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Tracey says

A second chance romance with lots of heat and passion.?♥????

This is one emotional romance that has a little bit of everything in it... Julia meets Ryan and his best friend, Caleb, and has a night of passion that should have been just one night. But there was something more between her and Ryan that just couldn't be ignored. Now the question is whether there is more than just sex between them and if they are willing to fight for more when life throws in even more twists. ???

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Selina Durio says

All I can say is WOW! After reading book 1 in this series, Secret Lovers, I was intrigued to find out Julia's story. It was better than I expected. Julia, had many secrets that she did not let Tight Five know. After they discovered her pregnancy she still had a few she didn't share. That was until her past, in the form of her mother and her husband, came calling. This story handled everything from loss of memory from a mugging ; to an out of wedlock baby; to miscarriage, to stripping; to parental abandonment. Great story!

Lisa H says

Well, it's complicated.

Ryan is served divorce papers from Julia. He hasn't seen her in a while because he was mugged and he had memory issues. Like he knew he was married but didn't know her last name or how to contact her. She's lost their baby while he's ghosted on her and when they sort of get back together finds out he's father's a son. That he's keeping with out discussing it with Julia and she can't have children now. I think Julia put up with a lot of crap from Ryan. Oh, they met having a hot threesome with his band mate Caleb.

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Eva Millien says

This Love and Friendship romance invokes strong emotions in readers as Ryan tries to win back Julia's heart after disappearing from her life. Julia and Ryan are two strong, convincing characters that captures readers' hearts and ensure that they want to know every last detail. The relationship is on rocky ground and due to some devastating past events which keeps Julia's emotional turmoil at an all-time high which in return keeps readers glued to the pages and holding their breath wondering if this couple will achieve that elusive happily ever after.

The story is fast paced and full of emotional suspense with friends adding support to each of the characters and when family issues add twist to the story which add to the intense emotions of the story, as well. The interactions between the couple and friends inspire readers with their closeness, loyalty and ability to help out during a crisis and the whole turning around of the family business adds a range of effects to the romance between Julia and Ryan. It is not necessary to read the previous book in this series in order to enjoy reading this one, but this one does make readers curious about it and the next book.

Nancy says

A great read that includes characters from Secret Lovers but isn't dependent upon having read that story. A really enjoyable read about a relationship that has to overcome some serious hurdles before it can get to the happily ever after. Well written with sympathy & understanding. Because of what these 2 are going through, this isn't the lightest read from Shelly but there are enough light moments to balance the story. I love that there is some humor in this book as well.

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Coco.V says

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Blurb:

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Ellen Shannon says

This was a fantastic book! I didn't want it to end. This is a great book to read on a cold snowy day. I love this new series by Shelley Munro.

Ryan and Julia haven't seen each other for months. Julia has gone through some rough times without Ryan and wants to move on without him. Ryan has just gotten back from an European tour when he served divorce papers. No ones knows that they are married so it comes to the surprise of her friends when he shows up claiming to be her husband. Ryan doesn't want to end his marriage and he knows that he has been MIA but he has a good reason for it. He was mugged abroad and was injured to the point that he lost some of his short term memories. He convinces her to give their marriage another shot. Julia has some emotional baggage that may affect their second chance. Will they be able to remember why they were good to begin with or will outside forces tear them apart?

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Cynthia says

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Past Regrets is the second book of *Love and Friendship* series by [Shelley Munro](#). While in the first book, **The Bottom Line**, we were met with Maggie and Connor, here we meet their best friend, Julia. I always love a series which consisted of spin-off stories from a group of best friends. I don't know, it's just a good thing seeing the whole group (*maybe*) consist of different type of characters and as they go through things together, the alchemy makes their friendship stronger and deeper. I love that and it always is a plus point I see in a romance story. Also maybe because that way I get to know more about every character, so when they become side characters on the other books I know their personas well enough to picture them better. And that's how I see this book as well.

The story starts with how **Julia Maxwell** finally had enough with her long-time-no-see husband, **Ryan Callander**. His European tour with the band, *French Letters*, had last longer than they'd originally planned and too bad Ryan hadn't bothered enough to call her nor text her, much worse taking every single of her call. Well, or so she thought. She herself has her own issues. And with the secretive marriage they've been keeping away from everyone, she couldn't talk about her problem to anyone and God knows how she needed Ryan so badly. That's why once the band came back to Auckland for temporary break, Julia with all her determination, sent divorce papers right to Ryan's apartment. She would not care about anything he'd say to her ?hell if he had any.

