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Two girls. One Leo.

Identical twins, Maggie and Clara Ryder, both grew up with Leo Maddox, billionaire playboy, apparent alcoholic, and heir to his grandfather's world-famous Maddox hotel empire. Their roles were cemented long ago: Maggie, as his best friend and Clara as his childhood nemesis.

But when a simple twist of fate changes everything and both girls start to fall for the lean, mean, ridiculously sexy and seemingly spoiled Leo... which girl will win his heart?

Throw in a little mischief, drama, and one smoking-hot bartender and lines are sure to blur. But one thing's for certain, neither good-girl Maggie nor rebellious Clara will be satisfied until they each figure out where they belong.

New Adult Romance. Standalone. Recommended for readers 17+

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Dirty Dayna says

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--well this book is Just Peaches -- =]

“DAD WAS THE SHIT”

“the golfer, the beautiful wife, the twin girls, the best friend and his family, the country club, the mountains...this is our story. Oh and for the record he most definatly belongs with me”

“if she was the lioness...that made me the water buffalo”

Holy plot twist!!!

“I wanted someone to love. Really love. Like “lets have babies, get married and call eachother stupid pet names” –that sort of love”

“he never teased me with lies. Always truths... turths always hurt worse”

“nothing on gods green earth could prepare me for what I found on the other side [of the door}...Leo’s buck naked ass”

YESSSS oh my freeking GIRLCRUSH happening... Screw the main characters “he most definatly belongs to me”

“he touched me as if he were trying to memorize the feel of me”

Waittt....i cant decide who I love more...LEO or ROBBY!!!! Egads

This is hands down one of the best books I have read this year =] .. Sarah Darlington.... Please give us more leo and clara!!

Mari?ina says

I had so much fun reading this.. The story really "sucked" me in and i enjoyed it immensely.. It's not over dramatic, in contrary it's easy to read, fun and overly has a possitive vibe..

I liked Clara and Leo together right from the start and their story was so cute and romantic. They are not really rivals and all this antagonism between them comes from their feelings, which are hidden for far too

long.. She is a little weird and a rebel and he is sarcastic and distant, but they work together just fine..

Maggie is another thing altogether.. But i also liked her so much, and her story was very vibrant and endearing.. The exact opposite from her sister, preppy and daddy's little girl she is confused when her best friend falls for her sister and at the same time her own big love is back in her life..

The Verdict: It's a good New Adult book.. One of those you can read for pleasure on a slow day.. Filled with interesting characters, smiles, some needed drama and second chances to love.. What's not to love?

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BOOK

- I liked how finally Clara and her family resolved their problems..
- All the characters have some issues but they are adorable..
- Their father is a little overprotective.. But i loved how he cared about his girls..
- Their clover story is so amazing.. AWWWWW!
- I liked Maggie with Valerie.. She is such a girly girl..
- Dean! Oh Dean!! He had quite the story!
- The writing is good and the book flows pretty easily..
- The bracelet!!
- The email!!!! *double awwwww*
- Their kiss WOW!

Abbie says

5 Glorious Stars

~arc was given to me for an honest review, and I am ever so thankful~

Clara: *"Oh yeah, for the record, he most definitely belongs with me."*

Maggie and Clara Ryder are the twin daughters of Golf's golden boy, Reed Ryder. Reed and his best friend Leonardo Maddox heir to the Maddox Hoetel billions created the ultimate golf getaway. This getaway turns into Clara and Maggie's existence. They live there work there etc. Leo is Leonardo's only son, he is every definition of a poor little rich boy, well from the outside anyways. Having lost their mothers when they were young Leo and Maggie became the best of friends. Clara well not so much always the outcast. So what happens when both sisters find themselves falling for Leo? Oh and then if that were enough let's just throw in a beautiful bartender named Dean!

