tiny Breaths and Thoughtless had a love child, this would be it. I was so conflicted on how to rate this one... I spent two whole days thinking about it. I thought 4, then 3, then 5... I am going with **5 Stars** Why you ask, when it was a giant clusterf\*ck? Well- the main issue I had with the book was (view spoiler), and *Thoughtless* had the same thing going on. And in *Thoughtless*, the heroine was WAY more annoying, it got 5 stars, so yeah... thats my justification lol! I loved Livie, I LOVED Ash, and the writing was brilliant so a 5 star read for me! One of the main points of this story was that Livie doesn't have to be **perfect**, trust me, she wasn't! But I still loved her and this book! Now that you have read my mini-rant... On to the review!!!

*Ten Tiny Breaths* was one of my favorite reads of 2012. It was just fantastic. If you haven't read it, I HIGHLY recommend it. One of the main reasons I loved it so much was the main character's little sister, Livie.

*"You're too perfect, Livie."*

Livie is not so little anymore. She is getting ready to start her freshmen year at college, Princeton to be exact. Where she has always planned on going. Livie has every thing planned out. She is as close to perfect as they come. A straight 'A' student, never gets in trouble, doesn't drink, smoke, mess around with guys... she is on the straight and narrow. But all of that is about to change. And it's dr's orders. Dr. Stayner and Kacey both agree that Livie needs to loosen up, have some fun, find herself. She is just too perfect and she is about to crack.

*"You are one of the kindest souls I've ever met, Livie. You respond to human heartache so acutely. It's like you absorb other's pain. Despite your extreme shyness, you will do just about anything not to fail. It's time to find out who you really are."*

Her first night at Princeton changes everything. Kacey takes her, unwillingly, to a college party. She indulges with many jello shots, and she meets Ash.

“And he’s pretty much the hottest guy at this school. And also a giant ass. And a bit of a man whore.”

?I pretty much loved Ash from the start. He’s a jerk, an ass, a man whore, and just perfect. Except for one little thing... he has a girlfriend. Livie finds out about that only after she spends the evening drunk and wild with him. She tries to avoid him at all costs, even meets someone else. Connor. Connor is a nice guy. Just the type of guy she SHOULD be dating, but there is something missing there. He’s not Ashton. Ashton and Connor are best friends, things get complicated. The more time Livie spends with Ash, the more she learns about him. She see’s the real him. At least the parts he will let her see. Ashton doesn’t have the perfect easy going life he shows to the outside.

Ash wants Livie, but he needs to stay with his girl, for reasons you don’t yet know. Let me just say, as much as I loved Ashton, he is the KING OF MIXED SIGNALS!!!! Tell someone to stay away from you, that she is better off with Connor, then you give her notes like this:

**1- I’m brilliant**

**2- I’m charming**

**3- I’m hung like a thoroughbred**

**4- I’ve stopped all philandering**

**5- I’m highly skilled, as you’ve learned the other night**

**P.S. Stop staring at my hands. I know what you want me to do with them.?**

Confusing, right???? Livie wants to end it with Connor, she wants to be with Ash, but its complicated.

Ashton has reasons for the things that he does. Reasons for pushing Livie away. If he could be with her, he would.

Life’s all about trial and error.

My biggest issue with the book, and I’m sure many would agree: ?(view spoiler)

It’s undeniable that Ashton and Livie have something special. She sees a part of him that no one else does, and he shows her that its okay to not be perfect. But with all the complications, will this One Tiny Lie make everything around them crumble?

“Irish, if there’s one thing I’ve never been able to forget, it’s a single second with you.”

I laughed, I cried, I was stressed out to the MAX. It was great catching up with the old crew. Kacey, Trent, Storm, Dr. Stayner. Livie wasn’t perfect, but I think that was THE POINT of the book. It’s okay to make mistakes, screw up, change your mind. Life goes on. And you all know I fell in love with Ashton. Come on, the boy is **damaged**, and he is a **jerk**, with a side of **man whore**. What is not to love??? I am glad we got to the bottom of what was going on with him, it made me feel better. Enjoyed the ending.

