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What do you do when the one person you have always wanted, you can almost never have?

We found each other by chance and it was perfect, easy and everything I could have asked for. Our love was one for the books. When he moved next door, my entire world flipped upside down and inside out, but it was the best feeling I had ever experienced. Until the time came to choose between him and my family. I was young and in love, but in the end, I chose my family. I've regretted that decision since the day I made it. Now fate has given me a second chance with the one person I knew I was always supposed to be with. But this time so much more was standing in our way.

Can I choose him over the life I've come to know?

Will he be able to forgive me and give us a second chance?

Is true love really enough to conquer everything standing in our way?

Sometimes the hardest decisions in life, are the most liberating, I just hope that this time I made the right one.

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Chu says

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That was a one long WILD, SEXY, EXCRUCIATING, and REWARDING ride.

I came to a point that I have questioned if this book would have a happy ending. The journey was exciting, terrifying, and confusing. I was basically chewing on my nails wondering what will happen to these two characters. They had started out young, found a love that was beyond their imagination, and when things got tough and pride gets the best of them – everything that they have worked for to build their relationship on just crumbled into pieces. It have taken them a decade - both of them have grown up, had already separate lives and had broken for over a decade, would fate be kind enough to give them another chance?

The decisions were hard, and some of them weren't even wise. But what I love most about this novel is the fact that you can feel how the characters evolved. Dax and Charlee had matured through the pages, and I was glad to see them facing most of their problems rather than running away from them. It may have taken a couple of heartaches, walk-outs, and an accident – but in the end, everything was exactly where they should be.

Forever and Almost Always is a love story filled with youthful passion, intensity and drama. This story shows of how powerful love can grow over time, how pride can ruin even the strongest of all emotions, and how fate works wonders. This story proves that everybody and everything deserves all the chances that they can get. Indeed, if you were meant to be, no matter how long it may take, no matter what the circumstances are, no matter where you are, fate will always lead you back to him.

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Hb says

I did not finish this book. There a few reasons I abandoned this book:

1. Poor editing. I have a low tolerance and I can be a bit of a book snob on this matter. With the number of errors in the first few chapters, I knew that I would be crazy by the end. Example..."hot cool deck" should have been "hot pool deck"
2. Time continuity issues...the characters just meet and then the female is talking like several months have gone by...in my opinion, another editing issue.
3. There was something about this story that felt forced. I feel that the story line may have been more successful as a YA romance. Remove the profanity and overt sexuality-the maturity of the main characters will play better to the YA crowd.

Jennifer Watkins says

Love isn't always easy and perfect. Sometimes love is hard and messy and complicated. This was a story about love, loss, growing up, and second chances. Charlee and Dax had the perfect romance when they first met. Charlee met the boy next door and fell hard for his hot body, perfect voice, and charming ways. Dax was head over heels for the beautiful girl that he saw next door on the day he moved in. It didn't take long for things to get hot and steamy between these two. But when it came time for Charlee to make the biggest decision of all, to stay with Dax or go be with her family, the lack of communication that had been plaguing their relationship would be detrimental to them. But fate still had plans for these two. Years later Charlee and Dax get the chance to see each other again. Will the emotions still be there between them or is it too late for them to go back to what they once had?

This book kept me guessing from the time I started reading it. It was not your usual girl meets boy book. This book had more twists and turns than a Six Flags roller coaster. I kept telling myself that I was going to put it down after just a few more pages but I couldn't. I read all night long, I just had to know what was going to happen next for Charlee and Dax. I loved this book and hope to see this turned into a series so that we can find out what happens with some of the secondary characters from this book, especially Taylor and Trevor. I give this book 5 stars!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Feisty Girls says

To be completely truthful I didn't know what to think about this book after I read the prologue and then by 9% I was about to give up. I was tired of reading about how gorgeous these two were. But I just couldn't stop reading. I thought I will read a little more I wanna know more. I knew there was chemistry and thought well when I get to that part it will be explosive, that is unless the author closes the door in my face. She didn't close the door and the more I read the more I was hooked. By halfway through I was so glad I continued to read and kept on trucking till the end. The closer I got the more worried I was whether these two would get the HEA or I'd be left hanging on a cliff waiting for more.

It starts out twelve years ago when Dax moves in to his new apartment he is struck by the beauty of his neighbor at first sight he can't take his eyes off her. He was borderline stalker. I really didn't know what to think. But his obsession wasn't on sided. Charlee was in the same boat with him. As their relationship built and the months flew by I kept waiting for the other shoe to drop and when that part comes that you know is unavoidable in books I read through tear filled eyes.

