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An alcoholic. A scarred man. A thief.

Harvey, a twenty-two-year-old high school drop-out arrives home, a brief stint in rehab behind him and ready to start his life again. Then he meets Beth and her innocence and her desire to have it all capture him completely.

A girl on the cusp of womanhood. Determined. A bright future.

Beth, a recent high school graduate among the top in her class, can't wait to get to college and fulfill her dreams. Then she meets Harvey and with his mysterious past, he stirs feelings in her she can't ignore.

The chemistry between them is unmistakable but Harvey doesn't trust easily and refuses to divulge his past to Beth though she wants to be a part of his future.

The pieces of their lives lie broken all around them, but can Harvey put his life back together and win Beth over before she begins her new life without him? And can Beth find the strength to become the woman she wants to be without sacrificing her integrity?

## **Pieces of it All Details**

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### **Sarah LaFleur says**

Tracy Krimmer's *Pieces of it All* is not your typical romance novel. I read an early version of this book and the end product is such an improvement! The story follows Beth, a recent high school graduate as she meets Harvey and falls in love for the first time. So what's the problem? Harvey has a sordid past that threatens to thwart his best efforts to overcome it. Along the way Beth starts working for her Aunt's cleaning business and Harvey's kleptomaniac tendencies become too much for him to resist.

The way Beth handles herself during awkward or tricky situations is one of the things I like about this book. Her reactions feel very real and I could almost feel my face burn with embarrassment for the poor girl. I enjoyed the close third person perspective used to jump back and forth between Beth and Harvey. Krimmer excels at seeing both sides of the same situation with very different view points and some of the inner dialogue is cringe worthy.

The downside for me is the lack of growth from the characters. I totally get the ending and applaud Krimmer for writing such a bold finish, but I would have liked to see a more dramatic revelation of character development. On the other hand, Krimmer's characters are so real to life that it begs the question: How momentous was my first foray into physical love and did it really 'change' me forever? I'll continue to ponder this idea, but in the meantime, grab a copy of this quick read.

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### **Chrsitina Somerville says**

I received this book in exchange for my honest review.

Unfortunately this book was not for me. There were many times when I wanted to stop reading it as I just could not get into it, but I hoped that it would get better so I did finish it and just did not do it for me.

I did not feel any connections between the characters. At first I liked Harvey he was believable that he wanted to change but then he started stealing then it was over for me. I know he had lots of issues and he was trying to connect with the memory of his mother but that is not the way to do it. Was not a fan of Beth's character either, I did not feel that she was a good friend much, she did not treat her friends very nicely or listen to what they had to say. She jumped into things so fast with Harvey then with Mark.

I don't feel like there was much connection behind the storey. I was hoping for a love storey and a happy ending unfortunately it is not what I got.

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### **Carol Maloney Scott says**

At first I wasn't sure I would like this book. It isn't what I normally read. However, I loved it as the story progressed and I felt more invested in the characters.

Even though I am a middle aged woman, I could relate to Beth's story. Rebelling against overprotective parents is part of my past, and I understand both sides of the fence when it comes to protecting our child and the child wanting to break free.

All of the characters are believable, and I didn't need to like Harvey. I did like him at times, but I enjoyed the fact that the author didn't make him troubled with a heart of gold. People who grow up with Harvey's level of dysfunction are often too broken to love and to behave according to society's rules. Someone like him can get better and he's young enough to change. But it isn't going to happen overnight or because of one girl.

The author did a great job of realistically portraying a naïve young woman and a troubled guy, as well as the contrast of more wordly young women and a much nicer, well adjusted guy. This story shows us the differences in people and how everything is not always tied up in a nice, neat bow at the end.

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### **Karan Eleni says**

What a remarkable story! To watch a young Wisconsin woman graduate (so close to home!!), meet someone and fall quickly, learn so much about herself, so little about the boy she spends her days with, deal with family and friend issues and go through so many different emotions in such a short period of time, all before setting off for college, just wow.

Tracy kept me guessing with this one. When I thought I had figured out a piece of the puzzle, she turned a corner and I was wrong. In cases like this, I love being wrong! ;) Not being able to predict what happens next always makes a great read. I was a bit shocked with the ending but thinking back, it definitely made sense and was proud of the way Beth chose to live her first year of college.

Tracy, thank you so much for allowing me to read and review *Pieces of it All!!* I absolutely loved it!! If When this book comes out in print, I will be one of the first to add it to my shelf!