Maggie: *"Then a very stunning and terrifying realization hit me like a punch to the gut. Somewhere between yesterday and today, I'd developed feeling for Leo Maddox."*

Maggie is the "good twin" she embraces her life. Loves it. She and Leo are the best of friends, he is the ying to her yang. They have their only little world, even their own language. Neither had ever considered anything but friendship between them. Even if everyone around them thinks they'll end up together. Maggie finds herself falling for Leo when she finds out that he takes a trip to New York with her sister Clara. Maggie is very confused because she also has feelings for Dean a very very swoon worthy bartender, whom she has a past with. I don't want to go into many more details about Maggie's story because I'll give it away. I loved Maggie. She seemed a little self absorbed at times but not enough to hate her. And honestly given her upbringing you can't really hold it against her. She is beautiful and kind.

Clara: *"Leo and I were about as different as two people could get and we didn't want any of the same things out of life. He wanted to follow in his father's footsteps, and I wanted to run like hell from anything even remotely resembling my father's footsteps."*

Clara is the exact opposite of Maggie. And honestly my favorite of the two. She doesn't want anything from her father. She isn't looking for love, has never been in love, is anti everything. I didn't like Clara at the beginning of the book but she grew on me quickly. Everything she did, she had a reason for it. Her own reason which may have not looked right to others but she didn't care. Clara was shocked to find herself falling for someone and even worse for it being Leo. The man who could shred her with his words. She doesn't know how to react or how to feel. Her heart has always been set on Arizona. So which will she choose? And more importantly will Leo choose her?

Leo: *"I wish all my vices could be helped so easily."*

This book was so good. Go buy it. Looking at the cover drew me in completely. This book is told in dual pov of Clara and Maggie. It's basically two different books in one, the way it is told. It's easy to follow and if you don't like love triangles it isn't really a love triangle. I don't want to give away anymore than I already have. This is easily one of my new favorite books and I did not only leave with one book boyfriend I left with two! Sarah Darlington, did an amazing job creating an amazing cast of characters and I loved them all!

Sarah Darlington says

My debut novel is now LIVE!

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It's a fun new adult coming-of-age romance

Twin sisters, 'good girl' Maggie and 'rebellious' Clara, both fall for the same man--the lean, mean, ridiculously sexy and seemingly spoiled Leo. But which girl will win his heart?

Read the 1st chapter of *He Belongs With Me* [here](#)

Heather says

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for my honest review.

Maggie and Clara are identical twins with completely different personalities. Maggie's the good one while Clara's more rebellious. Dean, a boy from their teenage years, comes back into their lives. A boy, now a sexy MAN, that both sisters loved. But back then, Dean chose Maggie. While Maggie is working through her possible feelings for Dean, Clara finds out that Maggie's BFF, Leo likes her. *Really* likes her! He's tried not to. He's been brutally honest, hurtful and mean to Clara. Then out of nowhere Clara realizes she might like Leo back.

Obviously, Maggie isn't happy about this! Is it because its her "annoying sister" Clara suddenly liking Leo back or is it something more? Does Maggie care for Leo more than she thought? But what about Dean?

I LOVED this book from the very first page to the last page! Both Dean & Leo were both sweet and sexy and so likable. (In real life, Dean would be my Dream guy!). And both sisters POVs were fun to read. Some readers might like one twin more than the other but I liked so many different things about both of them I couldn't choose one.

I recommend this book to EVERYONE! Especially, if you are looking for a really sweet, romantic love story.

5 amazing stars!

✿kawehi.reviews says

The story with some commentary:

21-year old **Maggie and Clara Ryder** are identical twins who have the world at their feet. With their dad being the owner of a privileged golf establishment, the Reed Ryder Country Club, both girls have money, status, and even beauty.

The only catch is, is that both twins couldn't be less alike...

Maggie, is considered to be the good twin whereas Clara is considered the bad twin.

Maggie kind of got on my nerves a lot of the time with her higher than thou type of attitude toward Clara and eccentric shifts in moods. Kind of gave me whiplash!

As for **Clara**, well, I really liked her! In fact, I always waited for her parts. Clara is the rebellious, in your face, say what she wants to say twin with alternating hair color. She and twin Maggie's best friend, Leo, are constantly at each other's throats until one fateful night when Clara crashes her golf cart into Leo and is whisked away on a trip with him to New York. Then she begins to see Leo in a different light....