Fast forward ten years. Dax and Charlee haven't seen or spoken to one another in a decade but that's about to change. They've both moved on with their lives to an extent but one phone call could change it all.

I was really rooting for Dax and Charlee and couldn't wait to see how it would all turn out for them. There were things standing in their way of their happy ending. Can Charlee forgive Dax for what he did all those

years ago? Can they find their forever together.

Like I said I didn't know how I felt about this book but something kept me intrigued enough to continue turning page and I'm really glad I did. I felt all the emotions right along with them. I really would like to read about Taylor and Trevor!

4.5 Stars!!!

Megaen MacDonald says

I loved this story – boy moves next door to girl, they're instantly attracted to one another but kind of shy at first but once it's started, it ignites! Love is in the air! It should be a happily ever after from the age of 20 right?

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Stephanie ~ says

What happens when the hottest guy ever moves next door? What happens when you move into a house next door to the hottest girl you have ever seen? Well that is exactly what happened in Forever and Almost

Always which centred around Charlee and Dax.

He looked like a mix between Paul Walker and Kenny Chesney, weird I know, but so fucking hot. My mind flitted to thoughts of his bare sweaty back that I had seen earlier and I could feel the wetness pooling between my legs. When I caught sight of the dimple in his left cheek, I almost came right where I stood. What the hell was going on with me?

Dax and Charlee sought each other out from the beginning, although several obstacles did come into play. This story was so very typical of many first love relationships. Passionate from the start but with some jealousy, ex's that won't get outta the picture and a few other hiccups thrown into the fray. And Dax... I liked him sometimes, and then other times he was a typical 19 year old boy in a relationship: wanting to party, avoiding meeting the family... the author definitely nailed his character, so much so that I totally had flashbacks of my douchebag boyfriend from back then lol :)

The best part of the story for me were the best friends. Taylor (Charlee's BFF) and Trevor (tattooed bad boy) had some definite chemistry that I would love to see played out in another book. The story points that focused more on these characters and Taylor in particular definitely pulled me and kept me reading.

This story was told from dual POV's, which happens to be my favourite. My primary issue when reading this was that I had some problems with the pace of the book. The crisis point came pretty far into the book and although the first half of the book was very descriptive, the end seemed to wrap up too quickly for my liking. I really liked the character development that took place in the end of the book but I just wish we got to know more about how they were feeling about some revelations that came into play.

This was my first book by Amanda Bennet and although I am not completely in love with these characters I will keep my eye out for other books she writes, especially if she does a spin off for other characters that were present in Forever and Almost Always. Take a look at the synopsis, head on over to Goodread or Amazon and take a look!

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## Gretchen Anderson says

WOW! What an emotional ride this book was! Dax & Charlee are an amazing couple. Amazing in that they love each other, that they are soul mates and two of the most stubborn people ever.

Charlee is 20 and living with her mom. She has no idea what she wants to do with her life and she's just been laid off the job she had for four years. She's taking time over the summer to chill & hang by the pool with her best friend, Taylor.

Dax is moving into his friend's Aunt's house for a while. The house right next to the most beautiful woman he's ever seen. Charlee. He is the reason cliques like "love at first sight" exist. However, it's the same for Charlee. They are so completely sweet in the beginning silently stalking each other. That time when you are first head over heels for the other person but too nervous to share those feelings. You flirt and do stupid stunts just to see each other.

However, it doesn't take long for them to find each other – and boy do they ever! Once they do, there isn't any going back. They are so amazing together. Their story of falling in love and wanting to spend every minute with each other is.....completely amazing.

Excerpt – Dax:

With every touch, every movement of my body against hers, the closer I came to falling even more in love with this girl than I ever thought possible. I opened my eyes and caught her beautiful face in my line of sight. Her mouth was barely open and I could hear her breathing become more labored. My lips yearned for hers, so I leaned forward and gently pressed mine against hers. She let out a small moan, urging me to keep moving. My wet lips made their way across her jaw and down her neck before making their way back up to her ear. I placed a small kiss right below her earlobe, and then placed my lips right by her ear, so only she could hear me. "I love you, Charlee." With one last hard thrust, her and I came undone together. As one we fell, leaving every inhibition behind. We didn't care what tomorrow would bring us, and in that moment, all I cared about was loving her.

I mean really? How amazing is that writing? Amanda Bennett has a way with writing romance that brings your emotions full circle. I was laughing, I was yelling at them for being ridiculous and I was crying with them too.

