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It's stupid to fall for your brother's ex. It's even worse to enlist another's help to win the ex over. But Brody is desperate and Hayley, his partner in American Sign Language, is more than willing to lend him a few tips.

She's the school's matchmaker,' and with her bizarre and positive personality, Brody finds her easy to talk to, even about the most awkward situations. Hayley's tips seem to be working, but as Brody learns more about his matchmaker, he starts finding reasons to spend time with her, and not the girl he thought he was in love with.

But Hayley isn't ready to fall for anyone. Labeled the "Funny Fat Friend" within her group, her self image makes it impossible for Brody to share his feelings without Hayley shrugging it off as a joke.

Convincing her Brody can, and did, fall for the "Funny Fat Friend" turns out to be harder than simply falling in love.

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Anna D. says

Freakin' Amazeballs! What a fun read... from start to finish!

First off, boy do I LOVE that it's from the guy's POV...the whole book!! As much as I love Hayley's character I was a smitten kitten with Brody and I was over the moon it was from his POV. It also helped that the guy is funny and has a bunch of random and super adorable –and embarrassing - thoughts we're privy to. Before I go on and on about Brody, let's not forget that this book has an awesome heroine. She's smart, fun, has a great personality, cute, vivacious, and yes she's curvy and maybe possibly fat – depending on your standards. So yea, she has self-esteem issues brought on by a terrible mother and also by being steam-rolled by guy friends who just wanted to use her as a matchmaker with her skinny friends. So she has kind of shielded her heart and it's all totally understandable. Though we do get to the point where we want her to open up when something good and true comes along – in the form of a high school, all around good guy stud – Brody Grant.

To be fair, Brody isn't perfect.. and I like that he isn't. He does (for a while) go back and forth between Hayley (the girl he sees as beautiful inside and out) and Quynn (the girl who everyone sees as beautiful and who he's been crushing on for years) – but what 18 year old wouldn't want a Quynn for a girlfriend? – especially since Quynn is actually a nice person as well as being pretty.

A couple things I was surprised by. (view spoiler) Well, no matter, maybe these are part of the reason why I liked the book so much..less angst that way.

Less than 24 hours of finishing and I already want to re-read!

Kellie Maddox-Ward says

This really was the sweetest thing.
This is the story of Brody and Hayley.

It was actually a breath of fresh air to read a easy, sweet, clean YA. Don't get me wrong there are issues that are covered in here but not in details. I'll tell you more about that later.

THE STORY

Brody is not a man-whore *GASP* *I know right?!* He is kinda shy, and not all the experienced with girls. He is actually pining over his brothers ex-girlfriend.

Hayley refers to herself as the FFF – The Funny Fat Friend.

Guys like her because she is funny and kinda quirky, they only get close to her so she can set them up with

her friends.

It's what she does.

Brody and Hayley are paired together in their ASL class.

Hayley soon figures out that Brody has the hots for Quynn and suggests that she can help him win her over.

They start spending a lot of time together and Brody starts to realise how awesome she is. She makes awkward situations less awkward, has a great sense of humour and he really likes hanging with her. The more her tips on how to win Quynn over start to work, the less he actually wants them too.

All he has to do now is convince Hayley that she is actually the one he wants and that she is not the FFF to him.

My Honest Opinion

Written entirely in Brody's POV.

I love when I read YA and get inside a boys head. All the awkward "boner" moments and how they constantly think about sex always makes me giggle.

This was spot on as well.

I do need to point out at the start of reading this they seemed a bit immature and no real mention of their age. Turns out they were 18. The more I read on the more mature they seemed to be.

We don't get a description of them, and exactly how "fat" Hayley is.

Their first kiss was waaayy to sweet and yes there is a sex scene but it is behind closed doors.

Hayley's Mum is embarrassed of her being fat., and actually won't allow her to meet her new boyfriend Tim until she has lost weight. I was soooooo mad at the part! Brody being her prince in shining armour that he is, swooped in and saved the day.

This is the issue that was kinda swept under the rug.

And that did annoy me.

Brody's reason for falling for her, are at the start
But other than that. A really enjoyable read.

