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All truths burn bright and clear. I'm still waiting in the dark.

Everly Monteith has traded her life of glitter, parties, and self-destruction for waitressing at a Parisian café. She's put the tragedy that sent her across the Atlantic in the past—until her toxic ex shows up and sends her reeling once more. Her fresh start begins slipping away until a smug British war correspondent crashes her party. But falling for Beckett means letting down her guard, something that might pull them both into the dark.

There are beautiful lies in this world, and it takes me being chased through a hallway at a rave to decide this girl is one of them. But even the most beautiful lies aren't worth chasing.

Twenty-five-year-old Beckett Reid is forced into sabbatical after being kidnapped on assignment in Afghanistan. Back in Paris, he locks himself away to work on a novel, focused on saving his budding journalism career. But when he meets an enigmatic American heiress, his plans are quickly neglected. Everly is the perfect replacement for dangerous war zones, even if she does leave glitter on everything he owns. Reckless and wild, she runs through life making more mistakes than anyone he's met, but Beckett is determined to fight for her, even if he must face the messy truth that he must fight for himself first.

This New Adult romance is recommended for readers 18+ due to mature content.

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Brianna at Renee Entress's Blog says

4 Stars!

I liked this book. It was a different change of pace to the contemporary romance and was written in a brilliant fashion. This was a great story about learning to move on from your past and embracing a bright future. This book has many ups and downs, taking you on an emotional ride that will have you tearing up and smiling at the end (and possibly do a fist pump or two!).

This is Everly and Beckett's story. Everly is a spoiled heiress who is a serious hot mess and living a reckless life. Changing her life, she leaves everything behind and gets a job at a café. She isn't looking for anyone or love for that matter. But sometimes we don't have a choice in who finds us and what our heart wants. When she meets Beckett, he makes her want to break down her walls. Beckett has his own set of issues but he is drawn to Everly. He sees the real Everly like no one else can. But with a past that won't let her go, is it possible to move on and embrace your future? Will Everly truly be able to put her past to rest? Will Beckett and Everly find their happy ending?

I liked both characters. At first, I was on the fence about Everly but as I got to know her and understand her, she totally gripped at my heart. I also liked Beckett. I loved how he drew out the real Everly. He helped her see who she really was and not what everyone else made her believe she was. I loved them together. I love that this was told in dual POV because it was a great way to get to know both Everly and Beckett. I loved knowing what made them tick.

I recommend this book!

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Amanda says

<http://guninactone.wordpress.com/2014...>

I'm going to start you off with the messages I sent to my friend Christina while reading this book:

Holy shit this book is intense.

This is so much more than I expected!

I don't even know what to say. I'm totally on edge and am going to have to finish tonight.

And if I read this book for Beckett to die ** ***** I am going to be supremely pissed!

I even tweeted at Rebecca Paula that she had better not break my heart!

So now almost a week later-my heart is recovered from the stress and I can tell you that I loved this book.

Everly After is about two very different kinds of romantic love—love that makes two people bring out the best in each other and those that only bring out the worst in each other. This story was a battle of who would win out in the end. Paula did an amazing job of wrapping me up into Beckett and Everly. They felt completely real to me and their emotions were often so raw. I wanted to reach through and shake them both on occasion (ok mostly Everly), but in the end I think things worked out perfectly. I felt like I was right there with them—and my goodness—I felt the heat between them coming out of the book!

I don't read a lot of New Adult (NA). I expect NA to be fluffier books—romance, some sex and some light drama perhaps. Just not what I gravitate towards first. Everly After—not what I expected of NA and I am so glad I was proved wrong. This was not light and fluffy but it was a book with depth and heart. If this is her debut, I cannot wait to read what else Rebecca Paula is writing.

Thank you Rebecca Paula for this advance copy in exchange for an honest opinion!

