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?Love has no expiration.

The morning Beth packed her bags and walked out of Cole's life was the day he swore the only girl for him would be the six year old who called him daddy. He didn't have time for love, not between raising his baby girl and trying to figure out what the hell he was going to do with his life. But fate has a funny way of coming around and kicking you when you least expect it. Cole's new life was no exception.

As a product of a severely broken home, Beth Doan knew better than to ever get married. She'd seen what that commitment did to people and she loved Cole McClain too much to let marriage destroy them. But the minute she boards that bus she knew she was making the biggest mistake of her life. Only maybe she wasn't, not when she goes running back home to the only man she ever loved and finds him in the arms of another woman.

When an unexpected accident throws them together four years later, the last thing either anticipated was to become responsible for a little person who needs them a whole lot more than they need their bitterness and hurt feelings. Can Cole and Beth forgive and forget long enough to save the life of a child neither one of them predicted falling in love with?

Or are some wounds just too deep to heal?

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Lina's Reviews ♡????????♡??Book Blog?? ♡????????♡ says

I was offered an ARC in exchange for an honest review

Honesty with this author is always soooooo easy. Amazing read.

Morgana Phoenix has done it again. For those who have read Forever His Baby, then you know the McClain brothers. Those of you who haven't, then no problem. This can be read as a standalone.

This is the story of Cole and Beth. This has to be one of the greatest second chance stories I've ever read.

Our two main heroes have been in love for a long time, but their own demons have kept them apart for the last few years. Beth is working as a nurse, but after an accident she is in need of help. This is where Cole comes in.

Cole is trying to make a living working as a lawyer at the small town of Willow Creek; his hometown. He has long ago decided to stay there in order to raise his daughter with the help of her mother, Lily. Lily is married to his brother Sloan and has been Cole's best friend since a very young age, but the three of them are a big loving family.

When he learns about Beth's accident he doesn't hesitate to help her. She moves in with him in his house at Willow Creek and the passion resumes. Beth and Cole are destined to be together and in this book they learn to overcome the fears that have kept them apart.

The author deals with the sensitive matter of abuse with such great care and that alone is proof of her immense writing skills. This story will make you cry, laugh and believe in humans again. The book is filled with amazing storyline, strong passion and never-ending love. A must read for all the romantic hearts out there.

5+ Stars from me. Excellent work.

Jennifer Treviño says

I didn't think it was possible to love these characters any more than I already did....but I was wrong! I was just reminded why Phoenix's stories always have me coming back for more. If you have not read Forever His Baby then you are missing out! That is after all where it all began.

Bye-Bye Baby went back & gave us a lil' of their pasts & slammed us right back where we wanted to be without missing a beat. Must. Have. More. NOW!

Nanette Bradford says

Well, it's no surprise I'm one of Morgana's biggest fans. There isn't a book of hers I don't love. This second book of the baby series was just as great as the first. There is never enough time in the day to read when it comes to her books.

This book through me for a loop. Here I thought it was just going to be a love story about Cole and Beth and the hard times they went through causing their 4 year separation. No, there was this adorable little boy that

was thrown in the mix. The things that this poor little 6 year old went threw tore open my heart but to read about all the firsts that Beth and Cole gave him warmed me to my toes. I about believed in Santa again when he got to spend his first Christmas ever with presents.

Cole and Beth were awesome as adults. I loved them in the first book but to read more about them as adults answered a lot of questions. I love them together and though they have issues, mainly Beth's, they do it in a way I could totally see a normal couple with their issues do.

Yes, Sloan and Lily are back with their daughters Calla and Willa. I liked how their blended family was so close. The issue with whom Calla's parents are came up and it was dealt with perfectly. Not all families are exactly alike and this family is so strong it makes me feel envious of it.

This book was so sweet and loving i wanted to cry. Of course there were the hard parts where the book went into detail about how they found Damon. I swear I wanted to jump in and run his father over with my car just like Lily did.

I love these characters. They are just all so likable and relatable it makes the whole story fall into place and easy to read you don't want it to ever end.

I'm curious to know who the third book is about so hopefully it will come out soon.
Grab this book, sit down, read it. You will love it just like me.