Best part?!

THE HEA

Yep no CLIFFHANGER!

Christy says

One word to describe this book...

Thats what Hayley would say anyway! This was a short (only took a little over 2 hours to read) but super cute and funny book! Just what I needed after the emotionally taxing reading week I've had!

One of the best things about this book was it was from the guys perspective (which I love). Brody- I loved me some Brody!

Brody is a popular guy who has the hots for his older brothers ex. He becomes friends with Hayley. Hayley decides to help him get the girl. Sounds good right? Well, after spending so much time with Hayley, Brody realizes SHE is the girl he wants. Hayley is fanfreakingtastic! I mean seriously funny and adorable. I love her lingo. Of course she doesn't think someone hot and popular like Brody would ever really fall for the chubby girl who he's just friends with...

A good book with a great message. Had a few good laughs, kept a smile on my face! If you are looking for a lighter read thats cute, funny and sweet- check this one out!!!

Heather Book and a Blanket says

Yes! Now this is how you do a YA book! Brody and Hayley were such loveable characters who were both working through their own insecurities while trying to get a handle on turning their friendship into a romantic relationship. It was so cute and so fun and no crazy over the top teenage drama.

5 Stars

Contemporary Young Adult Romance

Single POV: Hero

Heat Level: Mild

HEA

Jolene Perry says

HILarious and SO real with an incredible voice.

This is a laugh out loud funny book with some fun smexy moments thrown in and a great love story.

Floripiquita says

Me caen muy bien los dos protagonistas, Brody es un amor y me gusta cómo se construye la relación entre ellos. Me ha parecido un YA muy recomendable para adolescentes.

Viri says

Esto es probablemente justo lo que más necesitaba.

Es un libro ligero, dulce, tierno,*sutil*.

Está lleno de diálogos chispeantes y situaciones que no hacían mas que ponerme una gran sonrisa en la cara.

Así que si me preguntan mis razones para leer este libro les daré estas tres:

1. Es súperfondable (guiño a la autora por las nuevas palabras ;) haha)
2. Amo el desarrollo de ambos protagonistas
3. Te diviertes y amas cada una de las razones de Brody.

Quizás no es el mejor libro de mi vida pero sinceramente, lo necesitaba, es entretenido y de esos que te dejan sonriendo como tonta.

Tessamari ♥Many Waters...♥ ~ Sweet Spot Book Blog says

Four Stars

How could I want anyone else? She's amazing, that girl. Damn sexy, funny, and just knows how to make me feel...all that crap you're suppose to feel when you're with the girl you just have to be around.

I need her.

No. I crave her.

First off, do not let the *not so great title* of this book steer you away. If I can be honest, it almost made me not want to read this book. The cover is cute and I really like it, but the title? Not so much. I hate that word: *Fat*. I've always had a complex about it, but I'm sure a lot of girls do. When do we women ever think we are ever skinny enough? lol. Exactly! However, I am a sucker for stories where the *not so typical skinny minnies* get the hot guy, so of course I had to read it. I'm very glad I did, too :)

“I’m not exactly Miss Size Zero.”

Huh?

“I’m what they call the FFF.”

“Meaning?”

“The Funny Fat Friend.”

Hayley has always been the FFF. She's also the friend that guys go through to get to the girl they actually want. Kind of like the matchmaker, per se. She's set up a lot of her friends this way. She's always felt that this was her role: The inevitable matchmaker. So when she notices her American Sign Language friend, Brody, always constantly swooning at his brother's ex-girlfriend, Quynn, she offers her help.

I take a deep breath and grab her hand. I’m not going to let her shake me off this time. “I like you, alright? I want to date you not out of pity, but because I...I need to. Hayles, I can’t get you off my mind.”

Brody didn't know what he signed up for when he takes Hayley's offer to help him win Quynn's heart. Brody has always been infatuated with his brother's ex. She's every guys' dream: Blonde, skinny, friendly and popular. However, the more time he spends with Hayley, the more he likes her. He's never thought of her as fat or ugly. As a matter of fact, Brody thinks Hayley is beautiful, inside and out. She makes him laugh, and just feels naturally comfortable around her. The quirky little thinks she does drive him crazy. Who knew this girl would turn his life upside down?

