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Haley Cavanaugh's heart is broken.

Shattered into a million pieces, and that's just how she'd like it to stay.

She doesn't believe she deserves happiness. She doesn't understand how to move on while her life is falling apart and her reality is destroyed.

Enter Eli Park.

Eli is someone Haley thought she knew, but who turned out to be so much more than she remembered. He sees through her pain and refuses to be pushed away, even when she lashes out.

Eli's patience is both frustrating and surprising. Haley was so sure she wanted to go on feeling nothing, but Eli stirs emotions she can't deny.

Will Haley allow Eli to help her through this horrific time so she can find herself again? Or will she lose the only person who can help heal her heart?

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Bobbi Bentz says

Heart wrenching and beautiful!

So I sat down to begin this book because one, I loved this authors other books, and two, I had a hour to begin. Well, lets just say a few hours later I had to stop so I was able to function at work the next day. I slept a bit and woke up before my alarm to finish before work. I had to stop a few times because I could not see through me tears.

With that being said, it is not a story that just has some sad parts, it is a story that goes above and beyond. I fell in love with ALL the characters. The author painted such a vivid picture of the characters and the story. It had me griped the entire time.

Haley is in her senior year of college when she finds out her mother's cancer has returned. She tries to continue school with the help of her two best friends. Haley is reintroduced to an old friend she has not seen in a couple of years. Enter Eli, he is no longer scrawny and geeky looking, he has grown into a man. Haley fights her feelings for him as her mother cancer gets worse. Is the heart allowed to love and break at the same time?

Jocelyn says

When I picked up this book, I knew it was going to be a good one. I had thoroughly enjoyed Caylie Marcoe's debut novel "Choose us" and I completely enjoyed this novel as well. I read it in one sitting, a true sign of a good book!

I loved getting to know the main character, Haley, as well as the supporting characters who really made this book, and Haley's life more complete. I felt really enthralled with the story and the realness of it.

We all live and lose in different ways and we all experience doubts and make mistakes, and this book really covered that, in a very real way. I really could relate to this book (because of those things) and I feel that any one could read this book and enjoy it because of those things!

If you are thinking about getting this book, I would say definitely don't hesitate to get it! It will be a very satisfying read for you!

Flavia (OddCloud) says

Rating: 2.5

Let me start this way: it's not a bad story, it isn't! The writing-style isn't cringe-worthy and the MC is... not so bad. The story line is decent; though I wouldn't actually say this is a plot-driven story (there isn't much plot to speak of), but a late teens crisis tangled with family drama.

I could have gotten past about Eli being the most patient and perfect human on Earth, really, I could; just I could have got past Haley's whining (I mean, she got valid reasons!). But I couldn't get past the unnecessary

back-and-forth between Eli and Haley. No. Yes, you like each other a lot, it is obvious you both want more, he even tells you as much. You decline, acting all scared of getting your heartbroken and though for making such a decision. I. Get. That. But why the hello-jelly would you (yes, Mc Haley, I'm pointing at you) become a crying drama-queen after barely half the book? Why get wasted and make a fool out of yourself like the stereotypical *heartbroken teenager*? The character that Caylie Marcoe began building since the beginning of the book came crumbling to pieces; because, truly, she began acting out of character and crying all over (if I may express my opinion).

Other than that, the story has its sweet moments and it tried to approach the scenario of dealing with a parent with advanced cancer and the whole family-tension/drama that comes with it. It wasn't bad, it wasn't exceptional, it was... okay :) Eli was truly a sweetheart (too much, to be honest, hehe).

Aret says

* I received this book in exchange for an honest review

How do I begin to write a review for a book that touched me so deeply, and made me feel so strongly about these characters and the situations they are in....when I told Caylie I loved her book but it left me an emotional wreck, she said she meant to warn me! I love her and her book..and would have read it no matter what. Just so you know, what she already knew...about 3 months ago I lost my Dad to cancer, so this book touched me in a way no other has.

The characters are real, their emotions are real..I enjoyed every aspect of it...even the ones (and there were a lot) that made me cry. It's not just all tears though, there was fun, laughter...love. It is very well rounded in what it has to offer. Caylie did a wonderful job writing these tough scenes, making you feel right along with the characters.

I fully recommend this book..and her first book Choose Us!

Ezinwanyi says

3.5 stars.

Haley Cavanaugh and her older brother Caleb got the worst news ever: Their mother's cancer has returned and has metastasized all over her body. So she is not a good place when a longtime admirer Eli Park confesses his feelings for her. Haley likes Eli but doesn't want to start a relationship right now. Is it fair to ask someone to wait for you when you have no idea when (or if) you will be ready for something more than friendship?

This characters actions in this story felt more like high school than college. It was that high school level of communications in relationships. I am going to give Haley a pass because I understood where she was coming from. She was queen of mixed messages and that made me like Eli even more. He navigated those rocky waves like seasoned sailor but I didn't understand why Haley felt she couldn't be there for her mom and family, and still have a relationship with Eli.