Here's a link to a super fun giveaway including a copy of Everly After

Giselle *Hopeless Book Lover* says

Gossip Girl meets Nicholas Sparks novel in a perfect combo is what comes to mind when I think of Everly After. So to say the least I freaking loved it!!! Everly After has this completely unique and addicting feel to it that will have you flipping through the pages like a madman. But first let me explain why I combo'ed Gossip Girl and Nicholas Sparks and why that mix reminds me of Everly After.

From the start of this novel we are introduced to Everly, a Manhattan socialite princess, party girl, the works. So her character automatically reminded me of Serena from Gossip Girl, and I found myself relating Hudson and Beckett to other Gossip Girl characters too, but god damn, this book made my emotions go hay-wire like no GG episode ever could.

Everly After has this incredibly deep and emotional side to it. A side that doesn't just tug at your heart strings but manages to completely pull them out of your chest. This novel is not a rainbows and butterflies read. Everly After has sharp and rugged edges. Like everything in life it has an ugly side and a beautiful side to it. I think that's one of the main things that made me fall for this book.

The characters were so complex and unique too. At times I just couldn't keep up with them, they were straight up hot messes but it completed the story in a perfect way. I didn't think I could end up liking Everly, let alone loving her but I somehow did. And even though I completely loved Beckett, I disliked him at times too, not for long, but I had my moments. He isn't perfect and no one is.

You know when an author is an incredible writer when you highlight a sentence in almost every single chapter. The way Rebecca Paula phrases things is just so damn-near perfect I couldn't help but to highlight!

“You can't force together two objects whose edges are worn in some spots and jagged in others. We're not puzzle pieces. We're two people with a world of shit between us, but my mind is quiet when our gazes meet.”

Cue the swooning over Beckett!

And here's another little teaser for you guys: ;)

"I'm not sure if it's worse to be broken in the head or the heart. The madness feels the same."

So if you are not yet convinced to pick up this book, which released today! I highly, highly recommend you do it right now!

Tracey Nelson says

When I first started this book I found it a little off putting. I don't mind reading damaged characters, but I was having a hard time relating to Everly and Beckett. However, as I continued reading, my heart grew and my understanding did as well and I ended up loving this one. It was full of heartbreak, loss, guilt, grief and longing. But the one thing that was the biggest shining point was love.

Everly is a young woman who is ultimately lost. After a not so good last few years, and some very unfortunate and soul shattering things, she has run to Paris. However, she is stuck in the same cycles that she was back in the States. Partying, not showing up for work and the worst...engaging in a very toxic relationship with someone from back home. While Everly started off as being wild, unsure and really...crazy, she became such a strong woman. She grew as a person, as a friend, as a lover. She may not have had all the answers, but she was dealing with life in the only way she knew how, and watching her journey and her growth was very inspiring.

Beckett is a journalist, a war correspondent. And after being victim to a very trying and traumatizing situation, he is sent back to Paris where he must deal with the after math of a very hard death in his family. Beckett doesn't want to love Everly, he doesn't think it will work out, but she is magnetic and he can't stay away from her. Beckett, while having his own issues, was the exact thing that Everly needed and vice versa. Their relationship wasn't typical, it wasn't an overly done time line. It was very unique and I really enjoyed watching it blossom.

All in all, this was a great read. The writing was smooth and flowed very well. The characters were well developed, the story line was very new and interesting. I had a great time reading this and it definitely hit me in the feels. A four star read for me, and I am very excited to read this authors next work!

Julie says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest opinion.

This was the story of Everly and Beckett, two broken people, trying to find a little happiness in the world. This story was enjoyable enough, especially if you are new to the NA genre. If you've read a bunch of these type books, you might (like me) find many of them to basically be on repeat, though.

