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Our lives are often connected in ways we never would have imagined...

Two babies; two very different upbringings.

First there is Sarah: raised by her loving grandmother, but neglected by her own father who views her as the instrument of her mother's death. She will lead a hard life, searching to belong and to be loved.

Then there is Olivia, surrounded by love, nurtured and adored by her parents, a golden child with a golden future.

When Sarah's life is cut tragically short and she is assigned to record the moments of Olivia's life as her Moment Keeper, their lives become intertwined.

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Jennifer says

I completely fell in love with the book's main characters, starting with Sarah, the Moment Keeper for Olivia. The concept of each of us having a Keeper of the moments of our lives is intriguing. Who is our Moment Keeper and why are we chosen for each other? You'll see as the story unfolds that even the Moment Keepers themselves don't quite understand why they were chosen until the exact moment they are meant to. Both Sarah and Olivia, with their differing lives, have a great deal of life insight to offer us. Their stories are intense, emotional, upsetting, and wonderful at different times. I can identify with both main characters, as well as others, such as Olivia's mom. If you are interested in a book that really makes you think about life and its many questions, you may very well adore this lovely story about Olivia and her Moment Keeper, Sarah.

Lori says

this was a sweet story. It is seen through the eyes of "Sarah" she is a young woman who died way too young. She is now in Heaven. as soon as she gets there she is met by someone who tells her she now has a job. She is to be assigned to be a "moment keeper" for a baby girl who has just been born. from the start Sarah records big moments in a girl named Olivia's life. Olivia is adopted by a couple who adore her. for the next sixteen years the reader see's moments form Olivia's life. Olivia is loved by her family and grows up happy and well taken care of. Few bad things happen to Olivia for the most part her life is a "charmed life'.Unlike Sarah the moment keeper. As Olivia grows up Sarah thinks of her own life at different stages. Sarah's mother dies in childbirth, her father is a drunk who refuses so love or accept Sarah. She is raised by her grandmother, the only person Sarah has she can rely on or feels loves her. Sarah's life is an opposite of Olivia's. the end of this book is a pretty good pay off. do not want to give anymore details than that. A pretty good read. I found myself more interested in reading about Sarah's life over Olivia's. but that is my opinion.

Victoria says

This book has a very interesting and heart wrenching concept. The story follows the youthful development of two girls, one privileged, one not. One assigned to capture the life's moments of the other. Toward the end of the book, I had hopes for a certain ending, which was brilliantly delivered and kept me in tears the last twenty pages. A great read.

Laura says

The Moment Keeper is a story of two girls' journey into young women and how the choices they make ripple through their lives. The book tells the story of Olivia and her moment keeper Sarah, whose own life was cut short. Sarah keeps track of the important moments of Olivia's life, those moments where something or someone influences her life. The Moment Keeper is about love, loss, relationships, and how they change our lives. Share this book with your daughter, your mother, and the other women in your life.

Joy says

I loved the concept behind Andrews novel. That each of us has a moment keeper , a spirit responsible for keeping track of every moment of our lives , especially those moments that seem small at the time but turn out to be life changing memories. The book tells the story of Olivia and her moment keeper Sarah , whose own life was tragically short..

Jo-Jo says

A very sweet and beautiful story. The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars is because I was able to see what was coming in the end at about halfway through. That did not keep me from finishing the book or from enjoying it though. Even though I knew what the "big surprise" of the story was before it was revealed, I still was crying and sobbing like a baby during the time it was revealed. The author writes in a way where you really care about the characters and can feel the warmth and love surrounding the family especially in times when difficulties face them. I really liked the book.

Sharon Kirchoff says

I love Buffy Andrews' writing! Once again she has written a story that will pull you in from the minute you start reading! Andrews' imagination and creativity are truly amazing. The premise behind the story made me wonder if Moment Keepers do in fact exist. I loved the main characters Sarah and Olivia. At times it was so heart-breaking to see how unfair life can be sometimes. You are drawn in and feel such a part of each of their lives. There is such a powerful message about life, love and unanswered questions, the ending was phenomenal. I wish this book was available in print! I am not fond of reading electronically and would love to have a copy to keep and re-read many times over, wearing the pages thin! I give this book and A++

Cleo Bannister says

I'd like to start by saying a big thank you to the publishers Carina for giving me a copy of The Moment Keeper in exchange for an honest review.

A Moment Keeper is someone who has died who takes note of each of the moments in a living person for them to see at the end of their life. The flashback of key events is made up from their faithful recording of events over the years.

In The Moment Keeper Sarah is assigned the job of recording Olivia's life and so the book starts with the naming of baby Olivia by her parents. Olivia is adopted but clearly adored by her parents, however it becomes clear that Sarah's life wasn't quite as full of love and affection. Sarah's mother died and her father Matt appears to blame her for the loss of his wife.

