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A STANDALONE NOVEL that does NOT need to be read in conjunction with any other book. From New York Times bestselling author, Penelope Ward, comes a friends-to-lovers story with sexy new characters. After getting dumped, the last thing I needed was to move next door to someone who reminded me of my ex-boyfriend, Elec. Damien was a hotter version of my ex. The neighbor I'd dubbed "Angry Artist" also had two massive dogs that kept me up with their barking. He wanted nothing to do with me. Or so I thought until one night I heard laughter coming through an apparent hole in my bedroom wall. Damien had been listening to all of my phone sessions with my therapist. The sexy artist next door now knew all of my deepest secrets and insecurities. We got to talking. He set me straight with tips to get over my breakup. He became a good friend, but Damien made it clear that he couldn't be anything more. Problem was, I was falling hard for him anyway. And as much as he pushed me away, I knew he felt the same...because his heartbeat didn't lie. I thought my heart had been broken by Elec, but it was alive and beating harder than ever for Damien. I just hoped he wouldn't shatter it for good. Author's note - Neighbor Dearest is a full-length standalone novel.

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From Reader Review *Neighbor Dearest* for online ebook

XxTainaxX says

Not gonna lie, I've read sooooo many books that at first, I had the distinct impression that I'd read this before. After a little while, it felt like a different story I'd read. Finally, it started to define itself a bit better and I had my "aha" moment. I liked Chelsea. She was funny and sweet. Definitely at that stage in her life where she is trying to find herself and questioning where she's at. Damien was sexy and caring. Honest to a fault. I really loved that about him. No games. He was protective of Chelsea even when he felt he couldn't give her more. These two go through a period of push and pull. The plot has a bit of an unexpected twist because I thought Damien's reasons wouldn't go as deep as the author took them. The characters experience growth and show depth. The secondary characters were interesting. There was definitely a set up for a future couple. Based on past books, and set up for a future book, it seems the author likes to throw in a new person into couples who have already established a relationship. While this is realistic and the author does well in writing it, I don't think I would intentionally seek out that kind of story. Safety: They both date other people while attracted to but not dating one another. This includes sex on H's part, kissing on h's. h watches sex tape of H/OW (felt unnecessary to the plot). No rape or abuse.

**Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince
Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer** says

*****FIVE+++++++ STARS*****

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You know the feelings of euphoria you get after having read a really phenomenal story?!! Well, I am definitely flying high on those feelings even three days after having finished *Neighbor Dearest*. This isn't the first time I've experienced such strong emotions from reading a Penelope Ward book and I doubt that it will be the last time for me. I thought that the plot, Hero, Heroine, and some of the secondary characters were all outstanding, which made it impossible for my rating to be any less than 5++++ STARS. Penelope Ward has solidified herself in my "must-read" author category.

It has been a couple of years since I've read *Stepbrother Dearest*. I remember being completely in love with that book, but I forgot all about the girlfriend that Elec broke up with to be with Greta. I'm wondering why I didn't feel any compassion for the girl who was left behind. When we meet Chelsea Jameson in this one, she is still very much heartbroken and trying to mend the pieces of her life back together after the breakup with

Elec. He really spun her world off its axis. Never did she think that the man who professed his love for her would end up putting her through the worst pain she's ever experienced in her life. Chelsea moves to a new apartment because her previous one holds too many memories of Elec and she's ready to leave the past behind. She is about to meet the man who will have her heart saying, "**Elec, who?!!!!**"

Damien Hennessy is Chelsea's new snarky and seriously **HOT** neighbor, who also happens to be her landlord. They don't get off to the best start but as time passes a fast friendship develops between them. Their friendship helps Chelsea get over her heartache and it even starts to affect Damien more than he'd like to admit. There is no denying that the two have white hot chemistry but as much as Damien would like to give in to the attraction, he holds himself back because he believes that Chelsea deserves someone far better than him. He tries to help her find someone through online dating but his protective and jealous nature end up playing serious games with Chelsea's mind and heart.