The book was well written, but seemed to drag in places to me. This may be the result of my lack of connection to Everly, though. I disliked her so much, I just wanted to skip her chapters at times. I had a very

difficult time connecting with her, because she makes horrible decision after horrible decision. There comes a time when you have to make different decisions if you want a different result. (view spoiler) I know these situations truly exist in the real world, and it is really sad. I guess it is just hard for someone like me, who grew up in a good family and is well-adjusted, to comprehend not being able to make better decisions, so it is frustrating to read a book full of bad judgement.

Beckett was a very likeable character. I just didn't get what he saw in Everly, other than she was beautiful and stand-offish. There are tons of beautiful, hard-to-get women in the world that are much smarter and healthier choices. He should have cut his losses and moved on.

I would recommend this book for anyone somewhat new to the NA genre who enjoys sadder, tragic stories and doesn't mind a heroine so broken she can't get out of her own way. Like I said, the book is well written. It's definitely worth checking out.

Sgiova says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

This was an interesting read with complex characters. Tragic lifestyles that twist their worlds upside down was emotionally turbulent for me as the reader. The start was brilliantly orchestrated giving me the false impression of Everly being less unbalanced but quickly morphed into light showing the troubled individual she really was and the struggles she tried to fight. My feelings for Beckett's character was confusing at times. Liking him to disliking him just the same was an emotion I couldn't grasp until the final outcome was revealed. This is due in part that I felt that Beckett's issues were not emphasized enough for me to see that he was truly struggling as much if not more than Everly all along. Although they were mentioned I thought they were downplayed a little too much. Overall the book was entertaining and well written. Thank you for the opportunity to read this.

Alexis says

First of all, I want to say out loud that I was not prepared for this book in any way. It made me late for work, it made me want to extend my lunch hour, and it made me want to stay home on a Friday night and finish it.

Everly After is the epitome of two broken souls finding their way to each other and navigating life together. Their lives are better when they are together. Apart, they are both a mess.

“Are you going to kiss me? ‘He tilts his head closer, his voice warm against my cheek. ‘You won’t have to ask when I finally am.’”

Gah...so I completely loved Everly. She is an American heiress that dropped her life in Manhattan and moved to Paris to get away from it all by working in a Parisian café. I struggled with the fact that I shouldn't like her; she was a complete hot mess. Her social life always made the headlines on Page Six, and not for a good reason. But, I couldn't not like her. My heart just broke for her because all she wanted was someone to love her.

“I want to be the girl I am only with you. All the time. I want to stop dreaming her up.”

The one person Everly's known, Hudson, for almost her whole life is in even hotter mess. He claims to love her, but deep down I don't even know if he has the ability to love her. Her way to deal with all the crap she's been through is to literally shut everyone out. Well...and possibly party just a wee bit too much. But, Everly's a master at playing this role and continues to do so until she meets Beckett.

"Kiss me, pet. Stay with me."

Beckett is also dealing with his own sorts of problems. He is a traumatized war correspondent on leave after being kidnapped in Afghanistan. He is struggling day-to-day trying writing his novel. Not until Everly and he meet does his life start to turn around. Beckett is different than any man that Everly has ever met, he is not selfish, he wants to know the real her, past all her glitter. But he does hold a lot of himself back at the same time. I also loved him...he was just incredible and oh so swoony.

"You hide from the rest of the world the fact that you're extraordinary."

This book had me on edge the whole time. The chemistry between Beckett and Everly was palpable. I seriously needed a shower even before they kissed. I was on edge throughout the book nervous to see where their relationship was going. I knew that they both needed to open to each other and shed their past before they could move forward. I knew that these two were meant for each other, I don't actually think anyone else could pick up both of their pieces and put them back together.

I am just in utter shock that this is Rebecca's debut novel. Her writing is entirely flawless and the dual POVs worked together seamlessly. *Everly After* is a total gem and I cannot wait to read more from this author. If you loved a certain CW show called *Gossip Girl* like I do, I HIGHLY recommend this book.

Jae (Bookish Bluebird) says

4 stars!

"Sometimes there's good in what scares us."

