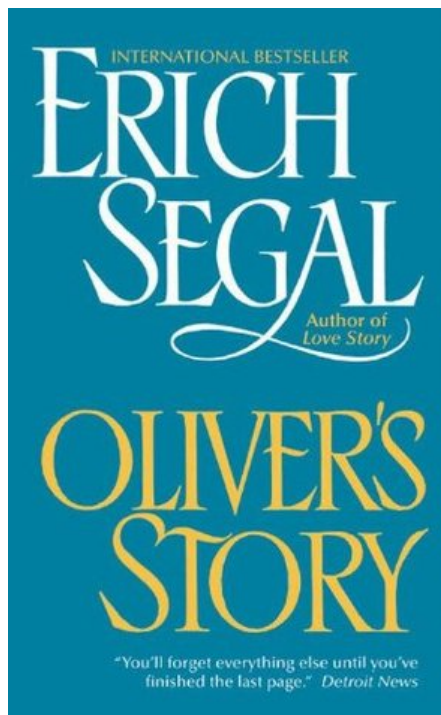




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Oliver Barrett IV found his true soulmate when he met and fell in love with Jenny Cavilleri. Their love was magical, exhilarating . . . and though heartbreakingly brief, it was enough to last a lifetime. Or so Oliver told himself.

Two years have passed since Jenny was taken from him, and Oliver truly believes he will never love again. Then one day, Marcie—beautiful and mysterious—enters his world . . . and suddenly the future holds a golden new promise.

The poignant and unforgettable sequel to the beloved classic *Love Story* is a beautiful tale of one man's journey out of the lonely darkness of grief and back into love's warm embrace—a story that will capture your heart as only Erich Segal can.

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Tadiana ☆Night Owl? says

Oliver, whose true love Jenny died in *Love Story*, goes through the motions here. But since True Love can only come once in one's life and one must be permanently scarred when it's lost, he will be **miserable forever**. The end.

Nikita says

Love Story took me by surprise. I didn't know it would end just LIKE THAT!!! But then, I was actually satisfied with that ending and I found the book so amazingly perfect. And then, this book came out. I wasn't aware that there would be a sequel to Love Story. And since I loved Love Story, no one could stop me from reading this one, even if I know that Jenny wouldn't be in it.

*****Contains a FEW SPOILERS from this point onwards.**

And so I read. I wasn't sure what to expect, just that Oliver's still here, grieving.

I was totally into Jenny and Oliver's love story that I couldn't let it go. But then I have to 'cause Jenny's dead. And frankly, I wouldn't want Oliver to be alone, feeling utter loneliness. So when Marcie Binnendale came along, I was filled with mixed emotions. First, I don't want to betray Jenny by wishing another woman for Oliver. But then, Oliver's such a good guy inside and out, he deserves a good life; a better life than just sulking around, alone and drowning himself with workloads. So in some ways, I was happy for Oliver. With his new life with Marcie, I thought he could live again; fall in love once more; be with someone else and have a happy and satisfying family. I thought the future was bright for them. I thought.. I thought... Well, I thought wrong. It turns out, Jenny was, is and forever will be Oliver's only one true love. But then again, I couldn't think of anyone else who could make Oliver live again the way only Jenny did.

Every time I think of this book, I can't help but wish Love Story and Oliver's Story didn't end like that. Yet, it was both bitter and true..

And I would like to add that one reason I love this book is it keeps teaching me lessons in life that I may not appreciate and understand fully yet, I know there'll come a time wherein I'll see through it with different eyes. Although there is one thing that really struck me with this book. It is that *Life goes on.*>

See how personally and emotionally engrossed I am with the book? :))

Jim says

This was an excellent sequel to Love Story. Oliver is now on his own & must find meaning to his life without his great love, Jenny. It's well done, especially his relationship with his father. It especially meant a lot to me, having raised a couple of boys myself. It's amazing how my intelligence & worth have varied in their eyes as they've grown.

TK421 says

Some people will disagree with me, but I thought there never should have been a sequel to **LOVE STORY**. That novel was a perfect entity unto itself. Sure there were unanswered questions, but that was part of its charm. **OLIVER'S STORY** in my opinion does a disservice to the overly romantic Love Story.

Some time has passed since the reader has last heard from Oliver. His life has moved on, sort of. He still dreams about his late wife, who wouldn't? Right? But when Oliver does meet a woman, and does have a torrid love affair, which I felt was mainly filler for a weak story line, ghosts of his past continuously haunt him. And then: (view spoiler).