As most stories tend to do, real and in books, real life creeps in and makes things complicated. When they first meet at 20 and 19 years old they are too young to understand true love and soul mates. They felt the emotions and knew it was different than any other relationship but giving up everything when you're that young is extremely hard. Time goes by and you mature and you realize your mistakes. Mistakes that have hard consequences. These two have a lot to figure out and they make a lot of mistakes. Will they finally get their happily ever after?

I LOVED this book. It was a quick read for me, less than 2 days, but that may have been that it was extremely hard to put it down. Amanda Bennett has put together an amazing story with very deep and complicated characters. I know this one just released but I would love to hear Taylor & Trevor's story?!?! Especially giving how this one ends.....would be amazing to continue. However, I just want more of Dax & Charlee anyway I can get them. The end is amazing and there is an epilogue (yeah!) and there is complete closure, but it could continue. Either way.....definitely highly recommend this book!!! Go get it right now!!!

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**The Book Hangover says**

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### **Gary Pointon says**

Dax is a crap character. Facepalm

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### **Kristy & Kayla - My Person's Books says**

I am a huge fan of Amanda Bennett's writing and for me Forever and Almost Always did not disappoint, it was the type of book I needed right now. There are twists and turns and some angst along the way but not enough to make me want to pull my hair out, ok who am I kidding yes I wanted to pull my hair out. I loved both these characters Dax and Charlee go through the ups and downs of two young people deeply in love.

Charlee's days are all the same hanging with her best friend Taylor, sunbaking and swimming, her life is pretty cruisey. That is all about to change with not one but two good looking neighbours moving in next door, make that one every good looking man that she is smitten for yet hasn't met. Heading out the back to cool off for a swim a head pops up over the fence, there he is the gorgeous new neighbour Dax.



Dax oh my Dax the way he is described yep he's my ideal man in the looks department (I love Paul Walker) he is just as smitten with Charlee too. I'm still swooning over Dax.

When Charlee and Dax finally get together sparks fly, these two have some hot chemistry. They have the perfect relationship, everything has just clicked into place. Their relationship is moving forward and with Dax having to move out of his place they decide to move in together. A twist throws their relationship through a hoop, from here it was like waiting for a car accident to happen, knowing its going to happen but not sure when. Dax and Charlee's relationship seems to be moving slow but also fast at the same time.

With all the highs in their relationship the lows hit them and hit them hard, is their love for one another strong enough to get them through life's highs and lows? Is there relationship and love a forever kind of love or will life's challenges tear them apart? Do Charlee and Dax have a Forever kind of love or will they love each other almost always...?

Once I started this book I didn't want to put it down, I was hooked. Dax and Charlee have the kind of love that is rare and not something everybody experiences.

Another amazing book by Amanda Bennett!

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### **Missy Bates says**

LOVE LOVE THIS BOOK WONDEFUL STORY AND AMAZING WRITTING !!!!!THIS IS ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS!!!! THIS BOOK TOUCHED EVERY EMOTIION THAT IS IN YOU AND IT TOUCHED IN ALL THEM WAYS !!!! FALLILNG IN LOVE MENDING BROKEN HEARTS AND ALL THAT STUFF IN BETWEEN BEFOR THE HAPPY EVER AFTER THIS BOOK HAS IT AND MORE !!!!AWESOME AWESOME!!!!AMANDA BENNETT YOU ROCK THANK YOU FOR BRINGING DAX AND CHARLEE AND ALL THE OTHERS THAT SURROUND THEM ... THIS STORY WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH CRY AND CHEER AND THANKS FOR THIS BOOK DOING IT FOR ME!!!!

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### **Casey Peeler says**

We all hope and dream to find that one person that makes us whole, the one person who will love us no matter what, and the one person that makes life worth living.

Dax and Charlee's relationship is what most girls dream of as little girls. Falling for the guy next door, perfect body, perfect voice, just damn perfect in every way. Their relationship is one that is hot from the get go... once it gets going. These two have never had a problem with the opposite sex, but for some reason, they act like total goof balls! Weather it be Charlee at a loss for words, giving Dax the wrong impression with his roommate, or Dax going stalker on her. Once they make their feelings known, the rest is history... that is until...

If you had to chose between your family that has had your back forever and the love of you life... what do you choose? How do those choices impact your life? What happens when you realize you were wrong?

This is exactly what happens in Dax & Charlee's relationship. Can they find their way back together or is it

to late? The ending of this book pulled at my heart. I wanted them to be together, but what about the futures they had built? Could they let go of their present? This had me pulling for Dax and Charlee, but also made my heart hurt for Dax's wife. Knowing that someone doesn't love you like another woman has got to be one of the worst feelings on the planet, but what his wife does is phenomenal! I sure don't know if I could be the bigger person.