So, Leo Maddox. Leo, is the heir of a billion dollar hotel empire, the Maddox Hotel, and also the lemon to Maggie's squeeze but the salt to Clara's vinegar. He may appear to rigid and cold, especially to Clara, but deep down he's loyal to a fault and has deep down pent up feelings for one particular twin. *Who could it be?*

I won't divulge anymore of the story, but I will say that there is two other suitors in this story: **Andrew** and **Dean/Robby**.

Andrew, well, he's a total scumbag and not important to rehash about and Dean/Robby is an old flame from Maggie's past that never left her heart.

How will things all turn out? Will Clara's turnaround of feelings for Leo have any effect on him?

Who will Leo choose when Maggie starts realizing that she may like him as well? Or will Dean/Robby come in and sweep her away?

Read and you will find out!

My thoughts: *He Belongs to Me* was a solid, good read that alternates between both Maggie and Clara's POV's. At first, it was a bit confusing and overwhelming but after the four chapters or so I had gotten a hold of it.

Normally, I hate hate love triangles because of the angst and drama over fighting over a guy/girl but this one was different and wasn't even actually a love triangle at that. It was more so, the characters trying to confront and acknowledge their feelings and take action of it.

My only complaint though about this story was a bit anti-climatic in my eyes. Here, I thought there was going to be a whole lot of drama and a climatic build up but there wasn't really any of that.

And also, Clara's ending. I mean, Maggie got a bow with a tie on hers so why did Clara's feel a little short. Hmmm, maybe it's because I just wanted MORE! Lol.

Anyways, a great story that normally would have given me a lot of trepidation but was fun and engaging!

Tianna says

For this book I'm liking
***Alive* by Krewella**

Let me explain first off that I had the wonderful opportunity to beta-read this book and now it's being PUBLISHED!!! EEEP! I'm so excited for Sarah Darlington!

Anyways, I really enjoyed this book. It was so light and the tension between the characters was a lot of fun. I found myself siding with one of the twins though and therefore got all defensive when it came to the other one.

*Keep your hands off him b*tch. He's mine.*

I guess one can say I fell into the trap of the title LOL.

Anyways, this book has got a wicked love triangle/square that leaves you laughing, frustrated, breathless and flushed (because not only is there one sexy hero, but two! TWO!). Both Maggie and Clara have their strengths and weakness as characters and reading both perspectives was great since you got to know them as people instead of just characters. You learnt about their motivations, flaws and driving forces. Sarah did a wonderful job at creating two protagonists who were twins, yet had such distinct voices you could tell who was talking without being told.

Love interests: Dean & Leo.

Dean was great. I think he truly meant well with everything that happened and I felt bad for him at times, because I thought he deserved better than what he was getting. Anyways, I'm really really happy with how things turned out for him.

Leo... oh Leo. What a ... sweetheart. Wait. Did I just say 'sweetheart' when in the synopsis it sounded like he was an alcoholic douchebag? Yes, yes I did. To find out what I'm talking about... well you'll have to read it.

So buckle up readers and get ready for a ride that'll get you riled up with drama, catfights and a whole lot sexiness.

Check out my blog(s) for my complete review and more links of great books and epic songs!

<http://authortdoyle.wordpress.com/2014/04/01/10-things-i-love-about-he-belongs-with-me/>

or

<http://authortdoyle.blogspot.ca/2014/04/10-things-i-love-about-he-belongs-with-me.html>

Amy says

He Belongs With Me follows the story of Maggie and Clara. Maggie and Clara are identical twins, but they don't get along at all!!!

Maggie used to Date Andrew, but now Andrew is with Clara. Clara is only with Andrew because she wants to get revenge on him for cheating on Maggie. Maggie, is not aware of Clara's plan and wants to make Andrew jealous! Enter Dean, who turns out to be Robby, who used to be in love with Maggie. Leo is best friends with Maggie, who hates Robby/Dean and may be in love with Clara.....Are you confused yet???

As confusing as this may seem, this was actually a really fun book. I enjoyed watching both girls fall in love. The dual pov's from Maggie and Clara were great. This was a fun, light read with a little drama, but a lot of moments that just made me want to laugh! I think the story wrapped up pretty nicely. My only complaint is that I wish we could have gotten a little more from Maggie's ending.