At first I found the large amounts of dialogue in this book a little off-putting and it took a while for me to get

into this style of writing. The story continues as along with Sarah we watch Olivia grow up, through childhood into the teenage years where Olivia peruses her ambition to become a dancer while Sarah's wonderful Grandmother longs for her to have opportunities at college and to better herself. Needless to say everything does not go to plan.

I found myself rooting for Sarah, longed to know why she died at such a young age, and wondered at the sheer contrast of Olivia's life. I did find the difference in attitudes of young American teenagers quite different to those portrayed here in the UK but I think that is probably just due to my lack of exposure to the cultural differences.

Be warned this is a tale about choices, bereavement and relationships in this book which may cause a few tears to fall...

Suzanne Montigny says

Two girls, two different lives. One is loved, popular, talented, and the other an outcast, is despised by her father. When Sara's life is brought to a sudden end, she is assigned to record the moments of Olivia's life.

This book flies as the two stories unfold, side by side. I read in horror at what Sarah had to endure while Olivia had everything served to her on a silver platter, yet, in the end... This is one of those books I didn't want to put down as Andrews weaves her story of intrigue. I wanted the world to stop so I could find out what happened to Sarah and Olivia. But Andrews pulled a fast one and left me hanging. I so do hope there is a sequel.

Fiona Wilson says

During the last few weeks I have had the privilege of reading a wide and varied range of books from different Carina UK authors. A few of those books have gone into my 'I cannot recommend this book highly enough' list, the one that's in my head that is! Lol

This book is one of those stories. I feel privileged to have read this book, and extremely glad that this author joined an amazing list of authors willing to join me in getting the word out about Carina UK authors.

This author also joins another list – 'authors who made me cry'! I strongly advise you to have a pile of hankies at the ready while reading this story.

A moment keeper is someone who has died and is assigned to a newborn baby. Their 'job' is to record any important events in that persons life, which they will then experience one more time just after they die, before moving on.

Sarah is one of these moment keepers. She is assigned to Olivia, and the story moves between Olivia's experiences as Sarah records them, and moments in Sarah's own short life. We see both their lives through Sarah's eyes, being drawn into both very easily.

On finishing this book I immediately contacted the author to say how much I had enjoyed it. I felt bad as I

had figured out a key point in the story before she wanted it revealed, but only just! However the main point which made me cry, right at the end, I didn't foresee at all.

The author has written a story which drew me in immediately. I wanted to know where both of the stories were going, even though we know from the start how one of them ends. My attention was held all the way through, and I read this in one sitting.

A highly highly recommended read in my humble opinion.

Pam says

I was curious about the author. She lives in my hometown, so I thought I would read her book. I loved it The characters had such definitive personalities. The idea of a Moment Keeper, a spirit, being assigned to record all the moments of a living person's life was a fascinating concept. I won't describe any more of the book because it would spoil the story. Looking forward to reading more of Andrews' books.

Gayle says

Good story, flawed and relatable characters. I read the book in about a day. How can you disagree with the idea that each of us has a moment keeper, recording our lives, not quite a guardian angel but always present? I will look for more from this author.

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Now, I'm going to be real upfront right now and tell you I read this while I was (at least) half drunk so that could explain me somehow developing feelings of any kind - or the rating...

This is the second novel by this author that I've read. The first although good, was not a 5 star read and was not quite on par with this book.

This book was heart wrenching, I cried through literally half of it. The author wrote in such a way you can put yourself in Sarah's position, feel her pain even from when she was a very small child and Matt didn't care for her, right up until she was left by the man she loved, alone and pregnant...Then finally dead.

Lately, I've avoided major tear jerkers but I am SO glad I read this book, it restored my faith in the authors ability to write a brilliant book. So many little things happened in this book that you simply wouldn't have foreseen or expected in any way like the relationship between Sarah - Moment keeper and Olivia. My mouth literally dropped open, before a little more renewed sobbing. Strangely enough, I found this book therapeutic, Olivia's story was one of loss and hope - of real life happiness. While Sarah's was one of loss, desperation and pain, it was a perfect blend; enough to make a person emotional, to have them empathize but not over dramatic enough to have me sat there saying, "Uhhhh for fucks sake."

I thought the ending of the epilogue was perfect. Absolutely perfect. I cried all over again, but this time I cried with a big sad smile on my face. I hope they meet again when they no longer have to be moment keepers anymore.

Sharon McGregor says

The Moment Keeper is a touching story of two young women. Sarah, from a background of poverty with only the love of her grandmother to sustain her has had a short, tragic life. She is now the Moment Keeper for Olivia who comes from a life of privilege surrounded by love. The premise that we all have a Moment Keeper is original and handled beautifully. A terrific story!

Carrie Filetti says

I couldn't put it down. It was perfect and deserves a bestseller slot. I love stories that reach the soul. Honestly, it is hard for a story to do that for me as I'm a little too picky. I loved the characters! I was completely engaged in their lives. Congratulations on very good things ahead for you Ms. Andrews! Please keep writing!