Everly After isn't what I'd classify as your typical new adult contemporary read. It had quite a dark and depressing tone during many parts of the book. Mainly because of the heroine, Everly. She's settled into a life that she doesn't find meaningful. She's very much struggling to find a purpose, and it made me sad to see her take one step forward only to go back five. She made a lot of poor decisions which made her a hard character for me to like. Nonetheless, I really enjoyed this book and not only because Beckett swept me off my feet! What I loved most about *Everly After* was that the main characters didn't fix each other's imperfections. It was more that they helped each other admit to them and move forward as individuals. Rebecca Paula has written a beautiful story about two broken people loving each other enough to support them at their lowest.

Everly After is told in the alternating POVs of Everly and Beckett, both of whom have their own personal struggles. With the alternating chapters, there's just the right amount of overlap to let the story flow nicely. Everly, a former Manhattan socialite, fled to Paris to avoid the media attention after certain events. She's an emotional mess and her unhealthy, complicated relationship her ex doesn't help the matter. Beckett, on the other hand, was a journalist and former war correspondent. He arrived in Paris to attend therapy after the trauma he faced in Afghanistan, but wants nothing more than to return to the field. He meets Everly at a

party and BAM, instant attraction.

"I'm not letting you disappear. I'm not letting you go"

Beckett brought out the good and calm side of Everly that I liked. They were incredibly adorable and amusing together. There's a quality to Everly's character that draws you in regardless of the flashing warning signs to stay away. And I felt like that's how it was for Beckett, and the reason behind him wanting to help her. Although I didn't find his storyline as intriguing as Everly's, it was admirable how he continually stuck by her side through all the bad choices she made. There weren't many secondaries that played a big role or stood out besides one. I disliked this person from the get-go. There was a part in the novel that kind of threw me for a loop. I knew something bad was bound to happen but I didn't expect that! *Everly After* was a rollercoaster, as was Everly's character development. My emotions were everywhere! I'd be happy one chapter then close to frustrated tears the next. You can't help but hope that Everly would move in the right direction and I found myself in a love/hate relationship with her.

Another part of this book that I loved was how the ending played out (even if I had a slight urge to throw my phone at one point haha). To be honest I wouldn't have minded, had it ended with the cell phone message because it highlighted how much Everly grew to have made that decision. *Everly After* was unique and touching. There was an unexpected depth to the plot and characters that I found very gripping. I look forward to reading another one of Rebecca Paula's novels soon!!

"I think the messier bits in life should be worn like a badge of courage sometimes, a sign for you to say you've lived—are living."

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Lorie says

Read my review at *Sinfully Sexy* .

4.5 STARS

***Everly After* is a smart, heartbreaking character driven story about a broken girl and a broken boy who never wanted to like each other in the first place.**

I WAS NOT EXPECTING THIS!!! I love it when a totally amazing book comes out of nowhere. To say I'm impressed is an understatement. I LOVED IT TO PIECES!!! I cannot believe this is a debut offering. *Everly After* hooked me from chapter one. The writing is wonderfully rich and intelligent. The story has a depth I was not expecting. This is a case of do not judge a book by its cover. I went into this thinking light and fluffy read. Not at all. This has so much substance and character.

***"Some people believe in fate. Others, in chance.
I always like to believe in the possibility of chance. It seems more powerful. At least with chance, I can choose the risk. The consequences are easier to stomach when they go wrong."***

But sometimes life can be a cruel bitch and throw fate in your face, and it'll always have the upper hand. Because, a lot like life, fate is going to happen one way or another."

Reckless heiress, Everly Monteith, has a preference for partying and self-destruction which have made her a favorite in the column gossips columns. She is one hot mess with a capital H, O, and T. Looking for a fresh start and running from a tragedy, Everly leaves behind her life of glitter for a waitressing job in a Parisian café.

