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The second book in a *New York Times* bestselling author Denise Grover Swank's Bachelor Brotherhood series!

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Isha Coleman says

A long lost dream becomes a real life fantasy. When Anna broke Matt's heart, she never thought she'd see him again. Amazing how time and regret can shape a life and give a person the maturity they once lacked. Matt has never gotten over the girl who broke his heart. Can he forgive the girl and accept the woman and mother she has become? Always You is a what - if story of second chances and lasting romances. A little laughter and a heartwarming happily ever after.

Lisa (Remarkablylisa) says

MY RATING: 4/5 STARS

I was provided an ARC from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

This is my second book from Denise Grover Swank and it honestly was not a disappointment. I love second chance romances especially an emotional one like what college sweethearts Anna and Matt went through. Matt always knew Anna was the one. He fell completely head over heels for her when he first met her and knew his heart would forever be hers whether he wanted it to be true or not. It pained me to read how these two lovebirds fell apart. Anna was too young, too scared, and too weak to get locked down in a marriage when Matt popped the question. She said she accepted a job in London, England, and didn't want kids or want to stay in the small town she grew up in. It completely shattered Matt when he heard all this.

It's been years since they last saw each other so imagine the awkwardness when Anna's son's soccer coach turns out to be the one man she never stopped loving.

I loved reading this couple's story because I saw how Matt developed as their story progressed. He was angry and felt horribly wronged. Here he thought that Anna never wanted to get married nor have children but here is she with a son and divorce papers in tow. Did she not just want children with him? Did she not just want to marry him? It made me horribly sad to read the doubt Matt had in himself when he considered all these factors when Anna reappeared in his life. And it only makes sense for him to be bitter about it but he never once took it out on Anna's young son because he's a good man. Matt was possibly one of the best good guys I ever read. He didn't hold grudges on people who didn't deserve it, he listened, and he forgave. He also apologized to Anna for all the grief she went through. I loved Matt as a character.

I also felt horrible for Anna. She was trapped in an unloving marriage with a man who didn't support her financially nor emotionally and slept around with half the city of London. Anna deserved so much better. But she was strong. She juggled her career and took care and raised a beautiful young boy all by herself. I teared up when I saw her armor crack and break down chunk by chunk. Sometimes life gets really hard for single parents and Anna was no different.

The book was also filled with a healthy dose of entertaining drama. Anna was trapped by her malicious ex-husband and she couldn't risk breaking Matt's heart again when eventually she did have to return back to London to her job and her life. I also hated and loved the scenes involving Anna and her father. Her father

was a grumpy old man who took it out on Anna for living a stunning life in London. I hated how grouchy he was but after spending some time with his grandchild, he turned into the softest man of life! I loved this family. I loved these characters.

MY RECOMMENDATION

Read this touching story that made me cry.

Jessica says

I have been reading a lot of single parent books lately and I have been loving them. This one happens to be a second chance romance as well and I couldn't wait to read it!

Matt knew that Anna was the one as soon as they started dating in college. But when he proposed and thought they would spend the rest of their lives together, Anna bolts. All Matt wanted was to make Anna his wife and have kids, but Anna wasn't ready. Years later, Matt is coaching his five-year-old nephew's soccer team and loves his nephew like a son. When his nephew introduces Matt to his new best friend, the last child he expects to see is the child of Anna. Anna thought she new what she wanted when she moved to England, but she didn't expect to be a divorced single mother moving back to America to help her ill father. The last person she wants to see again is Matt, but the moment she sees him, she remembers just how much pain she put him through. Matt wants to stay mad at Anna for the pain she caused him, but when they start to spend more time together, the old feelings become impossible to ignore.

From the start, I was so in love with Matt and his desire to be a dad. He was such a good guy and such a good father figure for his nephew. And Anna took that all away from him when she left him for an independent future. When she comes back with a kid, my heart broke for Matt and what he could have had. Matt is honestly one of the good ones and I wanted him to have the family and children he so desperately wanted and watched all of his friends get.

As for Anna, my heart definitely went out to her and what she went through in England with her ex-husband. And even if she wanted to try something with Matt, she knew her whole life is back in England. Ugh. And can we talk about how freaking adorable her son was? I loved how close Anna's son and Matt's nephew grew and how their friendship brought the adults together. There were some very emotional moments, but also some moments where I was laughing out loud. I loved Anna and Matt's dynamic and how they remembered the good times they had while trying to work through the pain they both caused.