While Dax and Charlee are the main characters, there are several characters that play major roles in the events in this book: Trevor, Taylor, Aaron, and Rachael. Each of these individuals bring different roles to the table... some are good and others well... I'll let you be the judge of that!

Forever and Almost Always is another fabulous read from the AMAZING Amanda Bennett. She never ceases to amaze me, and I wait impatiently for her next release. Two other tie bits I just loved were Charlee and Casey... I think that speaks for itself! ;)

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### **Bound By Books Book Review says**

Every girl wants to fall in love with that perfect person. To be able to fall in love with the boy next store is an extra bonus.

Dax and Charlee meet each other after Dax moved in next store. When Charlee and Dax meet they have trouble expressing themselves to each other. They both are so nervous that they are blubbering to each other. Both get the wrong idea Dax thinks Charlee like his roommate and Charlee feels Dax doesn't really like her. When they both finally start talking to each other the chemistry between them was instant. Both Dax and Charlee fall head over heels in love with each. Everything is good until...

What would you do if you have to choose your family or friends. This is the choice that has to be made and family wins. Both worlds come crumbling down. Will love last and can they fix this?

What a great read from Amanda Bennett, it was my first read from her and I am now a fan. This book started in present tense and then we jump back to the past and then we end 13 years in the present. The secondary characters in the book play an important role in the book too. We meet Taylor, Trevor, Aaron and Rachel. Each one plays a key role in this book, some good and some not so good. I enjoyed the alternate POV's and how we changed from present to past and then back. If you looking for a good read about love and growth then grab a copy.

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### **Books&Dreams says**

Book Worms was given this book as an ARC for an honest review.  
We gave this book 4 stars.  
This book review was left by Lindsay a Book Worms Reviewer.  
Thank you Lindsay.

Forever and Almost Always by Amanda Bennett

Amanda has created a love story like to other. One that defies a decade of time apart. This story had me smiling and crying from page to page. This was a beautifully written story about a love like no other. One that hits you in the face the minute you see each other and no that no one will ever love you the way that he/she does. This touching story hits all avenues of the ups and downs of relationships and hope that true love will finally win out over the tests of time and life.

The minute that Dax sent eyes on Charlee his heart belonged to her and the same went for Charlee. They had a love like no other. One that was meant to be forever.

"She affected me in a way that I could never fully explain. We shared a connection that I had never had with anyone else."

Unfortunately, life gets in the way and Charlee chose family over love. Devastation took over both of their lives and they were to stubborn to fight for each other. After ten years, Charlee decides to try and let go of the past by seeing him again. Will they be able to let the past go and move on with their lives or will they rekindle their love that has truly never died in each other's hearts?

Thank you for a wonderful book Amanda we look forward to reading more from you in the future!! <3

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## Lustful Literature says

### **\*\*JODIE'S REVIEW\*\***

*"You're a tease." I laughed*

*"No I'm a previewer. They're two different things. I give you a preview of what's to come and actually do those things. A tease just wants you to think it's gonna happen. Trust me, it will happen."*

I'm at a loss at what to rate this book, I didn't DNF it and I was intrigued enough to read it to the end. My problems were at times I felt the story was being rushed and forced. I felt I was being told the story instead of reading it. I think my main problem was there were things I sat and I couldn't understand. There is one part that is a major age problem and I sat and said wait WTH that's not right, is it? I also found several parts where there age gap came into question were they 2 yrs apart, or was it more? These things made me question how this was never picked up and how was I finding it my first read through.

***“This book is dedicated to anyone who has ever walked away from love, and wondered what if.”***

I loved the dedication in this book and like every woman I was sold I mean who hasn't wonder about their first love. I will warn prepare because this is INSTA LOVE and these characters at the beginning are more like a high school couple then 19 and 21 year olds. The characters are really immature but it works in an odd sense.

As the story progressed I expected growth and it wasn't there, 10 yrs pass and still the same personalities are shown. No one has changed and really only Dax has grown as character if I am being honest. I think my big problem is I spent so much time in the beginning of their relationship and so much time learning them as a couple that when it jumps to the present I felt I missed the middle somewhere. How did Charlee get her job? Did she end up in College? Where did Dax go, what happened in those 10 yrs?

I will say that Amanda, even with these flaws, still at times gave me butterflies and had me feeling something for these characters. She, as I said at the beginning, kept me intrigued enough to keep turning the pages and she made want to know what their end was. I wanted their HEA. I just feel Amanda has so much more to offer in her writing. I feel if pushed and if certain things would have been pointed out and brought to her attention this story could have been AMAZING!!!

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

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