Weak, I say, weak. Read this if you are curious enough to know what happened to Oliver after the conclusion of LOVE STORY. If you're not that curious not to worry -- you're not missing much. Three stars for effort.

Aditi says

"True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked."- Erich Segal, Love Story.

Yes Love Story ended off with Jenny's death leaving Oliver miserable and lonely for the rest of his life.

In Love Story, we saw how perfectly Oliver and Jennifer fell in love with each other, and even more perfect when they started living together. But not for very long, Oliver's soul mate, Jenny was taken away from him. This book was in very possible way amazing and way too emotional, this book makes Jenny & Oliver hard to forget, they are etched in our hearts forever.

But in Oliver's Story, there is no love story. It's a book telling us that what has become of Oliver, how's he's coping up with his only soul mate's death. Then comes Jenny's dad, who thinks Oliver is miserable and lonely and advises him to date women. But here we can see a change in Oliver's character, he has become more and more impulsive and annoying. He judges every women with Jenny. Then enters Marcie Binnendale in his life, since he didn't know a thing about her, he starts stalking her. Anyways, he found out that she is the heir of the Binnendale chain of department stores. They started dating, but I'm sue you won't feel a thing, as you felt while reading about Oliver and Jenny's date. Then one day Marcie takes Oliver to China to her chain's manufacturing office. Then suddenly Oliver takes out his anger on Marcie, the reason being the use of cheap labor, that's all, the end of their cute romantic relationship! Think just because of cheap labor, their relationship ended. Anyways this proves that love can happen only once and Oliver never stopped loving Jenny.

This book might not draw a mark in the reader's minds.

"Sometimes I ask myself what would I be if Jenny were alive.

And then I answer :

I would also be alive." - Oliver."

Yes it's true, Oliver's too is dead, this book was just to show us that Oliver can never live a second life with any other women. So it justifies his love for Jenny.

But this after-life of Oliver's story was way too moving and emotional. Readers will feel his plight just after

reading two pages only. It's not that bad, now if you've read Love Story, then definitely you should read this one.

Alvina says

Baca buku ini terasa muda banget gw. Berhubung ngga ngerti kek gimana maksud kejadian kejadian internasional yang mengiringi ceritanya..

Rossy says

As Cher said: "Do you believe in life after love?"

Oliver believes in existing, but he's not living anymore without Jenny. Will he be able to love again? Will he be able to overcome the grief of losing his true love?

Farozan says

I wonder why Segal wrote a sequel to Love Story since the first book was just perfect by itself. Having said that comparing this with Love Story would not be right since this book is not a love story. While it is romantic in a way, I do not think it is about love. While Oliver's Story was annoying to a great extent, I kind of understood his journey of trying to overcome his grief and loss and finding acceptance.

PS: I DID NOT see that end coming! Still trying to make up my mind if I liked the book or not.

Sandra Baši? says

Još jedan od onih bespotrebnih nastavaka... Kad sam pročitala Ljubavnu priču (Love Story) uopće me nije vuklo da dalje saznam što je bilo s Oliverom. Postojali su jednom Oliver i Jenny i ona je otišla... Meni je to bilo dovoljno.

Seema Khan says

If it wasn't for this last line-

"sometimes I ask myself what I would be if Jenny were alive. And I answer: I would be alive."

I wasn't planning to rate this book!

I think I should not have read this one, because it honestly destroyed the image I had of Oliver. Was thinking of leaving it off midway, but good I did struggle through because the last line did earn the book its

undeserved 2*!!

I may sound harsh, but it was just not to my liking!

Tip to future readers: Refrain from perusing this and be content with "Love Story"!

Farah says

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Buku kedua ini menceritakan bagaimana patah hati berkepanjangan yang dialami oleh Ollie setelah kematian istrinya.

Oh I can relate to that. Bener deh.

Mungkin karena itu juga, gue merasa buku ini lebih berkesan daripada buku pertama.

Gue udah d

Camille Eugenio says

I've been putting off this book for awhile now. Just because I'd love Jenny and Oliver so much from the first book, and I believed they've had this one great true love, that, reading a journey to love again for Oliver after that, feels like too much of a betrayal to Jenny. However I just needed to read it. See my dilemma? You want to read a book, but you're just too afraid to read it. You know what I mean? And so now, after having read the book, here I am, just contemplating everything. It's 1 am and I'm just babbling about it. I could probably write a 300 page essay about it!