While I didn't read the previous books in this series, I loved this second chance romance between two people who only want the best for the little guys in their lives. The little boys in this book were so lovable and I appreciated how important family was to all of the characters in this book. For a sweet, second chance romance, you should pick up *Always You*.

Sandy S says

3.75 stars--

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First love is better the second time around.

Matt Osborn had no idea coaching his five-year-old nephew's soccer team would get him so much attention from the mothers-attention he doesn't want now that he's given up on love and having a family of his own. Yep, Matt's the last of his bachelor buddies, and plans on staying that way. That is, until he finds himself face-to-face with the woman who broke his heart.

Single mom Anna paused her life in England to help her father recover from an illness. She can't afford complications, and too-hot-for-his-own-good Matt Osborn-her almost former fiancé-is definitely a complication. He's a reminder of what might have been-or should have been. That irresistible pull between them isn't over. Not even close. But if she's not careful, she'll break both their hearts . . . again.

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REVIEW: 3.75 stars---**ALWAYS YOU** is the third (and final) instalment in Denise Grover Swank's contemporary, adult **BACHELOR BROTHERHOOD** romance series focusing on three friends (Kevin, Tyler and Matt) who call themselves The Bachelor Brotherhood. This is construction company operator / soccer coach Matt Osborn, and single mom/international financial consultant Annaliese Fischer-Robins story line. **ALWAYS YOU** can be read as a stand alone without any difficulty. Any important information from the previous story lines is revealed where necessary. The Bachelor Brotherhood series is a spin off from the author's The Wedding Pact Series but you do not need to have read the previous series to enjoy The Bachelor Brotherhood.

SOME BACKGROUND: Years earlier, best friends Matt Osborn, Tyler Norris, and Kevin Vandemeer, following three mutually disastrous relationships and breakups, loosely formed what came to be known as the Bachelor Brotherhood. Tyler and Kevin quickly found love but our hero struggled with moving forward, never forgetting about the woman that broke his heart.

Told from dual third person perspectives (Anna and Matt) **ALWAYS YOU** follows the rekindling romance between former lovers Anna Fischer-Robins, and Matt Osborn, whose relationship twelve years earlier was destroyed when Anna walked out of Matt's life in order to pursue a career in international finance. Fast forward to present day, wherein Anna Fischer, now a single mother of a five year old son, returns home to help her ailing father. Registering Toby for soccer, Anna will come face to face with her past-Matt Osborn-the man whose heart she broke when she refused his proposal of marriage, and any chance at a happily ever after. What ensues is the second chance relationship between two people who have never stopped loving one another in the face of heartbreak, pain and thousands of miles of open sea, and the potential fall out when Anna's recent past comes looking for a second chance.

Matt Osborn was destroyed the day Anna Fischer walked out of his life claiming she didn't want marriage or children but was destined for the world of international finance overseas. Caring for his sister's five year old son Ethan has our hero longing for a family of his own with a woman whose return to America is only temporary and fleeting. Anna's return to US soil finds our heroine a divorced mother of one blowing all of her personal proclamations out of the water adding more anger to an already tepid situation between she and the man she once loved.

The relationship between Anna and Matt is one of second chances; a rekindling romance that quickly

develops into something more but something that may only be temporary as Anna is legally obligated to return overseas. Matt's seduction of Anna pulls our heroine closer to the man she would always love but a man, who for so long, struggled in the face of betrayal and lost love. The sex scenes are limited but passionate.

Lanie and Tyler (Until You #2), and Kevin and Holly (Only You #1) return as secondary and supporting characters. We are introduced to Anna's father Albert Fischer, her son Toby, and her ex-husband Phillip Robins; as well as Matt's nephew Ethan, his mother, and his sister Abby Osborn.

ALWAYS YOU is a sweet story of second chances; a delightful and heart warming tale of one man's struggle to let go of the past; and one woman's battle to secure her future. The premise is enjoyable; the romance is tender and fated; the characters are colorful and real.

