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Colin and Addison are on their way home when they are caught in a vicious car accident. While Colin walks away with minimal injuries, Addison suffers from a traumatic brain injury causing her to lose her short-term memory. She can't remember the night of the accident. She doesn't remember being engaged. She doesn't remember Colin at all.

While Addison rebuilds her life, Colin struggles with the fact that the love of his life doesn't remember him. When Addison meets Pierce, the one person who doesn't have an ulterior motive, the one person she can talk to openly, Colin thinks his life may be over.

Will Addison's memory return in time for her to save her relationship with Colin? Or is it gone forever, leaving her free to love Pierce?

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Theresa Alberts says

OMG! That cliff hanger was unexpected....while reading the book I thought she would remember so many times but when it didn't happen I gave up and started hoping for Charlotte and Colin to get together because she seemed like the perfect fit for him after everything he went through. I can't believe I have to wait until 2014 for the sequel!!!

Bridger Bitches says

Holly Cow!!! I don't even know how to review this book without giving away too much!!! I will try my best not to ruin it for you so you are just as surprised as I was when I was reading it. One thing I will say is at the ending I got chills and my mouth dropped right open! I totally had a WTF moment!

Addison was sweet, kind and just an all around great person to have someone like this who has everything falling into place for her and then have her life turned upside down by an accident just broke my heart. To wake up and not remember certain parts of your life I just couldn't imagine how she felt.

Colin, Addison's fiance before the accident someone who also had everything falling into place for him didn't expect his life to be turned upside down when he remembers everything but his fiance doesn't remember him at all. He broke my heart because he was falling apart and was turning into a different person. He went through a dark stage and that is all Addison could see.

Pierce, holly hotness! How can you not like him! He is sexy as sin!! He is the man you want to take home to your parents because he is so respectful. But when he opens the door for you he slaps you on your butt! He is the best of both worlds. He is a perfect boyfriend!

Read this story and you will be so torn on who to root for. Both boys in this book will tug at your heart strings and it makes it so hard to just pick who should be with Addison in the end. I will be honest I finished the book and I still can't decide who I want her to pick!! I am dying for book 2 to be released! I give this book 4.5 stars!!!

-Harper

Sue Czarnomski says

****MAY CONTAIN SPOILERS--DO NOT READ UNLESS YOU'VE READ THE BOOK**** I was disappointed very early on in this book when I realized the direction it was heading in. I understand that Addison suffered from Amnesia, but I disliked her character immensely. While she had no memories of Colin, she had enough people surrounding her to tell her of their history and love to not treat Colin as insensitively and cruelly as she did. She gave Colin his ring back too early--she could've kept it in her drawer. Inconsiderate. Knowing Colin must be suffering seeing her be affectionate with Pierce in his presence and

that of their mutual friends--and then to question his alcohol intake? This after he gave her a thoughtful birthday gift? Very Inconsiderate. To not give Colin the opportunity to spend time with her to try to trigger her memory other than that one time when she was released from the hospital? Extremely inconsiderate. I don't feel Addison is worthy of either of these two men. At this point, there can't be a satisfying ending. Either Pierce gets hurt or Colin does, again. For a long book, it dragged on and on and didn't get exciting until the last 2 pages. Didn't love this one.

Jo says

I received an eARC from the author in exchange for an honest review

I was really looking forward to reading this after reading the blurb, and it did not disappoint.

Addison wakes up after sustaining a head injury in a car accident, to be told that she has a fiancé that she doesn't remember. She doesn't recognise his name, can't recall meeting him, or agreeing to marry him and when she comes face to face there's no recollection. At all.

Colin is relieved when he's told that his fiancée has come out of her coma, but that's short lived when he is then told that she has some memory loss and has no idea who he is. After staying at her bedside while she was in the coma, he then has to stay away after her family suggested that she needs a little time to recuperate. When she comes home from the hospital and he visits her, he is shocked at her indifference towards him.

Addison is tired of the expectations placed upon her and whilst out walking she meets Pierce and tells him her problems, thinking that a stranger's view on the situation may give her an alternate perspective. What she doesn't expect is to find that she feels more comfortable with him than anyone else in her life at the moment.