The bloody divorce papers were like a slap on his face at midday for Ryan. He was still in the process to bring all the memories back to his head. Even Julia's surname was unfamiliar to him. How could she want a divorce? Ryan had experienced a mugging during his time in Germany. The hard knock landed on his head had caused him to lose some memories. To his misfortune, the memories he lost was those of his time with Julia. It had taken weeks for the memories to come back, for him to remember her name and he currently was still recovering. He came back to Auckland with all his purpose to find Julia and talk about everything but the paper has ruined the entire plan. He might not remember much about their time together but what he remembered very well was he loved Julia so much and the word 'divorce' never existed on their dictionary. Now that they both finally met, the tension between them has gone up to a full force. Ryan confronted her to drop the divorce thing but as expected Julia would not that easy to back off. With a lot of pushing and some

invisible sparks that pulling them both closer, Ryan and Julia were faced with the fact that the war was not the possibility of their broken marriage. The actual war was those between them and the secrets they've been keeping from each other. For marriage is nothing but just a label without full trust between both parties. I found myself really liking Julia's personality here. She is a strong woman and very challenging too. I liked how she fully determined to stand on her path once she decided what to do with her life. I liked it that she was not an easy woman when it came to a man. But she's no heartless too. I liked that she takes things slowly step by step. She never shows weakness nor shows stubbornness. And that's I think what makes Ryan fell in love with her. Both main characters are actually really determined with each other's goal. But I love it that Ryan respected Julia very well. Not what I expected from a rock star, actually. And the sad parts had successfully played with my emotion, I found myself crying in silent.

Even though the book is rather fast-paced, the strained scenes were nowhere to be seen. I liked how the author chose one certain thing to focus on as the leading part so the flow of the story didn't appear boring. But what I noticed the most is the author's writing style. In several scenes I found some characters' movements was written quite detailed. Like those interactions between Julia and her friends. But the details were not that boring or unnecessary type of details. It, for me in fact, made the scenes more natural. Even though some parts were easy to guess, and there were a certain topic that I found unfamiliar for me (view spoiler), and I was hoping for more mind-blowing secrets (*yes, I am that kind of reader who loves drama*), I found that this book is pretty easy to be enjoyed, especially for those who loves simple (and steamy) love story.

LMR says

Reunited Lovers (Friendship Chronicles Book 2)

By: Shelley Munro

"Reunited Lovers," Part of A Great Series With An Awesome Balance Between Drama & S€XY Times!!

She's finally had Enough...

She's suffered in Silence long Enough...

Now, it's Time to break the cord tethering her & MOVE ON...

Alone Again...

Just like the LAST Several months...

After all, She's got her friends...

What does she need a man who isn't around for Anyway!!!

Only Once she files for Divorce, it seems he's decided to come crawling BACK...

WTF! Why can't HE let her MOVE ON?!

Hmmmm... Seems he's had a miserable time too!

Can two healing hearts find their way BACK to each other?!

Or are they destined to keep Rowing to different shores?!?

Do they harbor too many Secrets, Lies, & Betrayals to come together?!I

Or will their love keep drawing them in...

Even though I already owned Shelley Munro's "Reunited Lovers (Friendship Chronicles Book 2)," I agreed to review as an ARC for her via Booksprout; I recommend this book to others based upon its own merits. All opinions expressed within this review are uniquely my own & freely given!

Until next time... Happy Reading!

(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys_sidekick says

Originally posted at <http://smexybooks.com/2013/09/review-...>

Favorite Quote: "This was home. Now all he had to do was convince her."

Julia Maxwell was the consummate party girl when she met Ryan Callander. Once they started dating she became fully committed to the relationship and him. Ryan, who is now a famous rock star, was just starting out when he and Julia met and married and stupidly heeded to his manager's rule of no marriages among the band members. He and Julia discussed it and both agreed to keep their marriage a secret until the time was right. After Julia suffers through a terrible tragedy alone and then begins to see the various tabloid pictures showing Ryan with one different woman after another, Julia decides to call it quits and begins the proceedings for divorce. Ryan is upset to discover divorce papers waiting for him. While on a European tour with the band, Ryan was mugged and his memory is just now starting to come back to him. Because no one in the band knew of the marriage, no one called Julia to inform her of his injury and the one time she called Ryan, another woman answered his phone. Unsure exactly who Julia is or why she is divorcing him Ryan decides to go home to recuperate and try mend his relationship with his wife.

Past Regrets is a steamy erotic romance that is a mashup of some favorite tropes—an angry woman who's had enough, a marriage on the rocks, and a rock star hero. Munro adds a delicious twist with a husband who has short term memory loss. Told in the present with flashbacks to the past, we learn how Julia and Ryan met, fell in love, and what led up to Julia serving her errant husband with divorce papers. A romantic contemporary that addresses the effects secrets and miscommunications can have on two people who marry on a whim without really taking the time to get to know one another beyond the bedroom.

I enjoyed getting to know Julia and Ryan. Julia has a huge chip on her shoulder due to her upbringing (she was teased mercilessly as a child because her mom was a stripper) and some past hurts. She takes a lot of her insecurities out on Ryan. Though I found Julia's attitude to be trying at times, it's easy to sympathise with why she is acts the way she does. Ryan was easier to get to know. He comes across as warmer and more secure in both his actions and emotions. Watching his vulnerability come into play once he realises how much he loves Julia is so sweet and heartfelt. Once he remembers Julia and the reasons he married her, he does everything possible to make her see he still loves her and was faithful despite what she thinks.