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Michelle Stuck says

This is the final book of the Bachelor Brotherhood series. I wish there were more bachelors for Denise to write about because this series was so much fun to read that I am sad to see it end. Always You follows the story of longtime bachelor, Matt, and his ex-girlfriend, Anna. He is living in his hometown helping to raise his nephew when his nephew befriends a new boy. Turns out the boy is his ex's son. The attraction is still there and they, as a couple, need to figure out how to make their relationship work this time around. There are logistic issues and legal issues but love wins! I love the storyline of Matt and Anna being reunited. I loved seeing the little boys' friendship develop. The portrayal of the soccer moms was spot on. And, I even loved Anna's grumpy dad. Such a winner of a book. Try the whole series. You won't regret it!

Mia Book Addict says

'Bachelor Brotherhood' series is my second series from Denise Grover Swank and just like 'Wedding Pact' series I really enjoyed reading it. 'Always You' is the third and last book of the 'Bachelor Brotherhood' series. Kevin, Tyler and Matt are best friends, who got really unlucky with the women they date so they decide to make a pact to avoid women and relationships. However, their bachelor brotherhood pact doesn't stand a chance when they start finding their true love. After Kevin and Tyler finding the love of their lives, Matt is the last of the bachelors to stick with the pact.

Matthew Michael Osborn, aka Matt, is sensitive, protective and loyal. He will do anything for the people he cares about. After her failed marriage Matt's sister Abby decides to go back to school and study medicine. Because it will be hard to take care of a five year old and go to med school, she leaves her son Ethan in Matt's care. Matt is also coaching his nephew Ethan's soccer team and when he agreed to coach the team he wasn't aware that he would be fighting from the mothers attention.

“ But all the moms on the team like you. I heard one of them say she'd like to bring you home for a playdate, and the other mom said she had some toys for you to play with...”

Matt always dreamed of having a family but getting his heartbroken by his college sweetheart and keep dating the wrong women, he is far behind the life he envisioned having. Annaliese Fischer, aka Anna, is sweet, smart, strong and confident. After her dad's accident, she takes six weeks leave from her job in London and comes back to the small town she grew up to take care of his father. She knew being back with her five-years-old son Toby and taking care of her father will not be easy but she never imagined that her college boyfriend would be her son's soccer coach and complicate her life this much. When Anna shows up at Ethan's soccer practice with her son Toby, Matt is having a hard time to control his emotions. Even though 12 years past since the day he proposed to Anna and got rejected because she doesn't want to get married and have children, his wounds are still fresh. Also, seeing the woman, who rejected him because she didn't want children, with her son is a hard pill to swallow for Matt. Despite their best efforts to avoid each other Toby and Ethan being best friends keeps bringing them together. Ethan and Toby makes this story more adorable and sweet, I absolutely loved them. It was also great to see the rest of the 'Bachelor Brotherhood' gang Kevin, Tyler, Holly and Lanie. Their banter and friendship is hilarious and sweet. Even Matt and Anna are the one for each other will they move past the old heartbreak? What will happen after six weeks when Anna has to leave for London? Will they be able to overcome all the obstacles they face? Because I don't want to spoil the story for you guys that is all for you to find out ?

'Always You' is heartwarming, sweet, funny and amazingly perfect second-chance romance. This is my favorite book in the series. Even though it is the third book of the series, it can be read as a standalone. Once you start reading it, you won't be able to put it down.

Would I recommend this book: Yes.

Would I re-read this book: Yes.

Would I read future books by this author: Yes.

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Nicola says

3.5 Stars.

It's always a little risky picking up a book that forms part of a series, and the final book at that, but Denise Grover Swank is an author I've wanted to read for a while now and I do love a second chance romance so it was a risk I was prepared to take. And it paid off because *Always You* was an easy-read family-feel romance which brought that small town atmosphere I have a soft spot for.

"You and I are ancient history. I can keep it in the past."

Whilst the general storyline didn't feel particularly unique to me, the cast of endearing characters made this the story it was. And when Anna returns from England to Blue Springs, Missouri to help care for her injured dad, she soon discovers her five year-olds new best-friend is the nephew of the kids soccer coach, and man whose heart she broke when she left.

"You and I were never a mistake."

Anna and Matt are a couple waiting for their right place, right time and whose hearts never stopped beating for one another. But with him determined not to let the love of his life slip through his fingers again and her

life back in England, they have some tough decisions to make.

“...let’s have tomorrow. And as many days as we can before you go.”

With some hilarious moments counterbalancing the romantic aspect, *Always You* was a feel-good romance with an endearing cast of secondary characters and some drama thrown into the mix heading towards the end. Some of it felt a little speedy and OTT at times as Matt and Anna navigate the path towards true love all over again, but that can be forgiven as this was an enjoyable introduction to the author’s writing.