°BeautiLovve says

This was a good read, I cried a lot.lol

Violet Musonda Winchester says

Airicka Phoenix gives me life with *all* her books. :)

I honestly can't contain my excitement to get to book 4 already for Willa and Damon's story. I have been excited for their story since Damon Comb was first introduced in this book. I just knew! HAHHAHA

Happy Reading! :)

Aura says

I fell in love with this story! The feeling you have when you finish reading "Bye-Bye Baby" is hope. Hope for a better life, based on the most wonderful feeling in the world: love, pure love.

"Bye-Bye Baby" is the second book in the Baby Saga series. It is about Cole and his love, Beth.

They were perfect together, they loved each other, but something happened and their relationship fell apart. But life has a way of going on

anyway...who knows what will come next?

The book begins with action and I like that. The author shows us how the characters live after their abrupt break up, four years ago.

Cole is heartbroken even after all their time apart. He hates his life with the exception of the reason he came back home: his daughter Calla. Having her is the only happiness he has at the moment.

Beth tried to forget everything she has been through, the pain she suffered, the love she felt, and the betrayal. She goes on living: empty and alone. She only has her work to accompany her.

One day their lives collide again, but neither one of them is ready to face the past. What do you think they will do?

I, for one, thought this would be a classic romance novel, but I'm very happy I was wrong.

I was impressed by Cole. I was impressed with his devotion and persistence in making her see the truth: the way he fought for her, he never let go, never got angry at her blindness, and he was so patient. He has earned all my respect for that. The author designed an amazing character, with many qualities I believe every person should have. He is nice, warm, protective, and strong.

Beth is strong too considering she had a childhood few of us could survive

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and she grew up as a beautiful, mature woman, with very important principles. Aside from her great body, she has a big heart that will make you love her instantly.

The children are amazing, innocent, and kind. It will fill your heart with happiness.

I've said I was wrong about this being a classic romance because another character made an appearance in this story, which helped Cole and Beth's relationship grow stronger and assisted it in evolving to what they have now...that character was Damon.

I will let you discover on your own what that means. It is too good to give it away or describe it with my words. So, go ahead, dig in!!!

I loved reading this book. I'm sorry I didn't do it earlier. It allowed my heart to fill of various feelings. I've learned that the most important thing in life is family. I also realized you can lose the ones you love every day, there's no guarantee that you will see them tomorrow, and you can't let a day pass without showing them how you feel...you need to let them know that you want and need them to be happy.

It also left me with the desire to have a big family with many children: brothers, sisters, and to have many good friends.

I love the friendship between Cole and Lily. The kind of relationship they have is so rare, you barely see it these days. What else can I say? I would recommend this series to anyone!!! There is no way to stop yourself from liking this book, once you begin reading it! So, read it and you will see I am right.

Lori Jo Walsh says

What a turn of events.'

Cole you can do this, and he did.

Surprises here and there maybe some twisting in the wind.

Read the book.

Mignon Mykel says

4.5 / 5 stars

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The emotion in this book will grip you. An accident may force Beth and Cole back together, but it's the underlying emotion between the two that keeps them together. They have to learn to trust one another (and Beth has to learn to not fear certain things), but eventually they get there.

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Storylines that could have been awkward were well played out. Relationships that could have been awkward, the same. I very much enjoyed the comradery that this group of people (Lily, Sloan, Cole, Beth) go through – because the Cole-Lily-Sloan thing could have been way awkward, but they make it work.

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Kimberly Schaaf says

I loved Forever His Baby. I mean, love love loved it. I honestly thought that Sloan was the new, absolutely amazing book man in my life. Morgana was just tricking me...getting me hooked on the McClain boys....

Then, she re-introduced me to the wonderfully, beautifully, broken, sexy-as-all-hell, Cole McClain. In Forever His Baby, even though Cole played a huge role in the plot of the story, he wasn't "there" much. In my opinion, a whole lot less in comparison in every way to his brother Sloan. In a word, immature.

Fast forward - several years later - and OMG...we have COLE! Broken as Beth left him, trying to just make it through the day. Leave it to Morgana to painfully throw two souls, destined to be together (maybe), back in to full swing with each other. No choice but to 'man-up' and face the music. Beth and Cole have to figure it out - make it work - see if they can fix and put the past 4 years behind them.