I really felt for both the main characters in this book. The story is told from both Addison and Colin's point of view and this gives you an idea of the impossible situation they find themselves in. I put myself in Addison's shoes – imagine waking up and all of your family and friends are telling you that you're engaged to someone that you have no recollection of, and when you meet him, you have no feelings what so ever for. There's no connection there, nothing at all, yet everyone is telling you that you were about to marry him. Then I put myself in Colin's shoes – the love of your life has just woken from a coma, and you're so thankful they're alive but then you find out they don't remember you. They want to take each day at a time, but without you. You still love them, your feelings haven't changed, but they don't feel the same. Then you have to watch them become close to someone else, and you're stuck in limbo.

I really wanted to hate Pierce, but I just couldn't. He doesn't do anything wrong, he's a good friend to Addison, he gives her a new outlook on life, he doesn't judge and listens to her when everyone else is trying to remind her that she had a life with Colin. It's hard for him too, he's got feelings for Addison but is wary of treading on Colin's toes, and he's also trying to protect himself. He doesn't want to leave himself open to disappointment and heart-break in case Addison's feelings for Colin return.

I have so much I want to say about this book, but I don't want to spoil it for anyone so all I'm going to say is READ IT! I'm still thinking about it days later!

Gloria Perez says

Just finished this book...what a roller coaster of emotions. I LOVED it. There are definitely times I wanna back hand Addison. The story is something that probably happens in everyday life, I cant imagine. I love the story from both Addison and Colin's point of views. I cannot wait for the second book to come out. I just hope Addison makes the right choice...which is Colin. ;)

Julianne says

I wasn't sure how I was going to rate this. It was a toss between a 3 and a 4. Why? The idea of the story its self was good--great actually. It was hard for me to stay interested. It was very much to the point without giving any thing extra. I walked down the beach in my bare feet. I looked at the stars. I came home. Ok and??? How were you feeling? What were you thinking? etc.

I did notice however as the book went on the writing did get better and was able to keep me going. I am anxious to read the second. Why? Well because i want to know what happens!!! Will she go back to Colin? Will she continue with Pierce. Who will it be? Typical cliffy ending too. You know---the ones where you want to bury your kindle in the back yard after beating it off the concrete relentlessly? Yeah that kind of cliffy.

Fallon Clark says

So proud of Lena Nicole for this stellar, breakout novel! Can't wait for the 21st!

Randi Jacob says

I was extremely excited about reading this book once I read the teasers Lena Nicole had posted. When I was offered a chance to read the ARC I just couldn't say no. With my busy schedule it took me a bit to finish it, but every chance I had I was reading this great book.

The One Left Behind is a fantastic story about Colin and Addison - a couple with everything falling into place for their future. When all of a sudden tragedy strikes and leaves Colin with all of his memories and feelings for Addison, but strips Addison of all memory she ever had of Colin. The story is told in both Addison's and Colin's point of views, which gives the reader a great perspective from both parties. It's a great story about love and trying to live life on your own. Even when everyone is trying to give you advice, sometimes you just need to listen to yourself... or find yourself a Pierce!

There are so many things I want to tell you about this book, but everything I type out I end up deleting because I feel it might give too much away. Since I'm in this dilemma, all I can say that I know for sure won't give too much away is that you definitely want to read this book! It's worth every penny and every minute you spend reading it.

Fab Fun & Tantalizing Reads says

My heart is breaking. This book is so emotional and gut wrenching. I adored it!

You take the day to day for granted but memories are with us always. One moment, one fateful event changed everything.

Addison and Colin are in love. They are going to be married. They are best friends. Too bad she has NO memory of her life with him at all.

Colin is holding out for the return of her memories but Addison simply wants to try to move forward and have some semblance of "normal". In the middle of this, Pierce enters her life.

Now now don't be haters. You want to be mad at him. When none of this is his fault. Actually it's nobody's fault. Pierce is actually fantastic. He has been hurt in his past but he is such a good man. I was blown away by him. He made wanting to be mad at him impossible. This whole thing is tragic! Plain and simple.

I was all over the place. I was mad at Addison! I was mad at Pierce! I was mad at Colin! I was emotionally wrecked for all parties. This story takes you on an emotional roller coaster of healing and friendship. It makes you look at the pieces and examine each one, question it and say "What would I do? How would I cope?" Amazing and raw, it grabs you at your core.

The ending? Holy cow! I was breathless and kept pushing the kindle screen thinking NOOOOOOOOOO! Alas they did it! I am still reeling. I need answers please and thank you.

What - happens - now????

What a great debut novel, congrats and please tell me your working on book two now. Is it done? Huh? I'm just sitting here with my mouth gaping open waiting...

Mojo_Mama says

The heroine ruined this for me. Totally self centered and lacking in empathy...what a cow. Colin dodged a bullet in losing her to Pierce.