“Never underestimate a man in love.”

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Monique says

This is the third and final book in the Bachelor Brotherhood Series, and even though I am sad its over, I feel this series went out on a huge high. This is a sweet second chance, contemporary romance that will give you all the emotions and elations.

Matt is the last of the bachelors to stick with the pact he made with his two best friends Kevin and Tyler. For Matt, there was no one who could compare to his college sweet heart Anna who moved away 12 years ago. So when she returns home for a short time to help her ailing father, he is unsure what his feelings are now. For Anna, her biggest mistake was not accepting Matt's proposal and now she needs to make amends.

I just fell into this book, and loved Matt for his sensitive and loyal personality. He would do anything for this family and friends. Anna was perfect for Matt, she has the same family values and is a strong and confidant woman. I loved hearing about the other characters from the previous books and their banter together. This author is clever with the wit! There is a little angst thrown in to give this a well rounded novel and I would recommend it and the other two books for a exquisite warm hearted read.

*I received a copy from the publishers for an honest review.

Elley Murray says

Oh gosh, this book kept me on the edge of my seat, hand on my heart and tears welling up in my eyes as I fretted about how on earth Matt and Anna will possible get their Happily Ever After. The writing was at times a little distanced/clinical, which is the only thing that kept this from being a 5 star read for me. Also, I didn't appreciate Matt and his buddies calling Anna a bitch like they were. I can see being hurt over a rejected proposal, but if you felt ready to propose to someone shouldn't you at least love them enough to stick around and figure out why they said no?

I adore Matt, who is so selfless (when he's not busy having his head up his butt) and his relationship with his nephew Ethan and later with Toby is so sweet. Anna as well is an amazing parent, and I wish I had half the patience these guys repeatedly show their little 5 year old boys. As a mom of an almost-4-year-old and almost-2-year-old, I can tell you that reasoning with them once they're on a rampage rarely actually goes that well... That being said, I felt like these little boys were super sweet, while at the same time being realistically written. Also, I want to snuggle them and feed them candy and give them noogies.

I was hooked from the get-go, and while I sort of saw the ending coming from halfway through the book, it was really well written and I was still on tenterhook over how everything would play out.

This is the third book in the Bachelor Brotherhood series, and while it can be read as a stand alone there are definitely some minor spoilers for the other books in this series, as well as for some books in Swank's The Wedding Pact series. You won't lose anything by not reading those books before reading this one, but if you're going to read them all anyway you might be better off reading them in order just to make sure you're not doing ruin any surprises from the earlier books.

Ruthie Parrish says

This book was my favorite in the series! I love these characters, they are so real to me. Real life issues and concerns, family drama, second chance at love , aging parents.... pets... kids, it has it all! I love it!

Elisa Hordon says

I am a huge fan of Denise Grover Swank and every book she has written and Always You is right up there with the best, talk about the sweetest, saddest most loving love story ever.

Matt is our last bachelor in this trilogy but he gave up on love 12yrs ago he knows he will never get it back.

Anna was once you and in love but she walked away from him to build a career on the other side of the world, now she is a single mum and has come home to help her aging father after he had a fall.

Matt and Anna were meant to be but can they get past their hurt younger selves.

Really this story has it all kids, dogs, family, friends and two people who need to stop fighting destiny.

Alison says

Another great book in this series.

So, the backstory - three best friends (male) realise that they have dated a series of extreme (for want of a better word) women and swear a pact to avoid all women. Of course, immediately afterwards they find their one true loves.

Matt Osborn is looking after his five year old nephew Ethan while his sister Abby is away studying

medicine, as part of that he has agreed to act as soccer coach to Ethan's school team.

12 years ago Matt proposed to his college sweetheart Annaliese (Anna) Fischer, he was heartbroken when she turned him down in favour of a job in London, England. At the time she told him she never wanted to get married and have children. Imagine his surprise when Ethan's new best friend Toby turns out to be Anna's son.

Anna has returned to her small town from London to look after her father who has had a nasty fall. She has taken six weeks leave from her job in London and brought her son, despite her divorce settlement saying she can't take him out of the country. The last thing she wants is to be confronted by Matt Osborn who has every right to hate her after she left him high and dry.