The main conflict blends well with the various plotlines. Munro does a good job helping us visualize the hardships of being famous for both the stars and their significant others. Seeing the past and present of Julia and Ryan's relationship provides an intimate look into their lives and a better understanding for what went wrong and when. Unlike some romances, there is no singular event or person who is in the wrong. Though it takes time, Julia begins to see she allowed her past to condemn Ryan for acts he never committed and Ryan learns that he needs to make some serious choices in his life if he wants to keep Julia by his side. Some nice spicy love scenes makes for steamy reading and adds to the notion that regardless of Ryan and Julia's problems, the passion they had for one another was never one of them.

"Gradually he deepened the kiss, allowing his body to tell her everything—how much he missed her, hungered for her even when he hadn't remembered her name."

The secondary characters add humor and excitement to the story. Julia's friends were delightful and I enjoyed the camaraderie and obviously love they share for one another. They had her back but never hesitated to voice their opinion on things she was doing. I admit to laughing when Munro gives us a description of Ryan's band. KISS, anyone? I'm looking forward to Caleb's story. He's a very, very naughty boy.

The ending wraps everything up nice and tight though I felt the plot element thrown in last minute was a bit high handed. It does help to cement Julia and Ryan's commitment to one another and address a factor that played heavily in Julia's mind to leave Ryan. My only wish was that it played out a bit longer or we were able to see more of their lives after that moment. It all ends rather abruptly.

Rating: B

Marilyn Smith says

Ryan was mugged and has amnesia in a lot of things and memory problems on other. He knows he's married and loves her but doesn't know where she is or her last name. Julia has had enough since her husband Ryan just disappeared on her for months. She's had a loss to deal with alone and decides that it's enough. She wants a divorce so that she can move on with her life and try to find happiness. She files for divorce and when he gets his papers knows her name and where to find her. Will he be able to convince her that he didn't leave her but was in an accident and left with memories that wasn't there. Will she give him another chance to make things right?

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Caroline Doig says

Wow I really loved this story about a girl who meets a rocker they fall in love get married but there are rumours of Ryan's infidelity and Julia has had enough of his antics and files for divorce. Ryan is mugged he loses some of his memory and when he gets home he finds the divorce papers and he doesn't understand why Julia wants to divorce him but Ryan is determined to change her mind. There are pieces of Ryan's memory that might just make things so much worse between them. This is such a fantastic story and I enjoyed it immensely and I highly recommend this book it's definitely well worth the read.

Nicole says

Review originally posted here: [http://thebookpushers.com/2013/09/09/...](http://thebookpushers.com/2013/09/09/)

I'm not usually a huge fan of amnesia stories, as I think that sometimes the story suffers, however I like the twist that Munro put on this story.

While Ryan was on tour, he was mugged and knocked hard enough in the head that all his memories were more than a little screwy. The image of a woman he knows is important to him is all he has left of his secret wife, Julia. He doesn't know how to get his memories back, and it isn't until he gets the divorce papers that

he starts gaining more and more memories of his sexy wife.

Julia is done with Ryan. She thought that since his band wore masks, that he wouldn't be the average rock star. Instead, he hasn't called since he left on tour, and she's got enough problems with her family business failing. But when he comes back and wants a second chance, Julia isn't sure she has the time to deal with her husband, and reimagine the family-owned strip club.

I like that this story had a lot of fun elements. The failing strip club that Julia decided to turn into a Burlesque club was such a fun and neat theme to play throughout the story. I loved all the scenes at the club, especially whenever Julia or the other girls would dance. It gave the book such a sensual and sexy vibe.

For some reason, the book seemed to have a novella feel to it, maybe because so much of the story took place at the club — working on turning it around from a failing strip joint, to a classy Burlesque club. While there was a lot going on with the remodeling of the club, the romance portion of the story definitely felt like a novella. Julia and Ryan had to steal moments to work on their relationship, and because so much focused on the club itself, the book had an overall condensed and novella like feel to it.

I did really like the romance between Ryan and Julia though, especially as Ryan was getting his memories back. I liked that he would have to ask Julia about their past, about the things they did together, and how vulnerable that made him to her. I think it definitely helped that he was so desperate to remember, so desperate to have Julia HELP him remember, that it really helped him win her back over.

I thought the supporting cast of characters were great, especially Ryan's best friend and fellow rocker, Caleb. I also loved all of Julia's friends, and am looking forward to continuing the series to see how things work out with her friends on their dating show. :) I think that is bound to be hilarious and fun and sexy.

All in all I really liked this story and look forward to more. I thought Munro did a great job giving the amnesia trope a different spin, and I liked the way it worked for both Ryan and Julia. I loved their second chance at love, especially as Ryan was willing to do anything and everything to win his wife back. I'm definitely looking forward to more.

I give *Past Regrets* a B-

Pat says

The good storyline and the well detailed characters captured my attention from the very first page and wouldn't let me go until I finished reading the very last page!

Isha Coleman says

Munro leans a bit on the suspenseful side with *Reunited Lovers*. There's always a twist waiting in the wings for Ryan and Julia. Will they get the chance to begin again? Or will the past have other plans for them? An ultimate page-turner.