Suffering enough heartache and disappointment to fill a small country, Everly has become a master at shutting out the world and barricading her heart. But that becomes next to impossible when the smug, sexy, charming and equally broken Brit, Beckett, finds his way inside. Beckett sees the Everly no one else does – not the tabloids, not her so-called friends, and certainly not her ex-boyfriend, Hudson. Beckett has figured out that Everly isn't reckless as everyone assumes. She's entirely trusting which is why she is such a mess.

"I have questions, she has the answers, and I want them all until I know the end of her. I know she is a horrible idea for me, but I want her anyway because I'm selfish and she's beautiful. If she's a beautiful liar, then I'll find her truths. That's how I make my living. I can find them without getting in too deep. Without caving in to my want. Without ever kissing her."

"I get lost in us, the possibility of us. I don't realize he's righted me. It's hard to tell upside down and right side up and in between right now.

Beckett has his own set of issues to deal with, but for some reason he's drawn to the odd and enigmatic Everly. He has this overwhelming need to fight for her. Hudson is her toxic past that clings to her with a death grip. Everly is torn between her past and finding what she's always searched for – someone that actually cares for her and about her. Beckett could be her future if she can just close the door on her past. But, it's easy to fall back into what you know even if it's toxic and destructive.

I had tears perched at the edge of my eyes for pretty much the entire book. And don't think for one minute they didn't spill over on a few occasions. This story is emotional, frustrating, and heartbreakng. Everly may be a broken mess, but the way she is written is phenomenal. Everly surprised me at every turn – she's strong yet vulnerable.

Everly and Beckett are lost, and they both hide their hurt by blocking out any feeling and anyone. They truly are soul mates. They make the world right for the other and calm the craziness of the past that drags them down. I never once felt sorry for either one of them I just FELT for them. They are burdened with so much of their past that it haunts them almost paralyzing at times. It follows them everywhere. It's next to impossible not to be drawn to these two wonderfully broken and brave characters.

Rebecca Paula nails the dual POV this is told in. The transitions are smooth with just the right amount of overlap. This is a very character driven story, and Rebecca does an exquisite job painting every subtle detail with perfection. The writing is amazing and strong. And, Rebecca's writing style just adds something even more special to Everly and Beckett's already wonderful story.

It's really hard to believe this is a debut offering. *Everly After* really gripped me in a way I did not expect. WELL DONE REBECCA!!! Simply put, THIS IS A DAMN GOOD BOOK!!! I can't wait to see what

comes next from Rebecca Paula.

If this wasn't on your radar or you haven't heard of *Everly After* before now, I'm telling you that you NEED to get it on your list!

*****An advance reading copy was generously provided to me in exchange for an honest review.*

Mihaela says

This is one of those books that messes with your head and shows you how twisted human psyche is.

What we have in this novel is a disaster waiting to happen. Two unbalanced individuals – one on the path of self destruction and the other seeking peace- coming together in what might be the relationship that finally destroys both of them.

To be honest, I don't really know why I picked this book for review. I think it was the fact that the synopsis hints at a man who's been in the army and now deals with PTSD. I've read several novels on this theme and enjoyed them so I guess I thought I'll give this one a try. I sure know I wasn't expecting what I've read here.

There aren't many characters . Just the main ones and a small number of what I call "background characters" and it's actually easy to keep up with the story.

Everly can be described as the "poor" rich misunderstood girl. She's had it all but always made the wrong choices which brought her where she is now – on a one way road to an early grave.

She's immature, spoiled, irresponsible and, as much as she claims the contrary, she doesn't care at all about anyone else. Case in point, her sick attachment to Beckett.

Beckett is a war journalist who has seen way to much death and almost got killed after being kidnapped and tortured on his last assignment.

He's now in Paris with his best friend, a soldier on leave, and he's trying to piece his life together, which is not easy since he can't stand being around too many people.

At a party where his best friend has dragged him, he has the misfortune to meet our girl, Everly. Like I said before, she's even more messed up than him but at least HE has a valid reason.