Despite their best efforts to avoid each other Toby and Ethan's friendship keeps bringing them together. But can they overcome the pain of the past? And should they try to reconnect when Anna is leaving in six weeks?

This was a heartwarming second-chance romance - how could it not be with two cute five year olds and dogs and cantankerous old men?

I received a free copy of this book from the publisher via NetGalley in return for an honest review.

Bumped for release.

Stephanie says

I received a copy of this title via NetGalley. It does not impact my review.

Always You will be available November 28, 2017.

I read the first book in this series, Only You, not too long ago and really enjoyed it. It was my first Denise Grover Swank book and her writing is a mix of romance, humor, and family and I knew I had to read more from her.

Always You follows the last man standing from the Bachelor Brotherhood, an agreement Matt and his two best friends made to give up on relationships after they all had terrible breakups. His two friends have found love and Matt has resigned himself to being single. He's always wanted a family and is happy to have his 5 year old nephew, Ethan, living with him while his sister attends medical school out of state. He's coaching Ethan's soccer team when he finds out Ethan's new best friend is the son of his old college girlfriend, Anna. The girlfriend who turned down his marriage proposal twelve years ago because she didn't want to get married or have kids.

As you can imagine, Ethan and Anna reconcile. It took me a little while to get on board with their romance. I love a good Second Chance Romance story, but I felt like things happened just a little too easily. Matt had spent more than a decade being bitter about how Anna left and he completely thaws after just a couple of interactions. Now, I am all for forgiveness. And I can really appreciate that he realizes Anna wasn't the only one to blame in their breakup, but it didn't feel realistic for them to just pick up where they left off like they did. That said, I did eventually get on board and I liked them together. I also really liked the new family unit

they made up with Ethan and Anna's son, Toby. They were all so cute together and Matt was so, so sweet with the boys. I wasn't sure about having Ethan and Toby be such a big part of the story at the beginning (I'm not a kid person, sorry), but they eventually won me over, as well.

One thing that really bugged me, though, was Anna's issues with her ex-husband, Phillip. There were a lot of legal issues that needed to be worked out and for most of the book she was just resigned to not doing anything about it. She was a pretty strong, smart, and independent character in so many aspects, but she was such a doormat when it came to Phillip and I just didn't understand it. She does eventually seek some help (with a fun cameo from one of the author's previous series), though.

Overall, I enjoyed *Always You*. Matt is definitely one of the sweetest male leads I have read and I wish he was real. While it did take me a little bit to get into the romance and to like the kids, I did eventually get on board with all of it. There were several humorous parts, including a scene in Chuck E. Cheese that made me laugh out loud. I definitely plan on reading more books from Denise Grover Swank.

Overall Rating (out of 5): 3.5 Stars

Angela Shockley says

Always You is easily my favorite of Denise Grover Swank's Bachelor Brotherhood series! I absolutely loved Matt, Anna, and all the soccer kids! It's a first love - second chance story that I absolutely adored! The pacing is quick and the story offers is a perfect blend of heart warming romance, a hefty dose of humor, all the while being painfully real. I don't know if I was particularly hormonal while reading this, but I got teary eyed for both Matt and Anna. Out of all the pairings between *The Wedding Pact* and Bachelor Brotherhood series, I liked theirs the most because they were able to reconcile their past.

Matt could not be more perfect. I want a Matt. Where do I get one? I'm 35... so tick tock!

This romance gets a rare *****5 STAR***** from me, and I'm picky when it comes to contemporary romance. I loved it!!!

☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆Janeane ☆ says

ARC received for an honest review

Make an appointment with your dentist, as *Always You* is so darn sweet it will give you a toothache!

This is my first Denise Grover Swank read, and even though this is book 3 in a series it did not affect my enjoyment.

This is a sweet and tender second chance romance, as we all have that one that got away, and we are full of what ifs, right.

Matt has got to be the sweetest, most patient guy I have ever read. I know that if things played out in my life like they did in his, I would not handle it as good as him.

Anna is adorable too, with a lot of baggage she is carrying around in her head and her heart.

I do like Matt and Anna together, but to me it felt a bit rushed how they got back together. I mean, after all that happened it felt like "hi, you're back, let's get together" -but this could just be me.

There are great secondary characters, a story that flows and makes your heart fill with hope.

I will now need to go back and read the first 2 books in this series.