I actually liked the family dynamics, the relationship between Cavanaugh's more than the Haley/Eli

relationship. They seemed to be a tight knit family but I assuming going through the first round of cancer with the mom made them all closer. The writing was okay, although I would have liked a little more depth to the characters. For instance, Eli was too perfect, and I would have liked Haley to evolve a little more.

It's a nice story about loss and moving forward.

Special thanks to the author for the audiobook given in exchange for an honest review

Mariana says

When you're 5 pages through a book and you're already bawling your eyes out, you know you're in for a good one.

That's exactly what this book is.

In the first chapter I found myself crying like a damn baby and thinking what I would do in a situation like that. It totally freaked me out.

Then I was in the car with my dad, and I had to stop reading because he would probably think I was nuts for starting to cry randomly.

So the big, big thing for me in this book is Eli. That man, my friends, could win an award for the most patient and sweet book guy ever. I'm pretty sure, this guy is gonna win some book award or something. He is seriously amazing. I'm like in love.

The only "down", and it's not exactly a down was Haley. Somehow me and her didn't click really well as the book went along. In the beginning I was really into her but then I just found myself questioning some of her actions and wanting to smack her. I can understand how her feelings made sense to her, but they just didn't make sense to me.

So this is the only reason this book is not a solid 5 to me. It's definitely worth it.

Kirsten says

When I opened this book my intention was to read a few chapters and then quickly go to bed. Little did I know Caylie had other ideas for my evening. A little more than 3 hours later, with tears streaming down my face, I had completed Parting Chances. The book was heart-wrenchingly wonderful and I simply could not put it down! Caylie has beautifully and delicately written a book that will tug at your heartstrings and show you the true meaning of love and acceptance. The impact it had on me was huge. I laughed out loud, I cried, and I loved every single word. I can't recommend this one enough.

Haley Redetzke says

This book destroyed me in the best possible way. It made me cry but it also made me laugh. It's a journey through life's hardest times but proves that there's always a light at the end of the tunnel. Caylie does a fantastic job at putting us in the character's shoes and feeling every emotion they are feeling. I can't wait for Fighting Chance 2!

Cassie Mae says

5 Wonder Woman Stars

Review closer to release day :)

Lindsay says

4.5

The whole time I was reading, I was mentally writing my review in my head. I had phrases that were perfect and I wanted to use. But now, as I sit here having finished the book and attempt to write a review, I don't know what to say.

I love Caylie Marcoe's writing. I love Choose Us and as soon as I saw she had another book coming, I put it on my TBR list. I didn't even need to know what it was about because Caylie Marcoe is always a must read.

I loved Haley & Eli's story. I had a hard time putting it down. But at the same time, I had a hard time picking it back up when I had to put it down. Don't take that to mean that it's forgettable or in any way bad. I was just avoiding the inevitable. This book is sad. Heart wrenchingly sad; it's going to make you ball your eyes out, soak your pillow and go through a whole box of tissues. And the worst (best?) part is that you know it's coming. From page one, you are warned. (Actually probably the blurb too but like I said, I love the author's writing so I'm not sure I completely read the blurb. I saw her name and jumped on this.) But those warnings in the book didn't deter me. There were some moments of sadness throughout the story. But it wasn't all consuming. Then a reminder of what's still in store would come and I'd have to walk away and take a breather. The further I got into the book, the more I dreaded picking it back up because I hate crying my eyes out and had already developed the occasional tear leak.

But the story kept pulling me right back in. I had to know what was going to happen between Haley and Eli. Would they make it? Would Haley realize she needed him? Sure enough, I got to the point where I couldn't put it down because I was so far into it and the author had me in tears. The author pulls you in with friends to lovers story and then sucker punches you with the emotion of other events that leaves you a blubbering mess.

Eli was such a great guy. He was always willing to be what Haley needed from him. I can't think of another book hero that was that patient. He had his moments of frustration with her, which were totally understandable, but he never gave up. He would do anything for her. There was one point, after the inevitable happened, that Haley pushed him away. I was literally screaming at her for being an idiot. I was really hoping, that after everything they'd been through, when that moment came, she would let him be there

for her. Unfortunately, she did the opposite, and that really frustrated me because at a time like that, she needed his support.

One of my favorite parts of the book was Haley's brother. I would really love a book for him to see how he and his girlfriend came together and got their HEA.

I really do love Caylie Marcoe's writing. She always brings her stories to life. I can't wait for the next one!

Lenore Kosinski says

4 stars - Received a copy from the author!!

Personal confession: I lost my father to cancer when I was 14 years old. So this influenced my enjoyment of this story in MAJOR ways that may not be shared by others. How?? In good ways -- this book was so epically authentic about what it's like to experience the death of a parent, particularly a loss to cancer. Ms. Marcoe NAILED this. Seriously. It tore my heart out reliving the agony, but I also appreciated the honesty of Haley's experience. The moments when Haley just lays with her Mom in bed broke my heart the most. I remember those moments so vividly. Knowing where it was going, just being in the same room with my Dad, laying down, listening to old records....it hurts, but it's all you've got.