This book was like my own little slice of heaven. I found the first half to be laugh-out-loud funny and the second half had me tied up in horrible knots because of the angst that ensues. There were even times I shed a tear or two.

Neighbor Dearest is currently available. I can't stress enough that this is a **MUST-READ!** If you haven't one-clicked yet, make sure that you do. It's currently going for \$3.99 but will be listed at its normal price of \$4.99 starting next week!

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warhawke says

Genre: Contemporary Romance

Type: Standalone

POV: First Person - Female

Rating:

Chelsea Jameson was heartbroken when she was blindsidedly dumped by her boyfriend Elec. She was still struggling to mend her heart when she moved next door to someone who reminded her of him.

Damien Hennessey was a beautiful tattooed bad boy. With his bad attitude and two noisy hellhounds, he became the source of Chelsea's irritation. Soon enough, easy friendship bloomed but it stuck there because the thing with hearts is, it's fragile and easily broken.

Before starting the book, I was hoping the story would be more towards the angsty side, but I'm pleasantly surprised it was really quite funny with some bits of sad moments.

"You know why it didn't work out with him?"

"Why?"

"Because God made you for me."

Damien's physical appearance alone is enough to make me fall for him. Dark hair, blue eyes, tattooed, and he's a beanie guy. I have a thing with guys covering their heads lol! And the angry artist persona is oh so sexy.

I was somehow connected to Damien in a way that I didn't even understand, connected to the way he made me feel, the way I knew he understood me, the way his heart beat for me.

I do sympathize with Chelsea with how she was left behind especially that she's a nice person. I like how she's the one more reserved yet the one who was more willing to take the risks in breaking her heart again.

"The first time we had sex, I swore your dick was the width of a Coke can."

Damien bent his head back in laughter. "You mean a twenty -four ounce Coke can, right... the tall one?"

The story had a lot of notable funny moments in the beginning, and a little bit of sadness towards the end. The middle part though, was a little slow for me.

Neighbor Dearest is a funny, sexy friends to lovers romance perfect as a good time read.

Note: As much as I like Damien, Elec is still my man :D

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Hulya Kara Yuksel says

I LOVED it soooooo much! You have to meet Damien asap! He's gonna make you swoooooon. :D <3

Ps. I highly recommend this book to everyone. It was so hot and funny. :)

Megan♦*Steamy Reads Blog*♦ says

*******5 Stars*******

“As long as I’m walking this Earth, I’m going to love you ... You’re it for me.”

There are some authors who I put on an extremely high pedestal; Penelope Ward is amongst this list. Penelope Ward is definitely a one click author for me. She has such a way with drawing me in with her beautiful writing, captivating and interesting characters, who always have an amazing back story. One of my favourite romance themes are the friends to lovers stories and Penelope Ward captured the perfect mix of sexual tension and anticipation in “Neighbor Dearest.”

I had no idea when I first started to read “Neighbor Dearest” that it was a spin-off of “Stepbrother Dearest.” I knew it was a stand-alone, but thought it was with all new characters. It was quite strange to go from loving Elec in “Stepbrother Dearest” to thinking he was a complete douche in “Neighbor Dearest,” even though I thought Elec and Greta were perfect for each other. So I definitely think a re-read of “Stepbrother Dearest” is in order.

I love a hero who appears all rough and tough on the outside with what appears to be a surly and grumpy attitude, but is utterly sweet and heart-warming on the inside. There was absolutely nothing I didn’t love about Damien. He’s an inked artist, with an amazing style about him and if the cover of this book is anything to go by, absolutely hot and totally sexy. And yes, I have started stalking the cover model on Instagram.

Chelsea was a character I loved instantly. She's beautiful, sweet and works in a youth center helping children; seriously what is not to love about her? Chelsea had recently moved out of the place she shared with Elec and into a new apartment with the swoon-worthy neighbor, Damien. It took Chelsea a long time to get over her break-up with Elec and Damien really helped her. Within no time, the two became the best of friends.