K.A. Tucker’s writing is marvelous. This woman has a way with words. If you enjoyed *Ten Tiny Breaths*, and you don’t mind some crazy angst, a love triangle, with a side of anxiety, check this one out! If you can’t handle any of the above, it may not be for you. With all that said, it wasn’t perfect, the main characters were flawed, but THAT’S THE POINT! I still loved it and it gets 5 stars from this reader!!!!

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## Vikki ~ \*squee\* lite ~ says

Disclaimers: This is probably going to be more rant than review. This book sent my blood pressure skyrocketing. I was cursing at the characters, I wanted to slap a couple of people and shake the heck out of Livie more than once.

I have to start off saying I loved Ten Tiny Breaths. I mean I LOVED it. It's one of my top books of last year. One of the big reasons I loved it? Livie. She was a fantastic character. I adored everything about her, and I could not have been more thrilled for her to get her own book. So, saying my expectations were high is putting it mildly.

I also need to disclose that cheating is a HUGE no-no for me (in real and book life :). It can ruin a good book for me faster than any insta-love or triangle.

Ok, on to the review ....

I'm going to attempt to do this without putting forth any untagged spoilers. This could be a problem, since my issues were plot related, and not "writing" related, but I'm going to do my best to keep it generic. **\*and note my tagged spoilers, are REAL spoilers, so don't click unless you really want to know \*. Seriously, I'm not kidding, don't do it!**

The book opens with Livie getting ready to head off to Princeton. Kacey is sure that Livie is just "too good" and is on the verge of "cracking" so she spends the summer talking to Dr. Stayner. He does his best to bring her out of her shell by getting her to perform tasks over the summer to take her out of her comfort zone.

The whole idea was to get her to think outside of the life she has had planned for herself since she was nine. To try and get her to realize she doesn't have to be perfect. Well, I think it worked, because she gets to college, and "perfect" gets left so far in the dust you can't even see it anymore.

The first time she meets Ashton is at an off campus party, before classes start. Kacey is there, and she is encouraging her (with Dr. Stayner's approval) to get drunk, and perhaps even get "under" someone. (Please do not get me started about this guys methods of therapy. I know this is a book, and he's supposed to be "unconventional" , but the dude would have lost his license so fast in real life it's not even funny).

They don't do the nasty, but they do hook up. The next day he asks her to keep it quiet, and tells her he regrets doing it. Yeah, OUCH. So begins the push pull that characterizes the entire novel. Ashton pursues her - seeks her out, says something sweet, maybe starts the seduction, and Livie, she falls for it, only for him to turn around and squash her like a bug. Every.single.time.

She eventually meets Connor (who happens to be Ashton's best friend). This doesn't stop the cycle. Hell, it makes it worse, oh so much worse, because we get to add layers of guilt along with the nice little mind-fuck.

You slowly learn that there is a reason that Ashton keeps pushing her away. (view spoiler) And, I get it. I get why he had to keep up his current life. At the same time, it doesn't change my feelings that he was a selfish bastard for continuing to string Livie along when he had NO intention of changing anything. I'm sympathetic

to his predicament, but it's not enough for me to forgive him.

I think, maybe, I could have forgiven Ashton, until the Halloween party, but after that, there was no coming back for me. (view spoiler)

I was also horribly disappointed in Livie. I tried to give her a pass because she was just so darn inexperienced, but Connor is a nice guy. There was no reason to string him along (view spoiler) It wasn't even like she was really torn between the two of them - there was no point in continuing to date Connor.

The ending felt rushed to me. We tied out all the loose ends (with some very... unrealistic intervention of some other characters) at warp speed. All the sudden everything was ok. It didn't feel real to me. The epilogue was nice, but it didn't give me enough warm and fuzzies to overcome all the nasty that came before it.

Now, to be fair, the book is not all bad. I liked that Livie does learn to forge her own path. Ashton was, despite his flaws, hot as all hell, and had some seriously swoon-worthy lines. I loved seeing Kacey, Trent, Ben and Cain again. (I really want a Cain book!!!). The whole thing was certainly emotionally engaging (even if my emotions were mostly rage and frustration).

However, none of that was enough to get me past my sticking points. I still think that K.A. Tucker is a fantastic author. I'll be first in line to preorder whatever her next book is, but this one just wasn't for me.

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