<http://helloworldbliss.com/2014/07...>

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### **Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says**

4 1/2 Stars

WOW!! Now that ending had a complete twist I wasn't expecting...I wanted to rate low but then realized that it was PERFECT just the way it was!

Review to come.

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## **Ashley says**

\*\*\* I received a copy of this story in exchange for a honest review.\*\*\*

I just couldn't connect to this story at all. The way Beth acted with her best friends seemed off, the way Harvey and Beth meet is a little unbelievable, do people still ask random strangers for cooking supplies? Harvey is not a likeable character at all. At times when I was reading from Harvey's pov, his thoughts almost reminded me of a completely deranged psychopath, not a troubled alcoholic. And, I find it hard to believe that he would have no way of finding out what happened to his mother. I just didn't get it.

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## **\* Sara Johns\* says**

This is a refreshing read and not your typical New Adult romance. This book was about moving forward and finding your place in this world, while paying for the mistakes of your past.

The story as a whole was really good and different, and honed in on some dark issues. The beginning started out a tad slow, but quickly picked up, and was full of surprising twists and turns that kept me turning the page.

Harvey and Beth were both likeable characters, and their relationship was definitely full of chemistry. I liked the gritty nature of Harvey's past and was really intrigued with his "side" of the story. I had a little more trouble connecting to Beth. I felt like I was reading about someone much younger than her. In general, the book had more of a YA feel to it than NA. I think I would have liked it more if the characters were younger. Many of the character's actions would have made more sense to me in a YA novel.

There were only a couple of things I didn't really like. The first is really just a personal preference. This book is written in third person. New Adult books are usually about self-discovery and falling in love, so I personally like them to be written in first person even if it is a dual POV to strengthen MY connection with the characters. My second issue, despite the engaging storyline, the dialogue between the characters often felt stiff and not very genuine. I found myself on several occasions thinking... What?! Who says that? or What an inappropriate thing to say at this time? There were definitely some distractions in this area.

Overall, I enjoyed this book, and would definitely be interested in a follow-up, preferably in Harvey's POV. I feel like he has a lot more story to tell!

Spoiler Alert: DO NOT READ if you prefer not to know if a book ends happily or not.

There is no cliffhanger, but this book has a nontraditional ending that I felt tied in well with the story.

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## **Andy Mascola says**

Pieces of it All is a cautionary tale that seesaws primarily between the lives of a teen protagonist named Beth

and a slightly older love interest named Harvey. Beth has a heart of gold. As she graduates from high school, we watch Beth balance family, responsibilities, new and old friends, and an attraction to a young man (Harvey) with a mysterious past.

Through Tracy Krimmer's skilled storytelling we're able to see not only Beth's optimistic and caring view of her world, but we observe firsthand Harvey reentering a world he was damaged in, and how he attempts to make the right decisions in order to give his own story a happy ending.

Krimmer introduces new characters as the book progresses, but never loses focus of her tale. The novel's dialogue helps flesh out the inhabitants of *Pieces of it All*, so that the personalities are unique and easy for the reader to keep track of. I'd recommend this book to anyone interested in a cautionary tale about protecting your heart, but perhaps more specifically, young women like Beth who are just beginning their adult lives.

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### **Lauren Rosolino says**

Maybe I'm missing something here? Did I not read what everyone else read?

I'm hesitant to leave negative reviews, but I agreed to give an honest review in exchange for a free copy.

I had hard time engaging with the characters and story from the beginning.

What I liked:

I liked Beth. She was caring, smart, and trying to take risks, which I can appreciate. Some of her more racy thoughts kind of felt like that came out of left field for me, but hey, whose to say a goody girl can't have some dirty thoughts about a guy she just met five seconds ago?

I liked Beth's mom. She was sweet and caring and realistic.

I liked that the story spotlighted animal issues. I liked that a dog got rescued. I like this a LOT.

I liked that the author tackles the issues of substance abuse, child abuse, and self-identity without flinching.

That being said. What I didn't like:

Harvey. I liked him at first but the more I read, the more and more I disliked him. Besides for being hot and being nice to his dog, I had no idea why Beth liked him so much. I understand he has a drinking problem with a bad past, but he came off as immature, entitled, and insensitive. He acted as if people owed him something because he had a bad childhood. He used his past as an excuse when it came to not taking responsibility for his (current) actions or for not thinking that he wasn't in the wrong for lying and stealing. I really did not like that he felt like he could sweet talk his way back in to anyone's life like his actions hadn't hurt anyone or hadn't been serious. He came off as sketchy and a jerk. He was overbearing and possessive of Beth even though they'd only been dating a few weeks. He also idealized her as the woman who would love him and save him despite his past, even though he hadn't respected or trusted her enough to share his past with her. He wanted her to just love and accept him without him having to work for it. His attitude toward her switches between idolizing and lust. He seems to think the best way to show her how much he loves her is to sleep with her. He says he loves her (or wants to love her) but doesn't really view her than more than a

piece of ass and an object.