I’m not going to stop until she tells me to stop. I love her. And I want to have one of my firsts with her too.

It takes Hayley *forever* to believe a guy like Brody would be interested in a girl like her. Brody tries to send the right signals, but it literally goes over her head and/or she just ignores it. However, when she does let him in, it was one of those moments where I couldn't stop grinning. I was so flipping happy, it was ridiculous.

Just pure *Awesomesauce!*

This is another one of those impromptu reads that I just needed. Just an FYI, this is strictly YA. Not too much hanky panky going around, but there was a little. Let's just say that it was enough to make me swoon. However, I did find the *clean* language a little too clean. The stuff that came out of Hayley's mouth were a bit on the very cheesy, clean side, but then again, I have a sailor mouth so the lack of dirty talk made me a bit uncomfortable. LOL! Yea. I know...I have issues. *Fuck. Shit. Damn.* I mean, is it really that hard to say? LOL!

Whoops! There I go, rambling again. My bad. LOL. Anyway, I LOVED the fact that the story was told in Brody's POV. I love getting into the guy's head. Its so cute how he struggled to come to the obvious conclusion. He's just a sweetheart.

The relationship between Brody and Hayley matures at a nice rate; nothing was ever rushed. Sometimes, I wished it moved a slight bit faster, but *meh!* I was still all good with the results ;) This was such a fast, predictable and enjoyable read and would recommend it to anyone looking for a very good, very cute and clean YA story.

Sandy ? says

Ligera, justo lo que buscaba para relajar mi mente. Una bonita historia entre bromas, lenguaje de señas y romance juvenil.

Vikki ~ *squee* lite ~ says

Awesomesauce. Seriously. Absolutely fantastic light, happy, fun, touching YA read.

I LOVED that the book was all from Brody's POV. The inner dialogue of a teenage guy certainly was entertaining.

"The room is too hot. All the sweat makes my clothes stick to my balls. Man, if Quynn walks in right when I'm adjust myself I may as well sniff my hand afterwards too, since that's how attractive I'll look. Ok Brody, be quick about this. Be cool. How do you look cool when you scratch yourself? She's still not here. Do it now! It's driving you crazy
One quick shift later, nuts are in the right place and no one seems to have noticed. What a big deal over nothin'"

Oh man, I just loved Brody. Seriously, he's the kind of guy I hope my boys grow up to be one day. He's not perfect (what 18 year old boy is) but his heart is in in the right place, and he follows through with his good intentions, almost all of the time.

My heart broke for Haley. Poor girl came by her low self esteem honestly, that's for sure. I wish we could have had a flash forward, enough to know that someday she really could put all that crap behind her. She was such a great character. Funny, smart, genuine and unique. Beautiful inside and out.

I adored how each chapter was titled with one of the reasons Brody fell for Haley.

"Reason number 13: I'd beat the crap out of my own flesh and blood for you. "

Getting to know Brody and Haley, and watching them fall in love just gave me all sorts of warm and fuzzies.

I have zero complaints about this one. It's getting a permanent spot on my "re-read when you need to feel good" shelf.

Nitzan Schwarz says

For this review and more, pop by my blog - Drugs Called Books

Here is a book I knew I wanted to read the second I read the title. I found it by accident, and I'm so glad I did. As someone who feels like "the funny fat friend", this book was perfect for me. Now, do not mistake; Brody, the main characters, does not find Haley "fat". That's Haley's idea of herself.

I came out of the read feeling hopeful and happy for myself, which I think is a wonderful thing.

More than half the time, girls who think they're fat really aren't. They're just fatter than the skinniest chick in school. And even that girl thinks she's fat. So when Haley, my signing partner in American Sign Language shrugs off Josh moo-ing at her as she walks in the room, that's when I figure this girl... isn't like most girls.

First paragraph of Reasons I Fell for the Funny Fat Friend.