DNF 55%

Anne OK says

An outstanding day of reading. This was almost a torturous read because of the "triangle" and the reasons for the situation. Two solid and fabulous male leads make it hard to stand solid in one corner choosing only one. There are some tender and charming moments, along with angst and turmoil, in the telling of this story and this author has handled them exceptionally well. I am excited that I can move on to the next book immediately -- just when I caught my breath and turned the page, a gigantic whopper of a cliffy left me breathless! (Really, readers will be expecting a major roadblock because things were going along way too smoothly!)

Trinity (A Love Affair with Books) says

The One Left Behind is a gripping, heart-breaking, and all together beautifully written debut novel. Lena Nicole took an interesting premise and turned it into gorgeous story of love and loss. I could not make myself stop reading it!

Addison and Colin and are happily in love and engaged. When a car accident destroys the life they have. Colin wakes up hurt but worried about Addison. Addison wakes up with no memory of Colin or her life with him. Everyone is telling her how much she loves him but all she see is a stranger when she looks at him.

Colin is completely heartbroken. The women he was planning on spending the rest of his life with now barely wants to be around him. The more Addison is pushed towards Colin the more she wants her space. As Addison is trying to get her life back in walks Pierce, a handsome and debonair stranger. He knows nothing about her baggage and is a breath of fresh air in her life.

I will admit I was a Colin fan from the get go. It was hard for me to see Addison make the choices she made. Pierce was this wonderful man but all I could think about was Colin. My heart broke for him over and over. The fact that Lena Nicole is a writing duo made the book that much richer. While I was a Colin fan I could definitely see why readers could fall in love with him.

The One Left Behind is a beautiful story of lost love, second chances, and new beginnings. Lena Nicole's debut novel completely drew me into their story. The One Left Behind ripped my heart to shreds and left me begging for more!

Heidi McLaughlin says

I knew going in this was a heartbreaking. I've known all along what this story was about, but it still took me by surprise. I was absolutely enthralled with the characters and even wanted to bitch slap a few <---- that's always a fantastic reaction. The subject matter is not easy (amnesia) that's for sure, but the story is completely stellar and highly recommended.

Sara says

Addison and Colin were in love and engaged. Until they were hit by a drunk driver. Colin recovered with minor injuries. Addison suffered from short term amnesia. Super short term amnesia because really all I think she couldnt "remember" was Colin and his bff Jeremy. Everyone else she recalled. **ranting and possibly minor spoiling**

First and foremost, the feeling that stuck with me through the **entire** book regarding Addison

From the moment she woke up and didnt remember her fiance, everything she did and said was completely selfish. I felt an insane amount of dislike for her.

Poor Colin was walked all over and his feelings kicked around. By everyone! Not only Addison, but their group of friends. The ONLY friend that offered him any solace was his buddy Jeremy.

Addison immediately meets Pierce when she returns to her home from the hospital. She feels like she can tell him anything because hes unrelated to the situation. She feels like she's being pressured to remember. Well

DUH bitch! Of course you fucking are!!

She doesnt give Colin a chance what-so-fucking-ever. This made me despise her. She gives the ring back and goes on about her life. Hanging out with her girlies and Pierce. He knows about the accident and memory loss. They have an attaction towards each other, but they go with the whole 'Were just friends' shit. Ya, fuck you guys.

Meanwhile, all this Pierce shit is being **thrown** in Colin's face. Seeing them out, and Addison telling him she's friends with him. She hardly ever talks/texts or see's Colin. She never reaches out and tries to get any memory back. She doesnt even try to get to know him. I fucking HATED her for that. Addison was so fucking selfish all the time. They way she would talk about Colin and how she doesnt feel anything. Never did she ask how he was doing with everything. She totally fucking bailed on him in EVERY way. Ive never wanted a revenge fuck for a guy so bad. He really deserved something.

The friends dont even try to talk sense into her, but they accept Pierce with open arms. I mean he didnt really do anyting right??

So as Colin struggles with moving on in life, accepting that the only way to have Addison in his life is be her friend, he has to then deal with Pierce and Addison (view spoiler) I mean really?? I was so freaking pissed. I think i had smoke coming out of my ears.

Anyway, the book ends on a cliffhanger. And to be honest, I dont know if Im going to read the next book. Because the way I feel towards Addison is

And I know if she doesn't end up with the person I want ill be so fucking pissed.

Belle says

I know a lot of people probably like pierce.. but I'm weird like this.. COLIN FTW!