So I started reading, and it was like walking on Oliver's shoes. I felt everything, his grief, his anger, his hope, his loneliness, everything, and I've never felt like that to any other character before. Sometimes I get confused as to why certain characters do the things they do. But with Oliver, I was with him the entire time. When he recounted memories of Jenny I drowned in his longing because I was longing too. This is a testament to how much I fell in love with Love Story, because it stayed with me all through out this book. I'm a great believer that in life you only find ONE and true love, that would stay with you throughout eternity and the loves that come before or after that, just doesn't even compare. I think this is why the author wrote this sequel. The epic love Jenny and Oliver had, I knew for certain, and then at the end it didn't disappoint. And now for some reason makes me want to break my heart again, by reading the story they had in Love Story. It's crazy how books as inanimate as they are, evokes such emotions out from you.

Shonali says

Things I liked about this book: (Can't say I liked any thing so I am just giving my views)

I wanted to like this book , I really did . I had absolutely loved Love Story (ya,ya I know , the tear jerking romantic story) I knew this book couldn't be as phenomenal as Love Story. Some books have that kind of impact but I had definitely expected something atleast close to the first book.I was throughly disappointed.

The book fell short on reasoning and realism. As a reader I just couldn't identify with Oliver's decisions. He

was too much in love with his first wife Jenny , granted .But he doesn't want to take a step forward in to a new life. He doesn't realise that not every person is alike and not every girl is Jenny. Oliver just couldn't handle the fact that Marcie has different priorities in life. All he does is try to find her in Marcie. I would have left the book within a few pages , had it not been for the curiosity of knowing what happens to Oliver eventually. Wrong decision Shona. Should have left the book at the time I thought I had enough of over the board romance and cheesy emotions :) Take my advice , go read Love Story and forget that the book has any sequel . Ok?

On my rating scale : 2 out of 5 (I would have said 1 but Erich Segal is one of my fav authors)

Tanya says

Let me start by saying I did like Love Story. So you really can't hold this against me.

I hated this book. HATED it. And I very rarely hate a book. Sure, some books fail to live up to my expectations, some are just disappointing after being hyped up and receiving rave reviews, and some just aren't my kind of books. With *Oliver's Story*, the problem was this : it was plain terrible.

I'm reviewing this book a week after reading it in the hope that some of the anger would have subsided. I can't say that it's worked, but at least I'm not employing every swear word I know.

The Negatives:

1. Oh, where to start? If there was a list of things so cheesy you could make ten cheese burgers with it, this book would make it on that list. At the very top.

2. Take Oliver himself. He's whiny, annoying, and he stalks the first female he decides to let in after Jenny died. Because he thinks she's keeping secrets from him. The hell? They've gone out ONCE. And he thinks he's entitled to know everything about her? Please.

3. Listen to this:

“For some unfathomable reason, Oliver, I like you. But you are impossibly impulsive“

“You're not too possible yourself,” I answered.

I'm sorry, what? What does that even mean?! “You're not too possible yourself”?! Erich Segal, have you completely lost it?!

4. I can't handle so many stuck-up snobs. I just can't. I don't care if that's how all corporate heiresses and people born into truckloads of money act (and somehow I doubt they're thaaaat pretentious), but all the conversations about money in this book made me nauseous.

5. There's this bit towards the end of the book where they visit Tokyo. And I swear, it feels like he's looked up the place and Ctrl+C, Ctrl+V-ed everything he could find. Or he actually visited Tokyo and somebody

gave him a dreadful brochure. I don't care, I don't owe him the courtesy of making him excuses.

I liked Jenny. I did. If this was actually a book about him coping with Jenny's death, it might have been better. I've never cared about Oliver much, and I doubt I'd ever be able to read Love Story again because of this.

The Positives

None. Oh, wait. At least I'm one book closer to my year's goal. I suppose that counts.

Final verdict: Dreadful. Absolutely dreadful. I've never read anything this cliched or cheesy. Ever. If you see this on a shelf in a bookstore and think, "Hmm. Maybe I'll just pick it up to see how Oliver's doing," DON'T. PUT IT BACK. TRUST ME ON THIS.

Vanessa says

I inevitably had to read the sequel to Love Story after I wiped up the last snot bubble from reading the first book. It's two years later and Oliver has met someone else. And she's another WASP this time. Hooray! But this isn't a callow attempt to write a belated fairy tale ending for Oliver, and I admire Segal for making that choice. I'll just leave it at that.

I never saw the movie version of this. Why do I feel like my streaming video plans for this evening were just decided?

30 seconds later.....

Available from Amazon for \$2.99, after I corrected my iPad search results. Damnit Siri, I said "Oliver's Story," not "Oliver's Storage." ("Now serving Bridge Creek!")