Now this is going to be a little bit of a rant:

I've seen this pattern over and over again in so many novels.

The rich child who's trying to break away from the mold his/her parents and society have created for him/her and goes on drinking and generally partying all the time, while complaining that he/she is misunderstood.

Hello?!?

If you want to be your own person and show everyone that you're more than some rich family's spoiled offspring, that's the wrong way to do it.

You need to get your things together and start actually doing something with yourself. Something other than partying, that is.

Instead of drinking away your cushy trust fund why don't you do something else. Like, Get A Bloody Job and start giving back to society.

It's the same with Everly.

She's pretty smart and has a degree but all she does is to give in over and over again to her equally rich and careless ex/current boyfriend/sex buddy/whatever-the-hell-he-is like an irresponsible, brainless twit.

And she always justifies her actions by saying he was her first love and, even after every shitty thing he's done to her and still does, she can't resist him.

That is nonsense.

Where there's will, there's ALWAYS a way.

Thing is, she doesn't want to change. It's easier when you have no other worries except finding the next club to party at. This way of thinking and this kind of behavior has no excuse.

Like I said before, if you want others to appreciate you for who you are and do something with your life, that is so NOT the way to achieve your goal.

What Everly and Beckett have together is sick, self destructive and dangerous for both of them because, while Beckett seems to be perfectly aware of the wrongness of what she's doing, he's messed up just enough to come back for more. Not sure why it happens in the beginning, if it's some misplaced desire to set her straight or just infatuation.

I don't know what was the message the author wanted to spread with this book because I sure as hell didn't get it.

It was a struggle to finish it and I'm sure I won't be picking up the next volume.

1,5 * because I really liked Beckett. Well, most of the time.

Happy Reading!

Candiefloss says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

I have to say, going into this I judged the book by its cover expecting a lovey dovey hearts and flowers romance in Paris. It's better! It's dark, it's gritty and it's heartbreakingly beautiful.

'We're like dominoes, Beckett and I. I've tipped us forward until everything is set in motion. I can't stop us from colliding, so I should enjoy the fall while it lasts.'

This sentence about sums up the majority of this book. It's a train wreck. A world of love, drugs, death, hurt, history, life and everything that's raw in it. It's really, really good! I was shocked to find out this was a debut novel. It's amazing.

The writing is brilliant. The author captures emotions with silence, hurt through drug induced fun and lust through the fear. It's about two people who are so utterly bad for each other but struggle through the pain, because through it all, they may just be able to save each other.

A broken girl and a broken boy trying to put their pieces back together despite the missing shards.. It's depressing, it's honest and it's sad. You just want to reach into the story and shake the ever loving shit out of the characters. They are their own worst enemies amongst a world that's dragging them down.

'Everly takes a long, shuddering inhale that sounds like glass splintering. The noise wedges itself into my heart and splits it open as she exhales a wail and sobs.'

Beckett is great. He's been through a lot but he's strong enough to carry the weight of Everly's pain. Everly on the other hand, even though you can understand her pain, is selfish and weak. So many times I wanted to just slap her and tell her to sort her shit out. It's frustrating in the best way because her despair is so real; tangible through the words. I was completely drawn in and loved every depressing sentence.

I love her, so I stay and wait. And wait. I have the sickest hope that, someday soon, she's going to break down and realize that she's not okay and she needs to do something about it.

This book was life at its worst. It was at times so depressing to read, but I carried on in the hopes that love and light would prevail. I'm glad I did. There were some amazing messages to be read in the powerful words.

'When you love someone—love them as much as I love her—they become the scars you carry, the battle wounds from when you took a risk. I think the messier bits of life should be worn like a badge of courage sometimes, a sign for you to say you've lived—are living.'

Awesome. Just awesome!

4 'glitter' stars

Erica Monroe says

I was fortunate enough to read and critique an early version of this before release.