On the other side -- while I never doubted that Haley's reactions were realistic, I also wanted to smack her so hard so many times, b/c I would NEVER do some of the things that she did. Mostly this is in reference to the funeral and Kyler and Noah. I can see how it happened and made sense to her, but I guess I wish that it hadn't made sense to her. None of this will make sense until you read it.

Haley in general drove me a little nuts. We had a love/hate relationship. But I kind of think that's an expected reaction. It was just hard to relate to her sometimes, so that's probably why this book wasn't 5 stars for me.

Eli, on the other hand, was book boyfriend gold. He was so sweet, but generally not a pushover, that I kind of wanted him for myself. :)

So....basically this is a beautiful story of loss, mixed with a little bit of goofiness and great characters and a swoon-worthy boy. Prepare the kleenex folks...but it's worth it.

Jennifer says

Wow...just wow. It's hard to put into words how I feel about this book. I just finished and it's all so fresh I can still feel the love and pain. I'm pretty sure my heart broke in several chapters and I need to pick up the pieces. Another great work Caylie. I loved every word and look forward to your next work of art!

Teryna90 says

2.75 stars ★ ★ ★ ?

Thank you Mom, for everything.

This simple phrase and the author's thank yous define this whole book. I gave this book three stars because I don't think it deserves 2 stars, but if GD had half stars I would have used those. This book is amazing and annoying... with a perfect ending.

You may ask how can a book be both **amazing and annoying**. I know... I really am having a hard time rating it.

This book is about a college girl, Haley, who is going through a bad time. Her mother is seriously ill. She is dying. Cancer. A word that makes your body shiver and your heart ache.

Haley moves out, following her parents wishes, and back to college. Here she shares a house with her best friend, Kyler. The friendship between the two is really heartwarming and it just makes you smile. Kyler is not Haley's only bestfriend, there is another person she grew up with, Noah, he is also Kyler's boyfriend since ... forever. Their trio is really awesome. Half star is for them!

Noah doesn't live with the two but shares a house with his old geeky roommate, Eli. Haley and Eli used to hang out during their freshman year, but Haley never saw beyond his geekiness and was too head over feet for another boy to even consider Eli as something more. Well when she does meet Eli again things are completely different. She feels attracted to him right away and can't stand stay away from him and at the same time can't stand the idea of being happy with HIM. **Here the part gets really annoying!!!**

I do understand at first why she thinks the way she does and wants to stay away from him in order to concentrate on her mother illness... but after a while it gets kind of irritating. It's clear that there aren't any walls to keep up so why be stubborn and annoying about it? You're not a 15 year old.

You want him. You don't want him. You think you have the right to be jealous. Treat him like shit. Than want him... and so on... SIGH!

She acted all the time like a fool, like a childish girl, thinking all these stupid things that not even Bella in Twilight would have come up with.

Eli instead was adorable, sweet, shy, flirty and great. Another half star goes to Eli.

The love part just made me sigh all the time, I couldn't stand it, it was boring, girlish, childish and so on. On the other hand I absolutely loved every single scene with her mother. **It made me appreciate every single moment spent with my mother.** I can't even imagine what it would be like to lose my mother now or later

in my life, and this book just touched the right spot, it made me smile and cry. With a perfect ending it really touched my heart. All the remaining stars go to the **mother/daughter relationship!** Okay read... I think this book could have been perfect if the love relationship had been better described.

Spunky N Sassy says

~Reviewed by Wendy~

Loved the story of each character. Eli is your wholesome boy next door. He takes care of his mom but is close with his dad. He loves his friends and he loves hard and it's forever. Haley is a girl who loves to love but afraid to but is more afraid to let someone love her. Together these two characters are awesome. I was an emotional wreck reading this story. I felt so sorry for Haley and what she went through with her family but wanted to shake sense into her at the same time. First book from this sue and it won't be the last.

ARC provided for an honest review

Samantha (WLABB) says

Sorry, but I am having trouble writing this review through my tears. Oh, Caylie Marcoe, you made me ugly cry -- more than once. This was a really beautiful story of a girl, Haley, who is struggling with the happiness she feels when with a boy, Eli, and the sadness she believes she should feel due to her mother's illness.

Eli. Now there is another book boyfriend who has ruined me. He just knows what to say, how to act, when to act. He is patient and kind -- he gives the kind of love you read about in 1 Corinthians. And he loves Haley, has loved Haley since the first day they met. Swoon. Their interactions are adorable and I loved watching their relationship evolve. Haley, though, I kind of wanted to smack her -- often. I tried to sympathize with her, and I tried to understand her situation, but it was Eli, how could she do these things to Eli. Frustrating!

The chapters where Haley's family were center stage were some of the most beautiful parts of the story. Yes, these parts wrecked me, but they also allowed me to glimpse the precious love between her parents, and their love for her and her brother.

Not only did Haley have a wonderful family, her two best friends were pretty awesome too. All in all, Haley was one lucky girl.

This book sort of had it all for me. It was funny, sad, sweet, and a very enjoyable read.