“There’s supposedly nothing more than a friendship going on between us, right? So, why does being around you hurt so badly sometimes? I think I might’ve figured it out tonight. It’s because you tell me one thing, but your eyes tell me another, your heart tells me another. Your heart was beating faster than mine today. Why won’t you open it up to me?”

I love the friends to lovers plotline, it is one of my favourites. I love the angst and anticipation of the characters giving in to their intense feelings for each other. “Neighbor Dearest” is such an amazing story and definitely a top read for this year. In my eyes Penelope Ward can do no wrong. I would most definitely recommend this story to anyone who loves a beautiful, romantic and heart-felt story with characters you can’t help but fall in love with. The chemistry and sexual tension was seriously off the charts and I loved feeling like I was a part of their journey to falling in love. This story left me smiling from ear to ear when I finished, the ending was absolutely perfect. I really hope there will be another stand-alone book in this series. Perhaps a story on Tyler and Jade, here’s hoping anyway. Do yourself a favour and read this book, I can’t recommend it enough!

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

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LIVE EARLY! And still recovering from covergasm!

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Blurb:

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I thought my heart had been broken by Elec, but it was alive and beating harder than ever for Damien.
I just hoped he wouldn't shatter it for good.

Books are stand-alones, but I enjoyed Elec in book 1:

Book 1: Stepbrother Dearest

Book 2: Neighbor Dearest

◆*Arianna◆* says

4.5 Stars!!

If you haven't read anything by this author, *'Neighbor Dearest'* is the perfect book to start with. Why? Because this perfect little gem has everything that makes a book a great, wonderful read. I've read several books by this author, so trust me when I say her newest release is one of her best work so far. *'Neighbor Dearest'* was sweet, funny, sexy but also emotional, intense and so heartwarming at times and most important of all, it was so different from what I thought it will be in a very good way which I really loved.

"You only get one true love, one soulmate. Not everyone is lucky enough to find that person in a lifetime."

It's been a year since Chelsea's heart (character we previously met in "Stepbrother Dearest") was broke by Elec, the man she thought he is 'the one'. She still feels a little lost trying to understand why Elec left her for another woman thinking that's something wrong with her. Needless to say she's struggling a little to move on and forget the one who shattered her heart. Chelsea loves her job as director of arts at the Mission Youth Center, working with kids helping her in some way with everything that happened, but she needs a change of scenery so she decides to move into a new apartment.

"I want to enjoy my life unapologetically, and I don't take anything for granted."

Things start to change for Chelsea when she meets Damien, her enigmatic and mysterious neighbor who at first seems to be the neighbor from hell. Damien is sexy and sarcastic as f@ck. If at first they don't seem to like each other very much, as time passes and Damien learns Chelsea's secrets, eventually giving her a piece of advice, they slowly become friends. While Chelsea is very attracted to Damien, Damien lets Chelsea know from the beginning that he's not looking for a relationship, believing he's not the man for her. But that doesn't mean he's not attracted to her or that they don't have an explosive chemistry.

"You have no idea how close I've come to losing it with you so many times. No clue ... Don't

think I can't tell exactly what you're thinking when you look at me. You are so transparent, and it drives me crazy."

This was such an entertaining read! Penelope Ward held me captive with this feel good story from beginning until the end. I enjoyed the premise and how the story unfolded even if, like I mentioned above I thought the story will be a little different.

Chelsea and Damien were well-portrayed, endearing characters and really liked reading about them. To be honest I liked more Damien's character. Damien was sexy, funny and so damn swoony at times. I liked the fact that he was so brutally honest with our heroine from the start. As the story progressed we get to see a different Damien than the one from the beginning. He was so sweet, caring and considerate so he totally won me over. I liked Chelsea, but I can't say I loved her. She was smart, funny and I have to say I really liked how dedicated she was to her job, but at times she felt a little too needy for my liking. I would have liked her to be a little bit stronger and maybe a little independent than she was, but overall, like I said, I liked her.