The timeline of Beth's romances don't match the intensity of her feelings. She fell way too quickly, in my opinion.

At times the dialogue felt stiff and off-putting, making it hard for me to get lost in the story.

And unless I read it incorrectly, Beth orgasms her first time?! Even though she's not even entirely comfortable with the situation? Yeah, right. And then again her second time? There's a little lee-way because it is a romance novel, but come on, there's just no way.

All in all, I think there's a lot of potential in these pages. I wanted it to be so much more than it was. I was a bit disappointed.

BUT. There was one line from this book that I really needed to read at the exact time I needed to read it for my own personal reasons. And for that reason alone am I grateful to have read this book.

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### **Shelly Wygant says**

#### **This Book Was Given To Me By The Author In Exchange For An Honest Review**

Good girl meets bad boy and falls in love and the bad boy changes to be with her. The end. Not in this book. Harvey has a trouble past that includes alcohol, theft, and a bad family history. He ends up in rehab and after 8 months returns home. Beth is just graduated from high school and is looking forward to having some fun before college. She has always been the good girl that studied and got good grades.

Beth wants a relationship with Harvey but her best friend and family caution her to be careful. Beth is slightly naïve and wants a loving sweet relationship. As the relationship moves along she does realize that Harvey is not opening up to her.

Beth continues to grow into adulthood as college becomes closer as Harvey struggles not to return to his old life. He doesn't exactly succeed in that as he finds out some truths from his childhood. Beth learns more and more about herself and her family when she ventures off to college. She always has a giving heart though.

This book has twist and turns that you don't see coming and certainly does not have the ending that you would think. It was a great read that keeps you guessing.

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### **Robyn Koshel says**

“Pieces of it All” is such an enthralling read. At first it appeared to be a ordinary boy meets girl tale, but there is nothing ordinary about this emotionally charged novel. It starts off with Beth, trying to find her way through life. When she meets Harvey- that is when they are both able to help each other reconcile their pasts

and their inner demons. "Pieces of it All" was such a unique book, with so many plot twists, that you couldn't possibly see any of it coming. I can not remember the last time I read such a remarkable and enjoyable book with so much emotional depth

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### **Tiffany Willams says**

"All it took, though, was the one person. Once the right person walked into your life, you did everything possible to make sure they didn't walk right back out. She wanted Harvey to stay. At least for awhile."

First love. For some, it's sweet and innocent. For others, it's something they would love to forget. For Beth Overland, it was what would forever change her life.

"If given the chance to let loose, this man sitting across from her would be the one to do it with."

Beth had just graduated high school. She had big plans with her friends to go to college and start the next chapter in their lives. What she didn't expect was for a guy to walk into her life and flip her world on its axis.

Harvey Etheridge hasn't had it easy. Not only is his father a horrible person, but he traveled down an awful path of destruction that led him into rehab. After becoming sober, he came back home--where he didn't want to be. That was until he saw her. He saw Beth and suddenly he had a reason to belong somewhere. But just how far would he go to keep her?

"He needed to attach himself to a good girl, someone to show him the good in the world, someone to make him forget about his past and all the crap he went through."

This story made you fall in love with the bad boy. You wanted him to change for the better. You rooted for both of them to find their ways in life. Even with everyone trying to pull them apart, they kept fighting to stay together.

Beth and Harvey's story took many twists and turns. It had major highs and devastating lows. It's not your conventional love story--and that's okay. I enjoyed the ride of it all. I'll admit that I wasn't expecting that ending. It was not bad by any means, but it surprised me! Like I said, it's not your every day love story;)

"Clearly her mom thought of her as a young woman, and she was a young woman. A young woman falling in love. This was her cheesy romance novel."

I really enjoyed Tracy's book! The push and pull between Beth and Harvey kept me reading. The dynamic between them, and their friends and family, is what really set the tone of this book. I almost wish there was more to the book because I didn't want their story to be over. I guess that's the good thing about books that leave an opening...you can make your own ending:)Great job!

"I care about you a lot. I've never cared this much about anyone."

"That's the difference, Beth. I've never cared. At all. But the thought of hurting you creates this pain inside me I don't understand."

