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Tragedy can strike in a split second. But what if that tragedy brings with it both heartache and mystery?

After her parents are killed, seventeen-year-old Chloe Jacobs discovers that she's been part of the Witness Security Program her entire life.

While enduring twenty-four hour protection from U.S. Marshals, Chloe secretly searches through her tangled family history... and realizes that in order to find the truth, she'll have to fight for her safety, dreams, love... and ultimately her life.

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MissSusie says

I do appreciate receiving this book through Goodreads giveaway. However I must give an honest review, so here it is.

I didn't really enjoy this book. The premise sounded good but I don't think it was carried off. It started out pretty good I didn't really like the back and forth in time; I would have just rather heard the story from start to finish. Also by, page 98 I was sick of the whole love triangle between Chloe, Sebastian and Christopher. I just wanted to get on with the mystery.

I also was not sure if this was a young adult book or an adult book by the end I'm leaning towards young adult because Chloe/Caiden/Caroline is extremely angsty. Yes, I understand she's been through a lot but, her back and forth between the two guys got old really fast and by page 200 I was skimming the love story chapters to get back to the mystery chapters.

I don't feel satisfied with the outcome of this book either after searching for answers and when she finds them nothing really comes of them *No Spoilers*. The ending was abrupt and unsatisfying.

All in all I would say with some reworking this could be a better book no back and forth with the time line, less love triangle and more mystery. I am going to pass this on to a teen and will get her feedback maybe I'm just not getting it.

2 ½ stars

Tonya says

I just finished reading this and I couldn't put it down! I absolutely love this book..there are so many twists and turns it she really keeps you interested right from the start..You really feel for the characters and know what they are going thru..I wish there was a part 2 because I didn't want the story to end!!

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Marta Morrison for TeensReadToo.com

I really wanted to love this book. The premise was great.

Chloe and her best friend, Sebastian, are waiting for her parents to pick them up from a party. It is taking way too long, and then the police come and tell Chloe that her parents were in a terrible car accident and are both dead. Chloe goes to the hospital and is escorted home by someone claiming to be her Aunt Jill.

When she arrives at her house, it is being protected by U.S. Marshals, and she finds that her parents were murdered. They were in a witness protection program after her father testified against the mob. Chloe is devastated, to say the least, but the worse thing is that she must cut ties with all of her friends at her high school and town. She has to be protected and must change her identity and become someone else.

If the author had just written about that I would have really liked the story, but she had to make Chloe a

basket case and one who was just too emotional for my taste. I think I am just not the romance reader anymore. I want my heroines to be smart and to work things out for themselves. Chloe has to choose over her best friend and a Marshal to love. She keeps going back and forth and gets mad at the strangest things.

I think that if I was younger I would have loved this book, since the heroine seems to act like a 17-year-old. So please read this book if you like romance with a little mystery thrown in.

Julz says

I read this book because my mom is friends with Suzi Katz, the author. Ms. Katz seems like a very nice woman; she often times sends my mother writing contests for me to enter and offers to help me with anything that I may need when it comes to my writing.

Her book, though, is not a great one.

I feel kind of guilty writing a bad review, but I want to be honest.

It was probably around a year ago that my mom got the book from Ms. Katz and told me that I should read it. I started it, but never finished.

After picking it up to start again, I know why I stopped.

Every sentence is a simple one. "It was perfect. The two of us were skiing side by side. That's what I thought anyway. The picture showed the truth." This paragraph feels like an SAT question: find a way to make this portion of the text flow better.

The premise of the book is great. Someone who's in the Witness Protection Program and doesn't know it; it's about finding out who you are on the inside while you don't know who you are on the outside. An amazing idea.

An amazing idea that went completely in the wrong direction. Suddenly, everyone is in love with everyone, Chloe/Caiden gets whatever she wants, and unrealistic isn't even a good description anymore.

Can I just stress that nothing that happened in this book would ever happen in real life? Ever?

So, I read the book because I felt obligated to, and I will read the sequel because I will still feel obligated. I probably will not enjoy it.

Elle! says

It could have been terrific, but it wasn't...