Paula's debut is a gritty punch to the gut and a bold look into the lives of two very flawed - and very real - characters. Everly and Beckett struggle with issues that will resonate with readers, and Paula is unflinching in her portrayal of their pain, fears, and blossoming new love. A brave book that proves Paula will be a rising star in the new adult genre.

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Everly After by Rebecca Paula is absolutely brilliant. I LOVED this book! It really struck a chord with me, and most of it had to do with how it was written. The writing is gorgeous, Ms. Paula is insanely talented, and her words are mesmerizing. This is evidenced by the amount of highlighting present in my Kindle. I typically don't highlight as I read, I like to ingest the story as it unfolds without interrupting, but so many parts of this book begged to be remembered!

“All truths burn bright and clear, but they won’t be in the bottom of this cup, no matter how long I sit. I’m still waiting in the dark.”

Ms. Paula's writing style is descriptive, which can be very difficult to pull off. Poor description oftentimes becomes an information dump, but not so in

Everly After. Impressively, the interesting and beautiful descriptions work perfectly to situate you in the story, putting you in Everly and Beckett's shoes. Even though I couldn't fully relate to either character or situation, I was with them 100% and lived the book. It was honest, real, and so incredibly true to life.

“A beautiful lie, like I first thought. And yet, here I am, moving closer, allowing myself to touch her because I’m hungry for it. I want her. Despite everything, I still want her, and that’s the trouble.”

Along with the amazing writing was the amazing flow. The story covers a lot of ground, but it does not seem overburdened with plot. Everything develops and unfolds at a natural pace, which enhances the characters and growth. Everly and Beckett feel like actual people in a real relationship – this is not “insta-love” or a cheesy romance trope, but real human emotion! And there are so many! The emotions run the gamut, and nothing is left untouched or unfelt. This actually made it difficult to read all at once – I found myself needing time and space to absorb, process, and live with it. But in the end it was so incredibly worth the tumultuous journey!

“You can’t love somebody whole again. You have to love their pieces, their rough edges. The ugly and bad along with the best bits. You can love them for what they are and mourn what they’ve lost, but you can’t love them and wish they were something other than the person you hold tight.”

If this is Rebecca Paula's debut novel, I cannot wait to read whatever else she writes! I recommend it to anyone who likes to read – honestly, everyone needs to read this book! ~ Alicia, 5 stars.

Kika says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Siiri (Little Pieces of Imagination) says

This was okay. The story is great in the sense that it's not the bad boy & good girl story, but good guy & bad girl dynamics instead. Sort of. Every is such a broken character and it was really hard to root for her at times due to the brokeness, because it made her do things that just didn't make any sense. I liked Beckett for the

most part, but him calling Everly a pet as a endearment? Omg lol. The first time I read the word *pet* I think I blinked rapidly at least 5 times while thinking "is this some sort of a dark bdsm erotica novel or???" because it's just such a weird endearment and made me cringe a lot. He does explain why he uses it, but just.. nope. I also didn't like how his friend Ollie called girls birds? @. @

I did love the chemistry Every and Beckett had and this book was very sensual, not going to lie. The setting (Paris, for the most part), was well-written and, in general, the writing was gorgeous. Even if I wasn't exactly infatuated with the story at all times, the writing kept me going. The final third of the novel became so dramatic though that it was hard to not eyeroll and I wish that there had been more talks about Everly's past, because it was clearly traumatic for her. It would be for anyone. I just found all the roundabout ways to hint at it and then not really discuss it or have her talk to a therapist or .. anything, really, to just help us understand her more or for her to move on from this with more than just the help of romantic feelings for Beckett and some talks between the two. I must admit, I did skim a few chapters between London and the part where a big incident happened at some lake (?) so they may have talked about it during that period, but seeing as Beckett still had no clue about it a few pages later then probably not.

I liked parts of this and I definitely loved the writing so I'm, for sure, going to try something else by Rebecca Paula. If you want a darker story then this may just be for you!