Overall, I found this to be a really enjoyable book and would definitely recommend it.

****I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review****

Superfly Gibson says

Loved this!!!! Must read! :)

This novel is dual narrative between identical 21-year-old twin sisters. Summertime. They're in between their junior and senior years of college. And it's basically two separate stories in one.

Maggie--the story starts with her and she's desperate. Desperate because she just found out her sister is dating her ex of four years and will be bringing him as her date to their dad's big party. She marches into a dive bar and convinces a local hottie to be her date for this one night.

Clara--her stories starts and we learn she's only dating Maggie's ex for revenge purposes. There's way more to Clara than the hard exterior she shows the world.

Leo--(not the ex, Maggie's friend and another party goer) we meet Leo in chapter 3. I kept picturing him as Chuck Bass. The twins grew up in a privileged world, but Leo more so. He's moody, drinks a lot, maybe even kind of depressed, and a little mean. But that's just the Leo he shows to the world. I loved Leo and how deep he was a really sweet guy.

Both girls end up with someone---so it's not that much of a love triangle but instead a love square! It was an awesome, light, feel-good read and I liked the author's humor. There were some very surprisingly funny scenes! I think it would make a perfect beach/vacation novel. Since its fast, light, fun, and romantic at its core.

It's it weird that I want the dad and Anita to have their own story??

5 stars!

monica ? says

****The author provided a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review****

warning: ~~my english is not really good lol~~

Maggie and Clara Ryder are identical twins with very different character.

They are daughters of a famous golf pro Reed Ryde. Their father own a golf club.

Maggie was a good, girly, do-all-as-told type girl, while Clara was the opposite. Clara was so tomboy, wild, and loves to break the rules.

They grew up with a billionaire guy named Leo Maddox. Leo and Maggie really get along. He was the closest best friend of Maggie. While Clara and Leo's relationship were not good at all. They hate each other.

My Leo

Maggie dated a guy named Andrew. But he's apparently an asshole. They broke up, but then Maggie's twin, Clara started dating him. Maggie felt betrayed by the two of them.

One day, there was a party in their father's golf club. Maggie didn't want to appear without a date, since his ex-boyfriend was currently dating her own sister. *Her own identical twin sister!*

So, she decided to look for a date. She thought it would be nice if she was dating a total stranger. An employee in her father's club, named Anita suggested her to find a hot guy named Dean. So Maggie went to find this hot guy.

Maggie managed to find the said very tall, good-shape, hot guy.

My Dean

With some deal, finally Dean agreed to be her date in that night. But when they went to the party and met Leo and also Clara and Andrew, Maggie just found out that Dean was actually not a 'stranger'. He was her ex-stepbrother. And Maggie was in love with him once back then.

Maggie wondered why Dean suddenly back to Blue Creek after disappeared for six years. And beside the changes in his outward appearance, he also changed his name into Dean, that's why Maggie didn't recognize him in the first place.

Maggie still had that feeling toward Dean. Dean once promised that he would come to her again one day. Maggie wanted to know if he was back to fulfill that promise. But another shocking moment revealed. Dean has a daughter.

That night after the party in club, Clara 'accidentally' hit Leo with golf-cart.

She felt sorry so she took a responsibility to take him home to make sure he's okay.

Because Leo was too drunk and she worried about him so she decided to spend the night in Leo's house instead. In the next morning when she was going to check Leo out, she found Leo laying naked on his bed. She was shocked. But then Leo acted so casually and asked her to go to NYC with him instead.

In NYC something happened and Leo just acknowledged that despite of their fights, he had 'a thing' towards Clara.

And everything's started from there...

Even though there's finally a good start for Clara and Leo; they finally made love and Clara's V-card was taken by Leo, but things didn't go that smoothly.

And so does with Maggie and Dean. Maggie thought he still like her, but when she tried to kiss him, he rejected her.

So what will happen to them?