A Life Revealed, is a combination of dizzying flashbacks and a girl whirling a traumatic experience of parents dying in a car crash. Suddenly she learns that the accident was planned. 17 year old Chloe Jacobs is being watched and under the care of the Witness Protection Program.

Sounds great at first, but it only goes downhill.....Oh it does.

Trust me.....

Chloe/Caiden Jacobs falls into a unrealistic loving romance with the 24 year old man hired to protect her and

a kid named Sebastien. It is clearly Hero Syndrome and any guy who is in the Witness Protection Program would know this by profiling but the author seems to leave that part out. Handsome Chris falls in love in the blink of an eye. In a nutshell, melodrama possesses the author like Emily from the Exorcist of Emily Rose, everyone almost dies once, screams loudly and sobs up a storm while lying on the floor.

NOOOOOOOO!!!! CAIDEN/CHOE.....Are you crying again? I thought you were....You are going to make me sad.

More tears....

At the middle to the end of the story, it blossoms into a weeping porn novel (which I recommend for the late teens and adult crowd).

Are you serious?

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Yeah I'm serious.

There isn't a day that goes by where this girl - Chloe/Caiden (yes Chris chose it for her because it means something deep -.-) isn't crying, sobbing or weeping! She is practically a Mary Sue locked away from men all her life who discovers men for the first time...Seriously , slow down Tiger.

When Chloe is not having sex with Chris or leading on poor needy Sebastian - she is screaming and crying. This character does nothing, she is a Mary Sue, if she was a kicka** female lead who did all of this on the side while leading an awesome action packed thriller life. I would have loved it! But no... I didn't get that. I got poor old tired Chloe. Her escapades last through her Senior year to her Freshman year in College - where she goes back to the city where (view spoiler)

Not to mention the cover looks like a dead girl's photos. I literally kept it covered because those eyes looked like they were stolen from a corpse. The print was hard to read, because it was printed in thick , jet black Ariel! My book was printed with plenty of errors. I wanted to grab my red pen and give it a few swipes.

The only redeeming section is when Chloe/Caiden etc... does something quite abruptly during the end even though it was uncalled for and ridiculous. Why did she do it? It doesn't make sense, she was "happy" - when she wasn't sobbing on the floor.

If you love incoherent flashbacks/constant weeping/melodrama/descriptive sex - you should certainly try this out!

Katie says

I'm a little on the fence about this one. While I definitely enjoyed the romantic and suspenseful aspects of it, I didn't think it was as great as I had hoped it would be.

The major thing that I have to bring up is how condensed and summarized the majority of it is. A lot of it was unnecessary and wasn't relevant to anything in the storyline, so the huge paragraphs that zipped through four or five days of Chloe's life kind of got to be a bit frustrating after awhile.

The story focused more on Chloe's relationships with Sebastian, her best friend and Christopher, her bodyguard than it did on the mystery of Chloe's past. The nitpicky, back and forth routine she played with the two was way too often for my liking, but I did enjoy reading as Chloe tracked down and uncovered her dangerous history.

But despite all, I honestly think this one of those books that you have to decide for yourself. What I found not-so-great, I know that others are going to love. A Life Revealed is a raw, romantic and thrilling tale of a girl just trying to find out who she really is, and I definitely recommend that you give it a chance!

Lori says

I too won this in the giveaway ~ added my name because I liked the premise of it. It was a quick read, not fantastic by any means and I too wanted more in the mystery end of it and not the love story. I was disappointed that there was not more about Jonah and what happened after everything with Joey. I will buy the next book as I realize the author is now writing a follow up to this one. Good thing because I did not like the way this one ended rather abruptly. I gave it 3 stars but it was more of a 2 1/2.

Jessica says

Again the elusive 1/2 star is needed. I'll give this a 2 1/2 because the premise for the story was original. I wanted to really like this book but it ended up being mostly teenage romantic drama. The "mystery" at the end I almost saw coming as the heroine betrays her own intuition just because. That part was disappointing.