As much as this story was about Cole and Beth and their fate together, the much bigger message concerns a little boy that's accidentally thrust into their lives. The pain and hardship that the McClain clan goes through for Damon Comb...seriously, people, get out your tissues!!

I can't even elaborate a little as I feel it might give away too much away. This was another "I CAN'T PUT IT DOWN" awesomesauce piece of amazingness from Phoenix...

Oh - and by the way - she still writes the steam like no one I've ever read....

Saunders says

another great read from Airicka Phoenix.

Anaïs says

This review was originally posted on Fifty Shades of Books

1 out of 5 Stars

Beth Doan and **Cole McClain** have been an item four years ago, but that was before Beth decided to leave Cole the morning after he proposed to her. Cole has been heartbroken ever since and trying to get over Beth, but in vain. But a phone call from a hospital prompts him to make the three-hour drive to see Beth, who suffered severe injuries from a fire in her apartment complex.

Unable to use her hands or care for herself, and with noone around to help her out, Cole offers to bring her back to his place in Willow Creek until he gets better. For lack of better options, Beth agrees, although she knows plain well that this will be a very challenging situation. There is an awkward sexual tension between the two, and it's making things difficult for both of them.

But as they are both set on recueing a little boy who has suffered from child abuse for several years, both show a strength they never though they had.

What I loved about this book:

Sorry, but I will have to draw a blank here...

What I felt needed improvement:

The horrendously ridiculous plot

The cliché'd hearts and flowers scenarios

The unrealistic characters

I picked up Bye-Bye Baby because it's part 2 of the Baby Saga, and I had already read (and liked) Forever His Baby, which is part 1 of the saga. However, I have been truly disappointed by this release, as the story really just didn't feel or sound realistic.

I really couldn't stand Beth and how mistrusting she was of Cole, when all he did was be a perfect book boyfriend. I don't even know why he put up with her, or even agreed to take care of her when she was so set against the idea of him looking after her. After all, the worst part was that *she* left *him* (not the other way around), so she should be thankful that he still wants anything to do with her. Yet, after all those years, when she sees that Cole has moved into a new apartment, she is angry because he replaced all the furniture they bought together and got rid of whatever reminded him of her.

"He didn't know how to apologize when he didn't know what he was apologizing for. It was becoming impossible to remember she had left him. Didn't he have a right to move on?"

And can you believe that both of them were heartbroken over their "break-up" four years ago, and haven't had sex with another person ever since? Yeah, right! Oh, and did I mention that even though the two of them broke up, Beth always stayed in close contact with Cole's BFF Lilly, and Cole had no idea about that? So many things are just too unrealistic here.

Then, when Beth's accident happens, they move in together (even though Cole has no obligation to take her in), and just like that, they do everything in their power to rescue an abused child from his father and take the kid into Cole's home. Sure, I mean it sounds like something more or less believable since no-one should let an abused child suffer and Cole has had a violent father himself, so he certainly could relate, but... Cole and Beth take this decision *together*, when at that point of the story, they aren't even an item. Even worse: their interactions are completely awkward. Cole is dying to win Beth back, and Beth is her insecure self, ready to run at the slightest incident. And Cole and Beth are in their early twenties - how can they possibly make such a decision when there's another human being involved?

"There is nothing we're doing for that boy that we would ever take back. He's a McClain. This is his family for as long as he needs us."

Oh well... And to ride on the wave of unicorns, rainbows and fairytales, let's talk about the fact that it's really no biggie for nurse Beth to move all her belongings to Willow Creek, and for Cole to build himself another existent that make him so much happier. Cole always wanted to be a lawyer (and studied hard to get there), but needed to stay in the small town of Willow Creek to look after his daughter (that's the one he had with his best friend...) But there's nothing going on in that town business-wise, and he apparently was fine with that in the last four years. But suddenly, now that he lives with Beth, he becomes a computer technician - just like that.

Also, I really felt like the kids in this book acted really weird. Not so much Calla and Willa, but Damon - a six year old - speaks as if he was a teenager. This is so very awkward. But read for yourself:

"Why didn't you let me die?"

"I shouldn't have been born."

"Beth's the only person who doesn't think I'm a worthless little fuck."

Yes, those words are supposed to come out of the mouth of a six-year-old. Absolutely believable. Not.