Brody, the guy, is the one who narrates this book. This is one of the only books I've read in which the point of view is the guy's. And unlike the other few I read, here I loved it.

Brody's voice is very authentic. He sounds and acts like the teenager he is, only he happens to be just the greatest guy! He is sweet, shy in an adorable way, unaware of how attractive he is (he's got a six pack, for goodness sake!) and really clueless when it comes to girls. He's also perceptive and attentive. Really, I wouldn't mind dating him at all :)

Haley, the main girl is... me. She's insecure about herself and doesn't really believe someone like Brody can really love her, the FFF (Funny fat friend). It gets to the point that when someone calls her fat, even though she really isn't all that fat, she doesn't mind because she just accepts it. She's very good in the matters of the heart--all but her own, of course. She's funny and quirky and cute, and I absolutely loved her.

Their relationship was wonderful to me. It happened fast, I'll tell you that, but it was so believable and freaking cute and adorable that I couldn't care less. Plus, they spend so much time together, just getting to know one another, that it felt like they knew each other much longer. They didn't just fall for one another. It's not a baseless love, where you don't understand why they fall for each other, and their reasons for loving aren't shallow. It's not about looks or statue. It's about each other.

Each chapter's title is a reason why Brody fell for Hayley, which is another thing I adore about this book. The reasons are really funny, but also true. For example; she can sign language the word 'balls', she kicks-ass at video games, she goes to look at bloody pictures of people when she feels down to remind her other people has it so much worse. He falls for who she is, quirkiness and self-doubt and everything. He falls for what makes her, her. I love those kind of things.

Also, as this book was from Brody's POV, we got to see some wonderful things, such as how suddenly she became the most beautiful girl in the world to him, even though other people may refer to her as fat or chubby. I think this really sums up love perfectly--theirs and other's-- seeing the other person as beautiful no matter what.

Now, if that's not enough, these two have got some HOT kisses! I'm serious, I needed to fan myself when they were kissing! (also, we've got sex, but the fade-to-black kind so don't worry). I loved reading the after sex part, when they wake up. Seriously, I love this due.

Okay, enough about the romance (even though it was sooo swoon worthy -.^)

Another thing I really liked about this book, is that there is no 'Big Bad Villain' threatening their relationship. Their obstacles are their own feelings about themselves, and they work through them.

There are not enough words for me to express the great LOVE I have for this book! Aside for me being able to connect to the characters 100%, it was also just so funny, fluffy, and just damn adorable. And this book made me think that even the "Funny Fat Friend" deserves her happy ever after~

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Nicis says

4-4.5 stars

This book it's just lovely. Now i need a boy like Brody for myself :(

Lisa Jayne says

CUTE. SUPER CUTE. CUTE

I could not put this book down. I cant decide what i Loved most - The adorable chapter titles, the male POV or the quite frankly amazing witty writing. I.LOVED. THIS. BOOK.

Refreshing, laugh out loud funny, cute as can be, tummy going crazy first smooch, nothing beats a well written teeny bopper book.

Easy 4 stars from me and a welcome break from the over sexed mini drama's I've been reading of late.

Sara says

If I weren't so stingy with 5 stars, this book would get them all. It was a quick enjoyable read. In fact, at some point I just didn't stop reading until done. Though it was a love story set in high school, the characters were mature enough to be enjoyable to me.

UPDATE: I originally gave this book four stars. I thoroughly enjoyed it, but didn't think I'd ever read it again. Then, just a few months after reading it for the first time, I picked it up again as something, fun, quick, and light to read. And now, I do see myself reading it again and again in the future. You win, Reasons. Five stars it is.

Rebecca ♥ Warner, Kishan, Magnus ♥ says

This review can also be found on my blog: A Match Made in Heaven

I have had some fairly good luck with contemps lately. This and Losing It getting 5 stars from me within a month? Thats monumental! I think maybe the trick is for me to stick to the funny contemps.