Just read this book ;)

I like the plot. Even though actually I didn't expect the ending would be like that, but it went into a good story. I didn't like Clara from the first time. She's so drama queen -__-

Maybe it's not my fav book but it's really worth to read :D

Lindsay says

This book started out really confusing to me. I knew going in that it was going to be about twins falling for the same guy. But honestly, it had been a while since I read the description, so I couldn't remember the guy's name. And I started it right before bed, so I was too lazy to get up and go check to see what the guy's name was in the blurb. So when three guys were introduced in the first chapter, I was feeling very blonde. And I hate that feeling. Because while I am blonde, I don't think I act blonde.

My initial impression was I hated the ex. I was hoping it wasn't him and if it was, I couldn't understand why either girl would be into him. Next was the guy that was best friends with one of the girls. She even said he was "hard to like" and implied he was a heavy drinker. So...why is that appealing? And guy number three...also has a history with both girls. And since both girls reacted strongly to him when they realized who he was, he was my pick for the monkey in the middle. However, I was off. Way off. So off that I had to pause and gather my thoughts because I had to rearrange my whole way of thinking to keep going. I really shouldn't have been lazy and just gone to read the blurb again.

At the start of the book, I didn't like Maggie. There was just something about her that set me off. But I liked Clara. Ok, honestly...they were both likeable, but I picked a side and I wanted Clara to get the guy. The problem is...I wanted her to get the guy of my choosing. But as time went on, I really started to loathe Maggie. She was narcissistic and selfish. And I came to dread the POV switch to her. She was so unlikeable to me that I wanted to give her cement shoes and push her off a cliff. And those feelings continued throughout the entire book. Honestly, I didn't care if she got a HEA or not. I have to say that I wanted to punch her in the face when she decided to fight for the guy. She's had every other guy chasing after her and yet when one guy decided he wants her sister instead, she can't handle it. Near the end, there was a comment made about how Maggie loved Clara and I just couldn't help but feel that was a lie. I never felt like Maggie loved her sister at all. If Clara had disappeared and never returned, I think Maggie would have been happy. Then everything would be about her all the time and she'd never have to deal with Clara again. Maggie went out of her way to exclude Clara from everything, even when they were kids. She did have a change in attitude, but it wasn't sincere to me and by that point, I just didn't care.

Clara. I loved Clara. She was considered the "bad" or "rebellious" twin, but I saw her as someone that just didn't fit. She wanted different things than what her family wanted. And time and time again her family demonstrated that they knew nothing about her. They saw her sense of style and ever changing hair color and

wrote her off as “rebellious” and didn’t bother to get to know her beyond that. The only one to really see her was Leo. And I loved everything about their relationship. I loved every moment of them together and him telling and showing her how much she meant to him. And every time he would do/say something, she would flash back to something from their past and see it in a new light with the new information she had.

I’m not one for love triangles, and while I didn’t care for that aspect in this book, I loved every moment of Clara and Leo. They alone were a 5 star read. But the mere presence of Maggie and her POV had to drop this down to a 4 for me.

Fran says

Two things I loved about **He Belongs With Me** right off the bat - the cover, and the fact that it's a standalone! Sorry, but this was definitely one of those times when I totally judged the book by its cover. I mean, come on, you have to admit it looks so *gorgeous*! Also, we're now in a literary world where almost every book *has to be* a part of a series so yes, this was refreshing.

Maggie and Clara Ryder are identical twins who live privileged lives, being the daughters of golf legend and country club owner, **Reed Ryder**. The downside is that the two cannot be more different from each other. Typically, Maggie's the good twin while Clara's the rebellious one. Maggie lives and breathes the country club life while Clara wants nothing more than to run away from it all. Enter the other part of this sticky equation, **Leo Maddox**. He's the seemingly too serious and spoiled heir to a billion dollar hotel empire (*naturally*), and he also happens to be Maggie's best friend and Clara's nemesis (*of course*).

