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Charlotte Randolph was only fifteen when she fell in love with her best friend's gorgeous older brother—but she wasn't foolish enough to hope he could ever love her back. Nate Jackson always viewed her as a pesky kid...until the day she got sick. The one bright spot during her illness? He realized she was all grown up. But just when she allows herself to believe that dreams *can* come true, Nate disappears from her life, taking her heart with him.

Nate knows he lost more than his best friend when he deserted Charlotte to enlist in the Navy. He thought he was doing the right thing, sparing the girl he loves from the shame and humiliation of his actions. Nine years later, it's time to right his wrongs. He returns home determined to win back his first love...only to find that Charlotte's moved on without him.

But if there's one thing that being a Navy SEAL has taught Nate? Never give up, even when all hope seems lost. And Nate's never going to give up on Charlotte. Ever.

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Lulu Dumonceaux says

The Charlotte Chronicles has been amazing to watch as it grows from young naive love to breathlessly unbreakable passion. Having absolutely fallen in love with their parents it was easy to hope that these two would capture the love and unique friendship that has continued with these families for so many years. I love how Jen Frederick was able to keep their relationship true to Charlotte and Nate even being apart for so many years. I don't think it could have worked any other way. A must read and looking forward to Nick's story :)

Elodie says

2 DNF-at-56% stars

Ok, the first part of the book was absolutely great, but I had to DNF this one anyway. I'm sorry but the part between 50% and 55% was too awful to ignore. It was bad. **Nathan's actions didn't make sense** and his way of thinking everything would be alright thanks to 6 orgasms was **ridiculous**. It wasn't the Nate I liked so much in the first half of the story.

To me, **the most important thing in a book is realism**, it's what makes you love the intrigue and the characters so much : because they could be anyone you know ! **Without realism, there's no way I'm gonna like the book.**

Michelle says

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Stephanie says

Wtf

Nothing that came after could make up for Nate sleeping with someone else when Charlie was having surgery. Nothing. Not only is sex with other people totally wrong in a romance, this was much worse because they already knew each other, already loved each other, and she was having freaking surgery because she had cancer, and he decided to go have sex with someone else because he was upset. This makes no sense, and it's absolutely disgusting.

♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

The Charlotte Chronicles charts the dramatic life of Charlotte and Nathan, one of the Jackson boys. It's the story of how their lives intertwine with a fierce bond tested to the very limits. It's their love story, together and apart, their pain, their heartache and their second chances.

It's about growing up, courage, hope, first times, first loves and forever. *It's about forgiveness and having the power to move on.*

The story begins when Charlotte is 15 and Nathan is 17. Their story, even though they are so young, drew me in a made me care. Charlotte faces the worst kind of life battle, one that takes strength and a lot of care. She faces everything with courage and determination. Nathan is a beautiful person, he says things that literally brought a tear to my eyes and one can see how much he feels for Charlotte. We have to discover if the want and feelings between these characters can be enough to achieve their happy ever after?

Time moves on and is quite painful in terms of character scenarios and choices, emoting so many feelings and keeping the motivation for the story and the characters completely real. Caroline and Nathan are flawed, they make mistakes, and they show natural human insecurities.... Life is not always easy or straightforward, it doesn't always fall into place and this story totally reflects that.

Letters play a gentle, loving role, a role of emotional heartbreak, feeling and hope..... I loved all the letters ♥

The Charlotte Chronicles begins in a very Young-Adult-genre-way but Charlotte and Nathan do a lot of growing up during this story and in the second part we experience how they have developed in terms of their characters and their sexual desires... It turns into a **very sexy New Adult book** with a gorgeous steam factor. *It's lovely*

It's a **standalone** story but the main hero and heroine are the children of characters from previous books of Jen Frederick. I haven't had the pleasure of reading the previous books yet, so I can assure you that it doesn't affect the enjoyment value of this book, quite the opposite. It gave a provenance to the story telling and additional characters, adding a great deal of depth.

The Charlotte Chronicles is a special, tender and poignant story. When reading I felt like a fly on the wall of their drama, watching and feeling with them. The author shows their story in beautiful heartbreaking detail... It's so sad in places, I cried, my heart hurt and I sobbed for them. Within the heartbreak there was love and happy times, I felt and lived it all with these characters and highly recommend it to people who love New Adult stories with oodles of romance.

If you're wondering whether it has a happy ever after, check out the (view spoiler)

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✿kawehi.reviews says

? I received an ARC via TRSOR PR in exchange for an honest review. Thank you!! ?

Sooo after reading the epilogue of *Unspoken* I had been really been dying for a Nate and Charlotte book. Thank you Jen Frederick for making my wish come true! You are the best!

The Charlotte Chronicles truly entailed what its title infers. We journey with Charlotte through many different periods of her life from childhood best friends, to awkward spurts of puberty, AND FINALLY ultimate true love...along with insecurities to awareness, as well as cancer, military, family, separation, career choices... this book has it all!

