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For the past 4 years Cash has been living his life one day at a time...

Finally sober, he's running his own business and repairing his relationship with his sister. He's happy with his life and proud of his accomplishments he's made. Now if only he could completely forgive himself for the mistakes he's made.

Tessa Brooks has lived a simple life...

She helps her widowed brother raise his daughter and spends her days surrounded by books. Then one day, a chance encounter brings her face to face with a man who will open her eyes to what she's been missing in life, happiness.

Tessa awakens something in Cash he thought was dead and buried long ago.

As their relationship grows he knows he needs to tell her about his past, but he's afraid of how she will react. Will she be able to handle the painful truth of his past?

When forces out of their control lead them both down a path of destruction, they are both left wondering. Will their love be enough to heal each other when they need the other person the most?

One Day at a Time Details

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Jamie Rhodes says

The title certainly fits the storyline. Both characters have to take each day as it comes. Cash is a former drug addict. He has been drug free for a while, but still has to be aware of everything that he does. Thank goodness the author doesn't let him go back to his addiction even when things get tough. Tessa has some demons of her own. She has been abused by her father and she has a lisp that people make fun of. The story is sweet for about 60 % of the book. Then, wham!! The angst comes. I needed a Kleenex or two as I finished this story. This book is part of a series, but I feel as if you can read it as a stand alone. I had a very hard time remembering the other story lines to the other books. I had to go back and read the blurbs and my reviews. Therefore, you don't have to read the others to be touched by this story. Dual point of view. No cliffhanger.

Sienna Logan (Lost to Books) says

This was the book that drew me to the series with its cover. I had debated just reading this book as the series follows different characters, however I'm glad I borrowed them all and read them in order. There is a lot of overlapping and it did give background information in more detail.

One Day at a Time was definitely the best in the series for me. There was a clear progression in the author's writing over the series and I found this book to be paced better, kept me hooked the most, and felt most engaging. I thought things flowed better and the writing felt more natural and realistic.

I found the characters easy to engage with and their dark pasts that seeped into their present broke my heart. There are some quite brutal scenes that weren't easy to read, but I think the author dealt with the tough subjects well.

There is only one criticism I have with this series and that's the characters don't vary in their speech and mannerisms that much. A lot of the same phrases are used throughout all four books and I just wanted a bit more originality in their personality.

Overall though, I loved Cash and Tessa's story. It's my favourite so far and was the most emotionally engaging. I'm hoping that Jonathon get a book next.

Yasmin Vasquez says

Another hit(spoiler alert)

Evan Grace has done it again! This is a great addition in this series. I'm glad Cash found his true love who accepted him and loved him for all his flaws. His past was really bad but that is the life of a drug addict. That was written beautifully and in the best light. Tessa who was basically an angel had her own hardships. Child abuse can really scar a child and an adult. I hope I get a book 5 in the series maybe Luke's brother?? Just saying Evan Grace.

RelentlessBookChic Ramblings & Reviews says

One Day at a Time was such a sweet story! I literally read this book in one sitting and could not put it down, I was doing cooking, doing dishes and putting the kids to bed reading this book.

Tessa is the picture of innocence, so sweet and caring even through what she endured as a child. As if the abuse wasn't enough also going through life with a speech impediment that made her an easy target to bullies. She has been dealt a crap hand all of her life and finally stumbled upon her little piece of happiness when she meets Cash.

Cash is not without his own demons. He is a recovering addict who is literally taking his sobriety one day at a time and those days happen to get easier once he meets sweet Tessa.

This story follows along their courtship and yes, they actually court, the struggles to get through their own insecurities in order to open up and trust another. It is beautiful and sad and heartbreaking at times but it is so worth it! I spent most of the book fighting back tears as so much of this book hit home with me. You could FEEL the struggle and emotions that each of the characters were going through and it will change you.

NOTE** This is book 4 in the Starting Over series but it can also be read as a standalone. I didn't realize it when I signed up for the ARC but I was able to read and keep up with the story without a problem. This book actually made me want to go back and read the first three!

Relentlessbookchic approved.
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Michelle says

This book is by far one of the best stories I have ever read. It made me cry quite a few times but it is such a heart wrenching story. Emotions are in high gear in this one. This author has been the reason I read at all, she has taught me how important it is to make time for yourself and relax with a great book. She has introduced me to so many authors I love to read. Thank You Evan Grace!!!

Kim Brewing says

4.5 stars

I loved Tessa. There are people that just radiate kindness and light and she was definitely one of them; just ask anyone who came in contact with her. Cash has worked really hard to get where he is in life, but takes each day as it comes. This was a great story. I loved seeing more of Journey and Dylan.

I hope the author is thinking of giving us Jonathan and Shannon story.

Dawn says

I love this interlocking series. I really enjoy getting a new story line and also getting to catch up on characters that I've already read about and getting an update on their lives.

Cash had a past full of grief and wrong choices that he has spent the last 4 years sobering up from and making it up to the people around him that were hurt by his actions. Now that he is getting his life on the right track and things are finally looking up for him he finally starts thinking about a future with possibilities and possibly some happiness. Although no matter how much good he does now or how straight his life is he can never get back the one thing that means more to him then anything, his daughter, who is now being raised by his sister and calls her and her husband mommy and daddy.