Reason 1: You know how to sign the word 'balls'

Reason 2: You walk with a book on your head

Reason 3: You know how to make awkward less awkward

Reason 4: Its easy with you

Reason 5. You know how to make a guy feel pretty good about himself

Reason 6: You give the best hugs

Reason 7: I think about you before I think about her

Reason 8: You slaughter me at Ghost Recon

Reason 9: You turned me into a psycho

The title says 'Funny Fat Friend', and they were right about the funny part. Hayley is hilarious, amazing, and totally "awesomesauce". :P And when she told Brody he had to make a list of reasons why he chose her over a skinny girl, he actually found it extremely easy, and was daily adding new things to the list as he discovered more and more reasons to love her.

Reason 10: You are the FHF--Freaking Hot Friend

Reason 11: You are perceptive

Reason 12: You don't let my jackass jerk brother get to you

Reason 13: I'd beat the crap out of my own flesh and blood for you

Reason 14: I need crave you

Reason 15: You rock some sexy ink

Reason 16: You make me feel all that gooey shit crap I'm supposed to feel

Reason 17: You're a cute little cheater

Reason 18: You make me nervous, but not nervous

Brody was a great guy. He felt totally genuine and realistic and just the right amount of sappy. He fell for Hayley fast and hard. When it started, I thought the book would be about the process of him falling for her, but he was almost instantly in awe of her, from the first chapter. The rest of the book was mostly him trying to prove it to her. Making her realize she deserved it.

Reason 19: Pictures of bleeding people don't make you want to puke

Reason 20: If eyes can be hot, yours are smoking

Reason 21: You can put boob marks in all my shirts and I wont care

Reason 22: You smile when you kiss

Reason 23: You're as horny as I am

Reason 24: I cant lie to you

Reason 25: When you're pissed at me, I turn into a depressed slob who cant stop listening to pop crap

This book was totally sweet and heartwarming, and fun, and just the right amount of drama to not piss me off. Lovable characters, a YA-appropriate touch of hot, and an HEA. What else could you ask for? :) This is definitely one that I'll be re-reading in the future.

Reason 26: I want to shout it to the world that I'm in love with you

Reason 27: You are THE girl

Laura Martinelli says

There was an article that I read back in September that brought up the fact that despite the near-inclusiveness of YA books, fat people were still not as highlighted nor embraced as mainstream characters, and that fat-shaming was one of the few remaining acceptable targets. While I'm all for being healthy (I know that I ought to be better with my diet), I hate fat-shaming. I detest the yearly onslaught of "New Year's Resolution-Lose X Pounds!"; I hate the criticism of a perfectly healthy person being chubby; and I loathe the BMI with a fiery burning passion. (Fun fact! The person who thought up the BMI did so to prove possible criminal activity. Yeah.)

For teenage girls, it's worse. Not only do we have to deal with the relentless onslaught that is high school—which does wonders for confidence, let me tell you—but we have no one to look up to. When I was in school, I didn't have any chubby role models, much less anyone who could be considered "fat" but still seen as a sex object. For a while, there was Jordin Sparks, but even she lost weight. The fat girl cannot be a sexualized object, and should she even dare think of sex, she must be ridiculed for it.

We need more books like this one.

There is no magical weight-loss makeover here. No impossible standards by which the heroine is considered fat. No chubby-chasing, despite what Brody's brother thinks. And Hayley isn't ridiculed for attempting to be sexy.

Why didn't I have a book like this when I was sixteen?

Hayley is one of the more realistic heroines I've come across in a long time. She's insecure about her weight and how boys see her, but she has a wicked sense of humor that she utilizes. (I loved when she rates her body, noting "Well, the good thing is I have a rack.") Yes, in most other books, whenever Hayley turns down Brody, it could have been "You idiot, can't you see he loves you!" But it's not here, because we see why Hayley's so insecure about boys liking her and what they really want her for. The fact that Brody has fallen for Hayley is unbelievable for her *because* she's been told (directly and indirectly) that she'll never be good enough for any passable guy. Even when Brody does act like an idiot and doesn't tell anyone about their relationship, it felt more true here when Hayley gets upset because she does have a reason for having that reaction. If anything, I would have liked to gotten more with her mother, maybe to flesh out Hayley's insecurities more. But I do really like her. I also like that while she's fat, Hayley's friendly with everyone and isn't treated like a member of the lower caste. And even though it's not dwelt on, her body is brought up in text, not only through Brody's sex filter, but also in minor scenes, like when she gets her tattoo. I also love that she's able to fall naturally into conversations with Brody; it gives the two a lot of chemistry and really sets up their relationship.