"You can't keep me close and treat me as if I'm a huge part of your life and expect me not to get attached to you. It's unnatural and unhealthy, and whether it's your intention or not, you're hurting me."

I liked how these two characters firstly become friends. The transition from friends to lovers was well done and I liked how they were both as friends and also as lovers. I loved how they were so comfortable with each other, I enjoyed the funny and sweet moments between them and their delightful banter that made me smile, grin and laugh.

"You know why it didn't work out with him?"

"Why?"

"Because God made you for me." Not even "I love you" could have topped those words."

I loved these two individually and I loved them as a couple. They were perfect for each other in every way and their sweet moments together really warmed my heart. I loved how the romantic aspect was done here. The second half of the story was emotionally angsty, but in a very good, touching way. I loved the way they loved each other as the story unfolded and how devoted they were to each other.

"It's you."

"What?"

His mouth curved into a smile. "You're my unicorn..."

As for the sexual tension and chemistry between these two...OMG...fantastically done, well written and simply deliciously sexy.

Overall, an enjoyable friends to lovers story that I highly recommend!

“As long as I’m walking this Earth, I’m going to love you ... You’re it for me.”

P.S. I loved, loved the Double D’s! :D

Aestas Book Blog says

SQUEEEEEEEEE!!!!!! OMG!! I just finished this AWESOME new book! I honestly can't stop smiling. The ending was perfect!! Like, I'm literally sitting here grinning like crazy while I type this because this book was seriously just SO GOOD!!!! Ahhh!! It was exactly what I was looking for. SWEET, SEXY, and UTTERLY ADDICTIVE with a heart-melting hero who is guaranteed to make you SWOOOOOON!!!! I loved how they went from friends-to-lovers and I was so curious to know what his secret was. Their chemistry was off-the-charts and I COULD NOT STOP READING!!!! If you're looking for a new standalone romance to fall in love with, THIS IS IT!!!!

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Sophie says

Man oh man! Where on earth do I start? If you could see my now then you'd honestly see a crazy loon of a bookworm sitting with the biggest smile on her face, with a heart that is POUNDING, skin COVERED in goosebumps, tingling from SO MANY EMOTIONS and I'm HOT, like burning up from the pure epicness that is Neighbour Dearest.

Captivating. Neighbour Dearest is captivating. From the prologue I was dragged into this story, and held hostage by words that held so much emotion I couldn't escape, I didn't want to escape.

I feel I have to admit now, before I go any further that my nerves were shot going into this, I mean Elec WAS my top Penelope guy and I was nervous as to what may happen, but at 33% when those butterflies began flapping deep in my stomach I was no longer nervous. I was hyper, floating on an extreme buzz that built and built and built with each page read. I cannot even begin to tell you how many times my whole body EXPLODED with different feels while reading. Neighbour Dearest gave me an emotional high that I'll never forget.

Led from Chelsea's POV, Neighbour Dearest is a read that I'm ADDICTED too. In four hours I have fallen head over heels in love with EVERYTHING about this book. From the pure intensity of the connection between Chelsea and Damien to the soul searing love that BURNED every fibre of me.

Not only did the story burn me, but so did Damien. This man is EVERYTHING. There is SO MUCH to him, from his deep, moody intensity, to his delicious dirty words to the swoony, romantic man that destroys the heart in the BEST POSSIBLE WAY, is just perfection. So much so that I sit here now asking “Elec who?!” Yep that's right you heard me. Prepare to wave goodbye to Elec because Damien Hennessey is going to BLOW YOUR MIND while ROCKING YOUR WORLD leaving you in a sticky gooey mess of pure sated

bliss.