Tessa has lived her life in fear until she turned 18 and her older brother came and saved her from the daily hell she was living in at the hands of her father. From that day on she lived with her brother and helped him raise his daughter after they lost her mother to cancer. Until the day that Cash strolls into her life and makes her want something for herself for a change.

They both have demons in their past but they both find in each other the happiness and hope for a great future. All they have to do is admit their demons to each other and find a way to keep them in the past and out of their future...

Sunglow says

A heart melting book. Even though I was doubtful about this book specially after Begin Again, which did not impress me much. But, I ended up loving Cash and his attitude of one day at a time, but I was also hurt by seeing him punishing himself for his past. The scenes of him with Violet were too painful. At the same time Tessa was an amazing woman. She had the courage to move forward in life by defeating her demons. I loved how she never gave up on Cash and how forgiving and understanding she was. It was a wonderful read. So yes I am looking forward to more books by Evan Grace.

Lynne Garlick says

5 stars all the way!!

Oh my days! I loved this book! It feels like forever since I read the first book in this series, had my heart broken and fixed back together and now I have read Cash's story. Evan, I don't know how you do it but please don't stop! Cash has been through some difficult, often traumatic time but four years after reuniting with his sister, he seems to have things straightened out and going in his favour. It's not been an easy journey to here and then he finds his ray of sunshine. Tessa's life hasn't been any easier either and she has experienced things that could of broken her.....together they fit.....but before they find their HEA.....go one click this please.....I have been through the wringer whilst reading this but in a good way!

Rachel Hendry says

I have read all of Evan's books but this is my favourite.

We met Cash in his sisters book therefore we know his backstory and his struggles but four years later he is really making something of himself. Tessa now what a strong girl...appears younger than her years in lots of ways...naive in some ways but so very worldly in others...a tragic life and innocent in the way of men. Now often when we meet females that innocent it feels contrived but this time...no...Tessa was a beautiful soul and it was simply right it was this way...shy and unsure...just waiting for someone like Cash.

I have never felt such connection between characters before and their friendship and subsequent relationship was truly an amazing thing...Cash had demons but it didn't turn him into the proverbial manwhore that we see so frequently...if anything he had 'issues' and this was realistic and a refreshing change.

Their relationship hit stumbling blocks and following this was something that I felt may happen but it still took my breath away when it did...I hurt...I cried, no sobbed and I wanted to hug Tessa but she had an amazing support network and Cash...and they all came through for her.

A truly breathtaking book and I devoured every last word.

Oh and by the way Evan...Jonathon...I so want his story and how he got his HEA...even a teeny novella would be fine by me Lol!

Rebecca says

This is such a sweet romance that you can't help but love. Cash and Tessa are so sweet together and he does everything he can to make her feel loved and wanted. But both have dark paths that they haven't worked through yet. Just when Tessa thinks that life couldn't be any better, her past comes back and rattles her safety cage. Cash can't get over what he did in the past and feels like Tessa deserves better, but can he handle leaving her for good? When tragedy strikes and Tessa needs Cash the most, will he be there? **WARNING:** This book turns into a tear jerker!!! This was a great read, it was a little slow at times and I think needed some different wording in parts so it ran smoother but all in all a great read!!

Teri says

[Either something was missing from the story or were we just to assume Te

Fatima McKindra says

Nice! I was hoping the series didn't end before Cash got his story and I wasn't disappointed! As with the other stories in this series, the character development was great for the main characters as well as the supporting cast. The story arc was pretty engaging and the sexy times were pretty hot. Definitely worth the purchase price :)

wendy Shelton(obsessedbybooks) says

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Tessa is a strong young lady who loves her brother and niece and is thankful for all her brother Jonathon has done for her. they both have suffered so much, an abusive father, Tessa being made fun of due to her lisps and her brother losing his wife to cancer, but they've survived together.

Chase hasn't had a perfect life, he mixed up in the wrong crowd and got hooked on drugs, lost his parents at a young age and lost custody of his daughter due to drugs. Now being clean for 4 years he has really turned his life around. one afternoon while riding his bike he notices a beautiful girl and how she is looking at him. well the next day he decides to go to the café in town for lunch and sees her, he ask to join her for lunch and when she accepts he right away taken by her. they start to meet for lunch everyday that week and have become friends. the more that get to know each other the more they both develop feelings for each other but chase is wearing due his back ground he feels that once he tells her the truth that she will run and h feels he doesn't deserve her. Tessa is smitten with chase and has even shared her past with him about her father. chase has decided to tell Tessa some about his past so when he tells her that is a recovering herion addict and she doesn't run he starts thinking just maybe he can have happiness in his life. when a family member from tessas past resurfaces and chase has to deal with a loss will the demons of their past keep them from their future. I really enjoyed this book, these characters showed strength and caring and growth. I would recommend this book and give it 5 stars

Rebecca from Cover to Cover Book Blog says

Tessa is an amazing woman who has had a rough life. Since she was little she's been told she was nothing. Her brother rescued her when she was eighteen and took her in at his house. She now a manager for a bookstore and is scared of men. One day at lunch Cash came by and noticed her at the cafe. He felt something just looking at her. They had lunch everyday together until he finally asked her on a date. They had a blast together if it was going out or staying in. They fell for each other very quickly and Tessa met and fell in love with his family. But there were a few secrets both of them had that hopefully wouldn't break them. Cash gets scared and calls things off. A tragic incident happens and Cash is called by her brother. He drops everything and runs to her to her but is it to late or can he show her that she truly is worth something to him?