The other thing I absolutely love about this book is Brody. On a writing standpoint, it is really hard to write the opposite sex and pull it off *well*. Brody's voice was extremely strong and he did feel like a genuine teenage boy, with the constant acknowledgements of "Oh, God, I'm checking her out, aren't I?" Yet despite being a horny teenage boy, Brody earns my undying love in that he is respectful toward women. Not "big man help puny women-folk"-masked-as-chivalry. He actually respects Quynn and Hayley as people. When he said that he has no claim on Quynn and their relationship prior to the book gives him no claim, I actually wanted to cheer. (Or, as my brain thought, "Did he just obliterate the nice guy argument?") Brody's not perfect, and he does screw-up frequently, but the fact that he was conscious of the screw-ups and tried to make things better made me love him even more.

And Brody and Hayley's relationship in all. I have to admit, when I first started reading this, I thought that this was going to be mostly about Brody desperately trying to win over Quynn before realizing in the last third that he's in love with Hayley. (I think this says more about my expectations in YA.) Nope. The romance is between Brody and Hayley. There's some waffling early on, but once Brody realizes his real feelings, it's all about Hayley. Even their first time together is handled admirably, with Hayley seducing Brody and the two gleefully leaping into bed.

If there's anything I really wanted more of, I wanted to get a better idea of what Brody's other relationships were like. I liked that he wanted to be on friendly terms with Quynn (again, no nice guy bs!); and I really liked Brody's relationship with his parents. (Tangent, I had to do a fist-pump when Brody clarifies that his step-dad is his real dad, and that his biological dad did nothing for him. *Yes.*) But I wanted to get more of Brody's friends, especially since Brody keeping his relationship with Hayley quiet is a big part of the climax. That whole plot point could have worked a lot better if we had gotten more with Tanner and Brody.

The plot is standard YA fluff, but what Becca Ann did with these characters makes it more interesting than any other YA romcom that I've come across. Brody alone gets all of my points, but making Hayley into a real character who can be seen as a role model earns major respect in my book. There's a positive and endearing message not just for girls, but for boys as well. This is a definite recommend.

Figlet says

Can I rate this like 100 1/2 stars? That's what it deserves. Hell, I'd give it 200 1/2 stars if I could.

This is a phenomenally honest and funny and romantic and, yes, sexy read. Did I mention the funny? It is hilarious. It contains one of the best descriptions of a first kiss I've ever read (and you guys know how many kisses I read weekly. I have to be some kind of expert on reading kisses by now, right?)

Brody and Hayley are so exquisitely true and written so well that I swear they jump off the page and into your heart within the first twenty paragraphs. Very seldom do any books other than my beloved Betty Neels' romances make my heart clutch but Becca Ann did it, and, man, am I ever grateful.

Sigh and swoon and love and all that mushy stuff about this book. Seriously.

Highly, highly recommend.

A. Bookzilla. says

Awwwww.

I have a stupid grin on my face right now, because I so needed to read something like this today. It was really really cute and sweet, and just the perfect amount of mush mush, but it's mush mush that doesn't make you gag.

First I have to say that I loved the way this was written. It was funny, and real and not once was I bored. Seriously, the story flows so naturally, it was a joy to read. The characters are realistic, and there's crazy chemistry between Brody and Hayley.

For those wondering, there are no sex scenes in this, just some fade-to-black, which I thought suited the story.

Hayley is amazing, with a wicked sense of humor, smart and charming. I'm glad we're not in her head, though (it's an all male POV) because I think with her self-image issues it would have been exhausting. But that's realistic, I think every girl, no matter how thin, thinks she's fat when she starts comparing herself with other girls. I absolutely hated her mother. I mean, who does that? It's no wonder she was so screwed up.