If there is one thing I have to say about Neighbour Dearest it's that it's a sublime story. From start to finish there isn't any time where I wanted to put this book down, where I wanted to stop and the further I got in the more overpowering the feeling got. I can't honestly say I devoured this book because this book devoured ME!

Penelope Ward is an artist, how she builds up her words is astounding. The words flow into breathtaking sentences that make up chapter after chapter of beautiful perfection. I feel as though I want to hang up EVERY SINGLE page from this book and marvel at them forever. Penelope OWNED it with this book. OWNED me with this book.

From the very first sparks to the rip roaring flame and burning heat that emits from this book and it's characters, Neighbour Dearest is Penelope's best book yet. It's a firestarter that takes over everything. And in no way would I ever change a thing about this story.

Ramona says

Without any doubt, Penelope Ward is in my top 5 book authors. She is brilliant and I've devoured her books one by one, without finding similarities, which is FANTASTIC how original she is.

"Neighbor Dearest" is a pleasant way of spending a lazy weekend reading and thinking that PERFECTION exists in this world. Once meeting Damien, you will be hooked and he will totally ruin you for any other book-boyfriends for a while.

The story follows Chelsea, Elec's ex from Stepbrother Dearest. After their split, Chelsea is left brokenhearted and needs some time on her own. Leaving all memories of Elec behind, she moves in a new apartment, only to meet her noisy neighbor, Damien. He is an artist who does spray paint art and works on a mural on the property. She soon learns that Damien is in fact the owner of the condo, having a lot on cliches with him regarding noise and improper conditions of the apartment. She even has a hole in her wall that connects to Damien's apartment. Secretly, he listens to Chelsea's therapy sessions over the breakup had with Elec, and gives some pieces of advice as well. From this on, they form a close bond, becoming friends. Their encounters are frequently and after the time spend together, Chelsea is more and more attracted to Damien.

The sexual tension is huge, you can feel it in every page of the book, but Damien has some secrets of his own that prevent him from getting closer to her and expressing his true feelings.

The love story between Chelsea and Damien is intense. Penelope has a true way with words, especially in describing the love scenes. They are hot, sensual and with just the right amount of passion that you won't forget anytime soon.

I liked Chelsea a lot. She is smart and funny, looking for a new start and hoping to heal her wounds that were inflicted after Elec dumped her. She is seriously heartbroken by the beginning of the book, and I really felt sorry for her. Kind of made me not like Elec so much, despite reading the first installment and knowing very well how things were. She seeks Damien company and advice, seeing him as a true friend. In the same time she is attracted to him, but fights to keep her feelings tempered, because another disillusion might be the end of her. Damien is my perfectly imperfect guy: smart, funny, gorgeous but guarded. It is clear that he is also

attracted to Chelsea, but something is not letting him have a relationship with her. He uses their friendship status to be near her, also giving kind of mixed signals now and then.

After knowing why he back up all the time, I believe that I loved him even more. It was a totally serious reason from my point of view and I enjoyed seeing another side of Chelsea, one that fights for the love of her life. Shortly after that, Chelsea's priority change, making Damien her present and future and leaving Elec in the past.

They shine bright like a diamond when they are near one another, and without even knowing, are the perfect couple, needing each other in order to heal older wounds and have a new beginning, full of love and trust.

Another element well developed in the book is the humor, almost like a trademark of Penelope's. The dialogues are funny, smart and witty, being impossible not to become addicted to this type of writing. They are so well placed, so well written that you will be hooked in seconds. She is truly amazing and talented.

I especially liked the reference everybody did between Damien's name and the Antichrist child from the Omen Movie. Not to mention his middle name, but I will let you discover that on your own. The plot was not boring, always had its interesting moments, not for a moment dull or long. It was mixed with secondary characters that were a hit for me. Looking forward to Jade and Tyler's story because I am certain their next. I can feel something is cooking in there and can't wait to read about them. The double D's were my favorite and I couldn't picture the book without them, they just fit in perfectly.