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## **Sassy Lit Chic Reviews says**

As you begin to read *Pieces of it All* you might think that this is your typical good-girl-meets-bad-boy-they-fall-in-love-and-bad-boy-changes-to-be-with-girl. While the female character, Beth, is a good girl and Harvey is a bad boy do not expect your typical storyline or ending. This book captivated me from beginning to end. Beth has just graduated from high school and Harvey, who is 22 years old, has just returned to their small town after being away for a couple of years, and the two meet by chance.

*Pieces of it All* touches on a number of social issues; most of these issues stem from Harvey's family history. Harvey has made a lot of bad decisions largely due to his difficult home life. Harvey believes that returning home is his only option, but he also views this period of time an opportunity start over. His determination to start over is evident in his early interactions with Beth as well as the feelings he experiences for her.

Beth describes herself as an average girl from an average family with only two friends; she also states that and she spent most of high school in the library. As you delve into the book you find that not everything is normal or average with some of her relationships. It is evident that Beth is interested and intrigued by Harvey, but her best friend and Father continually harp on her to stay away from Him. I struggled a bit with the over-protectiveness of Beth's friend, Lucy, as well as Beth's Father. With Lucy the reader is informed that Lucy has always been like this, so it is understandable that when Beth stands up to Lucy for the very first time that it would result in a ripple in their relationship. Her Father's over-protectiveness is a bit of a puzzle. Of course parents always want to watch out for their children, but his reactions to the situation almost make it seem that there was some other underlying reason behind his concerns.

A few times in the book there were twists and turns that surprised me, but overall I loved this book! The story and characters are interesting, you will be led through a variety of emotions and a couple of surprises. You may even hope for an additional book!

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## **S.J. Pajonas says**

There are times when I look for something really different, a story outside the norm of its genre, and *PIECES OF IT ALL* fits the bill perfectly. This is not a New Adult novel about broken people fixing each other with sex that we so often see nowadays. *PIECES* centers on Beth and Harvey, both starting new chapters of their lives. Beth has graduated high school and has a whole summer in front of her before starting college in the fall. She's smart, capable, and maybe just a little naive. A totally believable young lady. During her graduation party she meets Harvey. He's a young man, just a few years older than her, back in town after a stint in rehab. He wants to change his life. He wants to start over...

But wanting and achieving goals are two separate things.

Though the chemistry is hot between Harvey and Beth, we watch Beth inch towards her new life, and Harvey slip back into his old one. Krimmer does an excellent job of keeping the situations real and poignant. Her writing is rich with lush descriptions, and her pacing will keep you turning the pages way into the night. I personally LOVE how this novel ends :) A surprising twist when I expected something else.

*PIECES OF IT ALL* is a truly different and engaging New Adult novel from author Tracy Krimmer. Don't miss it!

\*I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. I actually read it in two different drafts. This final draft is knock-down great!

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## AJ says

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Remember when they used to tell you *don't judge a book by its cover*? Yeah, this book is exactly that.

Admittedly the cover isn't the most gorgeous thing, but its story is something worth reading. I went into this a little skeptical, but I soon got immersed in the story.

The main premise of this story is about Harvey who just got out of rehab and college bound Beth who fell in love at first sight. Their story started out typically, they met, fell in love instantly and embarked on a too-fast-too-soon relationship. I really hated Beth at the start. I hated the insta-love and how incredibly stupid she is for defending a guy she knew for three seconds (exaggeration, but still). Beth is intelligent. She's one of those good girls that hasn't had much experience in the dating field and as Harvey describes her, *pure*. But meeting Harvey made her stupid. She allowed her sexual awakening do her thinking for her. It was clear that this relationship sparked out of lust. And there was no love. I was angry; at Harvey for being a prick, at Beth who just wouldn't question anything he says or does. It was a destructive relationship and it frustrated me.

But I supposed its this destructive relationship that moulded the story and made it interesting. It was interesting to know what they did apart and at some point were even more likeable apart.

There's nothing in particular to pick at with this book, but I did have a slight problem with the alternating voices. It didn't feel very balanced and I felt like I was hearing more about Beth than Harvey. I would have liked to see him having more interactions with his former friends or what kind of life he led outside of the memories with his dad.

I enjoyed this book. It was a refreshing change for me. It's no secret that I'm generally cautious of New Adult as a genre and having it too focused on sex. While the idea of lust and sexual awakenings were discussed, a large majority of it focused on other issues, keeping sex scenes to a minimal. I appreciated that it discussed sex in a relationship, losing your virginity and exploring willingness/consent. Overall a solid contemporary with a captivating plot.

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