The whole storyline was totally ridiculous and I can't remember having rolled my eyes as much when reading a book. Now the writing was okay, it was a 3rd person style with alternative POVs and was a good as in the first book, despite a few typos and mistakes here and there. But I can live with that. Now what I couldn't live with was the ridiculous rainbows-and-unicorns story, where everything just works out, and the unrealistic characters and behaviours. Sure, the book held some depth due to the very important subject of child abuse, but everything around this subject was just too ridiculous to really have an impact.

So yes, this is the first disappointment in 2015, and while I actually liked the first part of the series, *Bye-Bye Baby* just didn't cut it for me. Not sure I will be picking up the next two books which are scheduled in the *Baby Saga*, especially since I have no idea whose story they will be picking up on. Because it's going to

be the continuation of Damon and Willa, I'm saying no. But we'll see...

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~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says

So good. Review to come

Julie Kirby says

A really lovely story about hope, love, friendship and second chances.

Just loved catching up with Sloan and Lily, Calla sounds like a lovely well adjusted little girl, with 3 parents who simply adore her. We also get to meet Willa, Calla's little sister, very quiet and reserved but also an all seeing all thinking little girl. She has all their hearts.

We find out that Beth; Cole's girlfriend since College, who followed him back to Willow Creek once they worked out Calla was his biological child; left Cole. We also find out why Beth always seemed a little distant. The pair of them struggled for 4 years after Beth took off; thinking that she was not worthy of someone like Cole.

I felt sorry for both of them, anyone could see how well they fit, although they had both grown in the time they were apart, neither of them had moved on.

Cole gets a phone call, and whilst he is definitely torn about what the right thing to do is, he does the only thing he could. He is there for Beth when she needs him, even though she tried to deny this.

He managed to get her to move back to Willow Creek, whilst she recovers and heals from the burns she got from the fire that opened this story.

These two were great together and I was rooting for them to work through their problems.

Then we meet Damon, a 6 year old little boy, who is at school with Calla, we learn that he is picking on her and Cole; who has taken to parenthood admirably, want to help Calla. Only to discover as soon as he sees Damon with his dad, what's been happening to Damon.

The welfare of Damon, soon becomes apparent and Beth a straight honest to goodness hero, is very worried that she discovers Damon hurt, and all hell breaks loose.

This story had lots of twists and turns but the thing that stood out was the compassion Cole and Beth had throughout, whether it was for each other or the sweet little girls, even Lily and Sloan and then for Damon,

There were heart stopping moments, laugh out loud moments and some very sexy hot moments. The wait was inscrutiating and I totally loved the epilogue, glad that HEA's work out they way they are supposed to.

Rachel says

[no (hide spoiler)]

Alexis says

I read the first book in the series, Forever His Baby in one sitting and was SO pumped to see that there was a second book in the series...oh and now a third one!

I am a firm believer in things happen for a reason. I think this book is a prime example of that exact sentiment.

You will remember Cole from the first book. He is the father to Calla, he and Lily's daughter. While Lily was pregnant, Cole dated throughout college and even stayed together afterwards. After college, they move back to Cole's hometown to be near his daughter. When Cole proposed to Beth, she freaked out and left town. Years later, a twist of fate brings them back together and shows them that things happen for a reason.

As Beth's emergency contact, they are thrown back together with Cole being the person to take care of Beth when she needs him the most.

I really liked Cole and Beth from the first book. Cole is such an upstanding person with a strong head on his shoulders and always seems to do the right thing. Beth is the girl who never felt likes she was worth anyone's love, especially someone like Cole. But she also has this huge heart and is so selfless in every which way. I think her childhood scarred her enough that it's why she up and ran away from Cole's first proposal 4 years ago.

Throughout the entire book, you feel the love that these two shared for each other. There is a HUGE storyline that I will not be sharing in my review but it is what ultimately brings them back together and it was fab. There was also some insane chemistry whizzing around in this book. Holy wow..does this author know how to write some Skokie scenes!

It was also fun to see what was happening with Lily and Sloan from the first book and how they are still so incredibly in love with each other.

Airicka's books are like gummy bears to me. I can't stop eating or in this case reading them because they are so sweet and addictive. There is mild angst but it's wrapped up in a syrupy (sugary) coating that keeps me wanting more. I can't wait for the third book which happens to be about Cole and Lily's daughter.