I totally recommend this book for its wonderful writer and for its unique style of telling a love story. A smart mixture of love, tenderness, comical situations and steamy scenes, this book will keep you glue to it until the last word, really until the LAST one:)

"P.S. You were great in The Omen"

5 stars and counting!!

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Jennifer Kyle says

5 Unicorn STARS

Ever wonder what happened to Chelsea Jameson after Elec and Greta found their way back to one another in *Stepbrother Dearest*? This is Chelsea's story of her hard fall for the hot, angry, artist that just so happens to be her neighbor in her new apartment complex. His name is Damien H. Hennessey and he is especially yummy my friends...

"I didn't care that Damien was my friend. When he looked at me, I wanted him to regret the decision he'd made when he labeled me just that. I couldn't help how I felt. "

Terrific banter, hot chemistry, Damien and Chelsea appear to have the makings of a forever type of love. It's too bad that Damien puts the kibosh on that idea early on and it hurts!

"You can't keep me close and treat me as if I'm a huge part of your life and expect me not to get attached to you. It's unnatural and unhealthy, and whether it's your intention or not, you're hurting me."

There is a reason that Damien doesn't think he is what Chelsea deserves. Even when Chelsea moves out of the complex he holds onto his reasons until his hot little brother (hoping he is the hero of the next story) spills the beans and it all becomes clear to the heroine and the reader.

These two characters have already fallen in love it really doesn't matter where Chelsea lives, who they try to date, they have both found their unicorn...

"It's you."

"What?"

His mouth curved into a smile. "You're my unicorn..."

I thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of this story including the dogs, their movie nights, the art work, and of course the interaction with Elec. This was a well done story that will leave a huge ass smile on your face!

"You were never able to understand how he could do what he did to you, why things happened that way. I figured it out. You know why it didn't work out with him?"

"Why?"

"Because God made you for me." Not even "I love you" could have topped those words."

Penelope Ward you had me from Damien and Chelsea's first encounter to the very last page with those emails.

JodiBibliophile ♥ says

HOLY FUCK my heart is so full I could literally burst into tears.

You know what, fuck it, I'm going to let these fucking tears stream down my cheeks with pride.

I can't even form the right fucking words to express how I feel right now, all I know is that it's a feeling I always get after reading a Penelope Ward book.

She always seem to have the ability to make me bawl my fucking eyes out with her beautiful words.

I've read TWO FUCKING BOOKS in six weeks! Yes, SIX.FUCKING.WEEKS. This book funk I have been in has depressed the fuck out of me. I was scared to pick a book up in fear of not being able to get into it when any other time I would fucking demolish the bugger so I took a chance after trying to read like 10 fucking books and picked up this by one of my favourite authors.

And she FUCKING DID IT! I read a whole fucking book and I'm so happy I could do naked backwards flips.

THIS BOOK!!! OMG it is up there as one of my favourites by Penelope.

I just loved every single thing about it. I loved Stepbrother Dearest but I loved this one a tiny bit more.

Two words.

DAMIEN HENNESSEY!!

HOLY FUCKING SHIT that bloke blew my clit off! He was this arsehole artist who was so cocky with words that make you fucking SWOON!

His words alone had me in tears. Literally just a few words and I'm blowing my fucking beak on my kleenex.

Chelsea, was an amazing character but I never expected not to fall in love with her because Penelope always creates the most wonderful heroines. She loves so deep and I just loved how honest and quirky she was.

I don't say this very often but these two characters were born to for each other. The stuff Damien said was so true, she wasn't meant to be with Elec because she was born to for Damien and no one else.

The love these two have for each other will literally make your heart skip a beat. You can feel every fucking emotion and every bit of happiness they felt.

No word of a lie throughout this book I was either smiling so hard my cheek were starting to hurt and crying so hard I could have drowned in my own tears.

OMG IT WAS JUST SO FUCKING BEAUTIFUL!