Desiree Russell says

Let me start by thanking goodreads and Suzi Katz for giving me the chance to read this book. I really stepped out of my comfort zone with this one, since I normally read fantasy books, but I have to say that I somewhat enjoyed this book. I did find the back and forth between the two points of view to be a little confusing in the beginning and by the end it really seemed over done and tedious. However the plot took a lot of turns that I didn't expect, and it kept me interested and wanting to know what would happen next. Overall I think that this book is one that some will like, but I can't personally say that this is a book that I would highly recommend someone to read.

Sara says

This was a very interesting book and is one that will keep you reading and wanting more when you're done. This book is very true in its details and shocking in places about some of the things that can happen to people like Chloe. This book is defiantly unique and the first of its kind that I've read. Suzi Kats did a wonderful job with this book and I will defiantly be looking to read the sequel and any more of her works.

Lesly! says

Fascinating! Suzi Kats narrates a perfect example of the butterfly effect; giving us the life story of Chloe Jacobs and the tragic car accident of her parents. However, Chloe finds out too many secretes her parents hide really well from her; including the real answer of the car accident that took away the life of her parents.

Chloe Jacobs has a normal life as any other teenager, with her plans to go to college and a life planned with her best friend Sebastian. Nevertheless, her parents die in a terrible car accident, and her life as she knew it is over. The U.S. Marshals take over Chloe's life, claiming to protect her with issues related to her parents death.

She is not allowed to talk to her friends anymore, not allowed to go out for shopping because her life might be in real danger; but rebel chloe decides to go against all rules to have her normal life back. Her dream to go to New York University Art school, has also been taken from her hands, but her strong character and determination lead her to a different life of what she ever dreamed.

Cathy says

When I first saw this book, I loved the idea of a girl in the witness protection program, trying to find out who she really is after her parents are tragically killed. As a child, she never knew that her entire family was actually in this program. She falls in love with one of the Marshalls that is protecting her, but she realizes that she can't be with him forever...or at least that's what she tells herself. The story just kept doing the same things over and over...she loves him, she hates him, she loves him, she hates him. It was like reading a soap opera that would never end. A whiney 19 year old who thinks she knows it all. The ending was horrible as well, as if the author got tired of her too and just let her go off by herself.

Buttercup1201 says

what an amazing book! i could not put it down. the whole chloe/sebastian/christopher triangle was well written. to know your whole life was a lie and to find your brother still living in NYC! wow.

Pamela says

The premise of this book was really good. I like that part. The story wasn't written as well as I would have like. It wasn't connected like I felt it should have been. Glad I read it, though.

Sierra says

First off, I want to thank the author and Goodreads for the chance to read this book. I won it a few months ago, but just now found the time to crack it open.

I liked *A Life Revealed*, but I didn't love it. The main reason I liked it was the premise. It's about a girl, named Chloe, who's parents are killed in a car accident (or so readers believe for the first few chapters). Later on, Chloe learns something shocking: her, and her family have been in the Witness Protection Program for nearly Chloe's entire life. She didn't know about this, so you can probably imagine her shock when realizing that not only has she just lost her parents, but she now has to go into hiding, because her parents weren't in a car accident--they were murdered.

After that, (which is about five or six chapters in) the book is really mass of problems. Chloe has to change her name, shut out her friends to sever all ties, and eventually move away because her life is in danger.

Then there's Christopher, on of the marshals who is protecting her whom she falls in love with.

That's about all I can reveal (ha-ha, no pun intended!) about the premise without spoiling more of the book.

Okay, that was all why I liked the book. The reason I didn't like the book was mainly because there wasn't much detail. It felt like the main character was barely thinking about anything aside from mediocre things, when in the real world, anyone would be running around screaming.

There was a definite feel of disconnect for me throughout the entire book. Then the ending, which is a rather large cliffhanger. I think there's another novel out (or planned) but I can't promise I will read it. Even though the ending was rather abrupt, I just don't think I liked this one enough to read more about these characters.

Like the cover, though! At first glance, I thought that the girl was in a ditch...dirty hands, hair fanned out.

But that's not dirt, its charcoal from her art, so, I like the cover more.