One summer night, everything changes. Soon, Clara starts to have feelings for Leo, and Maggie realizes that she may want to be *more* with her best friend. So, a love triangle? Not really. There is another character by the name of **Dean/Robby** -- yes, they are one and the same -- who is from Maggie's past who may or may not want her back. But the big question is **who will Leo end up with?** (view spoiler)

I really enjoyed **Sarah Darlington's** debut novel. It is told in Maggie and Clara's POV so I got to know them both pretty well, but to be honest, I was so annoyed at Maggie. She acted like a spoiled princess/bitch especially towards her own twin. Many times I felt like I couldn't care less about her story, and all I wanted to do was fast forward to Clara's POVs. Thankfully, Leo and Clara were awesome characters.

So, why only **4 stars**? Two things.

First, I felt like the story was almost too perfect. All the elements were there, the twist, the conflict, the build up, etc. But I just think that it felt a bit short. I guess I assumed that there was going to be a whole lot of

drama, given the complex plot (though it wasn't really *that* complex). I should say it was sort of anti-climatic then.

Second, although the ending wasn't exactly rushed, it felt lacking. Maggie's happy ending was nicely put together, but Clara's HEA seemed abrupt. Hmm, maybe it would have been better to have separate books after all, so then both of their stories could have been better expounded. Yes, I know I said I was glad that this was a standalone but I guess, ultimately, I just wanted *more Clara!* ;)

Overall, **He Belongs With Me** is an entertaining read. Don't let the premise scare you because it's truly not that complicated of a story. It's about learning to deal with certain situations, finding love, and the love of family amid differences.

**ARC provided by the author*

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Alex says

This review is on my blog: <http://bookchick2013.blogspot.com/201...>

I received a copy of this book from the author, in exchange for an honest review

A great debut novel! It has everything you want in a romance novel!

As a twin, I can greatly appreciate this book. And boy, did I appreciate it. I loved it actually. As I was in Florida reading through my emails, I got one for this book. And when it said they were twins and they fell for the same guy, I knew I had to read it. I also knew that from the beginning I would love it. I fell in love with it - or should I say, Leo.

Twin Maggie Ryder was the "good twin" and was obedient to her father and had respect for everyone and everything around her. If someone was rude to her, she tried her best to not be rude or snarky. She was best friend's with Leo Maddox since they were kids. She never really thought of him in a sexual way or boyfriend way, but when she finds out her sister Clara and Leo went to New York together, she gets furious. She also met a guy named Dean/Robby, a guy from her past. And that's Maggie's story.

Twin Clara Ryder is pretty much the opposite of her good sister. She's the "bad twin" as someone likes to say to her in the book. She has a snarky attitude and doesn't take crap from anyone. Her and Leo have hated each other since they were kids. Or so they thought. When they go to New York together, feelings get thrown in and this makes for a fun and romantic ride. That's Clara's story.

When I read this book, I felt as if I was reading two completely separate stories - Clara's and Maggie's. Once and a while their stories would intertwine. I liked that about the book. And incase you didn't already guess,

the book is dual point of view from both twins. As I mentioned above, I fell in love with Leo, much like both of the twins did. Dean/Robby was incredibly sweet too, but I prefer the bad boys. Plus, Clara and Leo were the perfect match and I am definitely Clara between the two twins.

I sort of felt as if this story was mostly Clara's in the beginning of it, but as it ended I found I missed Clara's story, as it focused more on Maggie. I also felt as if Maggie got a perfect, sweet, tied together ending, whereas Clara's wasn't as sweet. I'm not saying I didn't like the end, but I would have loved to have maybe one more chapter for Clara so we can see the end for both twins.

Oh, and this book isn't much of a love triangle. I know someone who is hesitant to read it because they don't like love triangles. Although it seems obvious who is going to end up with who, it's still a fantastic read. This book had me laughing so loud I got a few strange looks from people, but it was definitely worth it!

All in all, I absolutely adored this book and fell in love with the story and drama running through it! It's a must read for New Adult fans! This book *has* to be a hit!

Rating: 8.9/10

Parental Rating: 16+

Patrycja says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Haidoulina says

I really liked the story... Even though in the half book Maggie got in my nerves, I end up liking her too... Clara who speaks her mind and do what her heart desires is my favorite twin most definitely... And I loved Leo(and Dean)... Looking forward to read Leo Maddox next..