I love that you didn't know what was going to happen next which is typical Penelope Ward style and that's what I've always loved about her stories.

She's not just an amazing writer but also has the kindest souls. She literally makes you smile and is one of the nicest people I've ever known and that's why it's such a pleasure and an honour to read her words.

100% one of my favourite reads this year.

I miss it already.

I miss Damien, his Chelsea and their Double D's, Dudley and Drewfus

One adventure I will never forget.

(Ps. Tyler and Jade need a story...)

Jen says

5 Unicorn Stars

“You were never able to understand how he could do what he did to you, why things happened that way. I figured it out. You know why it didn’t work out with him?”

“Why?”

“Because God made you for me.”

Damn, did I love reading this book! I loved that it doesn't follow a formula that I was expecting. I loved the humor and easy banter between Chelsea and Damien. These two are hot as f**k, even before Damien finally gave into his feelings. Most importantly, whether friends or more than friends, I loved Damien and Chelsea together.

Penelope Ward says

A sexy STANDALONE New York Times bestselling friends-to-lovers story that does NOT have to be read in conjunction with any other book.

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Candace says

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It's been quite some time since I read 'Stepbrother Dearest', which I think was probably for the best in hindsight. At first, the multiple references to Elec and Greta had me thinking that I would need to reread that book prior to reading, or rather listening to, this one. As much as I loved 'Stepbrother Dearest', I was glad to find that 'Neighbor Dearest' read easily as a standalone.

If you're like me, you vaguely remember the nice girlfriend that Elec ditched in 'Stepbrother Dearest' when he found his way back to Greta. I, for one, had completely forgotten her name by the time I finished that book because she wasn't part of the happy couple that I had worked out in my mind. Her name was Chelsea and 'Neighbor Dearest' is her story.

At the onset of this book, Chelsea Jameson is heartbroken. She is trying to pick up the pieces of her life and taking it one day at a time. She was shocked and utterly devastated to be dumped by Elec, the man she thought she'd spend the rest of her life with. She thought they were the perfect couple, but obviously she didn't know anything about her "perfect" boyfriend.

When her frustration with her neighbor's noisy dogs prompt her to complain to the landlord, it is the beginning of an unlikely friendship. What starts out as a contentious relationship, turns into a close friendship. Along the way, those feelings eventually turn romantic in nature.

Damien H. Hennessey is not only her neighbor, but her landlord. He is equal parts amused and aroused when he first meets his feisty new tenant. He cannot deny his attraction to her, but he's not interested in settling down with anyone.

The two decide to keep their relationship friendly, agreeing to not pursue anything further. Damien still has a complicated relationship with his ex-girlfriend and Chelsea is still reeling from her break-up with Elec. Neither of them are in any place to commit to someone else.

As they spend more and more time together, their feelings become more complicated. Chelsea knows that she is falling for Damien and needs to protect her heart. She doesn't think that she's capable of surviving another heartache after everything that Elec put her through. She knows that Damien is not looking for a relationship and she needs to distance herself before too much damage is done.

Despite his feelings for Chelsea, Damien is unwilling to waiver on his decision. He acts like he doesn't want Chelsea, but he doesn't want anyone else to have her either. Yet, it is clear that there is some unknown factor(s) influencing his decision. He is keeping secrets that are impacting both of their lives.

When things finally hit the fan, I can't say that I was terribly surprised. Nonetheless, it was emotional and every bit as heartbreaking as it would have been had I been caught off-guard. It was one of those situations where you can understand the reason why somebody does something, but you don't agree with it. I found myself getting frustrated with Damien, only to have to reign it in because I didn't really know how I would behave given the same set of circumstances.

Overall, I thought that this was a great, heart-warming story. It was emotional at times, but mostly sweet and humorous. I enjoyed the references to 'Stepbrother Dearest', even though you didn't need to read that book to

follow, or enjoy, this one. Everything worked itself out nicely in the end. I listened to the Audible version and it was fantastic!