Brody *sighs*. Brody is such a guy. I have to say I'm impressed with the way Becca Ann deals with all male POV. At times he does get too sappy, but he's keeping it simple at the same time. It's definitely not deep analyzing of every single thing, like girls do, which I think feels authentic. I loved that when he realizes he wants Hayley, he just goes for it, there's no calculation, no over-thinking, nothing. I loved the effect he had on her.

And if everything he did was perfect, it wouldn't have been realistic. The thing with Quynn, his parents...yeah. That was so typical.

I don't know what else to say, really. I needed to read something like this after some of the heavier stuff I've

read lately, this was just perfect. If you need something light but engaging, where you actually get to care about the characters, then I definitely recommend it. I'll sure be keeping an eye out for this author.

★Ruth★ says

Re-read 30th-31st March & loved it just as much!! Couldn't put it down even though I knew what was going to happen!!! Helped me out of my book funk :D

I **LOVED** this book.

D'ya know the way sometimes you finish a book and it makes you feel all gooey inside & grinning like an idiot and all swoony & shit???? Well this is how I felt when I finished this gorgeous, sweet uplifting story.

I loved Brody...though it took me a couple of pages to get into his head & speech but once I was in I just couldn't let go & totally pulled an all nighter! Ah its been a while since I did that and I loved that this story could make me wanna do it.

Hayles was a great girl and I could totally relate to her. I could understand her reluctance to believe a gorgeous guy could want her like that, especially when she knew how he felt about Quynn.

This very much YA even though the characters are 17/18 and is very much fade to black when it comes to sexy times but that's not what I was reading this story for or what this story is about.

It is about believing that there are some truly good & sweet guys out there and you are always truly beautiful & perfect to someone. I'm lucky that I have that someone & hopefully you are too :)

If you liked or than you will definitely like this and if you know of any other books like this I would love to hear you rec's :D

Katrina Passick Lumsden says

I see from the high ratings this book has received that a lot of people like it. I can't really fault them for that since it is a rather cute premise and reading it wasn't torture. I've had a little while to think things through, however, and....well, I'm not entirely sure about this, but I *think* I just might be a bit more critical than the average reader.

As stated previously, the premise is good. Sadly, premise (and the author's intent) do not always translate to a good read. *Reasons I Fell for the Funny Fat Friend* reads like a story from someone who really wants to tell a story but has absolutely no idea how to do so compellingly. There is no immersion whatsoever, the reader is just slid along the surface, never once getting a peek at anything deeper. Yes, teenagers can be shallow, but this story hints at the fact that they can be more without once *showing* us more. I found Brody's voice to be simplistic, redundant, immature, and slightly annoying (do people from Oklahoma really drop that many G's?!), and while I was informed that Hayley was supposedly hi-larious, I wasn't doing a whole lot of laughing. Much of the humor felt forced and awkward.

When I say the reader is never shown any depth, I mean Becca Ann *hints* at depth without really delving.

Brody has issues with his douchebag of an older brother and his "bio-dad", but these issues are never fully addressed. We get a confrontation scene between Brody and Gabe (the brother), but then the entire issue is dropped. Hayley has some serious self-image issues and her mother is ridiculously emotionally abusive, but these issues are also never fully explored. It seems as if the character of Hayley's mother exists merely to provide an abusive backdrop and excuse for Hayley's insecurities. For some reason, Hayley "winces" or "flinches" any time someone uses a swear (rolling my eyes so hard it hurts), and Brody figures this out and cleans up his language, but do we ever find out *why* Hayley has a **physical reaction** to foul language? Nnnnnope!

Brody kept calling himself a douche, Hayley kept calling herself fat, there was a bunch of contrived drama and stilted humor, and then I ran across "dually noted" and wanted to punch something. Yeah, it might be petty, but I guess I'm just confused about why there are so many inept writers out there. I mean, most people who love to read and/or write are lovers of words. When it is quite obvious you are not a word lover, your passion for using them to craft a story makes no sense to me.

Dually noted.

That being said, the book isn't awful. It's just not nearly as funny or as poignant as the descriptions and reviews make it out to be.