I really loved the multi-faceted outlook that author Jen Frederick brings to the bringing to life of "Nalotte's" story. This novel has everything ranging from love, heartbreak, tragedy, self-realization and reflection... to lots and lots of no holds barred, dirty sex! *Ooohlala!!*

My only constructive issue, if any, was that it felt a little longer than what I felt the plot line should have been. **It's just an opinion so please don't point your pitchforks at me please!!** Some of what went on just felt "draggy" and lengthy after a period of time and it made me look at the story's longevity as prolonged and unneeded. But that's just me guys.

Otherwise, I really enjoyed this story to bits and pieces and can't wait for Nick and Lainey's story!! It's going to be Lainey, right?! **pretty please?!**

Nathan and Charlotte's romance was the ultimate testament of unwavering PURE selfless LOVE. Loved it, Jen!♥

"I am your shield, your weapon. Fight for me too, Charlotte."

Dali says

One of the best romantic escapes I've ever taken! If I consider Nora Robert's definition of romance as "the celebration of falling in love and emotion and commitment," then Jen Frederick nailed it with The Charlotte Chronicles. Of course before all the happy festivities life gets in the way and we get to join both Charlotte and Nathan through all the bumps and curves they have to navigate to get to their happy ever after.

I need to confess I did something I hadn't done since way back when I first discovered the addictiveness of reading. I gorged on this book. Meaning that when I saw I had little time and no guarantee that I would have another reading break for an undetermined period and was unwilling to leave these characters and story to rest, at the 7% mark I started skimming over the book, reading bits and pieces of it until I got a partial picture and was somewhat appeased.

Don't judge, I know I shouldn't have done it. I wasn't even going to start this book for a few days because I needed a break from reading. But once I picked this up I couldn't put it down.

Now that I have fully read this book, I feel free to say I loved it and I have a lot of things to say about it. Let's see if I don't mess up my original pre-review.

This story is divided in two parts. The first when Charlotte and Nate are teenagers and their lives are changed forever when Charlotte is diagnosed with a brain tumor. Facing Charlotte's humanity forces them both to acknowledge that their feelings run deeper than that of familial love, but being young they're ill-equipped for life's challenges. They not only face death, but also separation, peer vindictiveness and decisions regarding their future.

The second part is years later, when a grown up and mature Nathan realizes his life is incomplete without Charlotte and will stop at nothing to have that which makes his life whole: Charlotte.

Filled with an ardent and fervent love I got swept away with this beautiful mix between coming of age, getting to know oneself and a second chance at love.

I loved the young, scared but full of faith and trust Charlotte as well as the boy-man who didn't want to depend or lean on his parent's money. The youthful but strong, sweet and caring Nathan that wanted to love and protect Charlotte.

It was beautiful to witness the union of two halves of the same person

It was sad to see them be separated and heart wrenching when feeling unworthy and that he had failed her,

Nate shut her out of his life completely.

At the end of the first part we get thrust into a fast forward time jump. And through her letters to Nathan we first get the hopeful, understanding parts

*“Dear Nate...
I’m still waiting for you, just like I promised. Miss you a thousand times more than the last letter,
Charlotte”*

and then the heart breaking ones.

*“Dear Nate,
... It’s been years, Name, and in all that time, I’ve only received a handful of responses from you. I still love you, but I need you. I need you to tell me you love me too.
Love,
Charlotte”*

Until close to 7 years of letter writing Charlotte gives up.

*“Dear Nate,
It’s been six years! ...I’m just done, Nate. Done.
I love you. I will always love you, but for my sake and probably for yours too, I have to move on.
Yours,
Charlotte”*

At which point I couldn’t hold back the sad tears.

But there’s renewed hope once the grown up Nathan understands how during those 9 years of separation, he wasn’t living but merely surviving, dead inside. His life was empty and there was only one way to change that. His unwavering pursuit of Charlotte wasn’t just sinfully sexy, it was loving and forever. I fell even more for them.

*“Dear Charlotte,
... I come to you, on my knees, beseeching you for forgiveness to give me one more chance to show you that I am a man worthy of your heart. I will spend the rest of my days proving to you with my body, with my heart that I am the Nathan of the Charlotte and Nathan that we were meant to be...”*

Of course life isn’t that easy, it still threw them curveballs but with their love intact they proved that they could stand strong against anything.

There were some aspects I could have taken issue with, mainly the parenting skills. But I had fallen in love with Nathan and Charlotte from the beginning, their story had gripped me with a vice hold that took me

beyond all parenting blunders and teenage naïve views on responsibility. I also adored Nick, Colin and all the secondary characters. I hope I get to know more about them in the future.

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed reading this book. It was sweet, provocatively steamy, and absolutely swoony. It gave me some sad tears but mostly huge smiles. It was truly a celebration of the best emotions overcoming the sad, painful and ugly ones.

I love the writing and delivery by Jen Frederick. I know she already has a big fan base, especially since this is a spin off book, but it's my first by her and she can count me as fan from now on. This story will stay with me forever.

The Charlotte Chronicles can be read as a standalone (like I did). There's no cheating and has a gorgeous happy ending.

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Geri Reads says

4 stars!

I spent quite a bit of time going back and forth with my rating. I can't decide whether to rate it 3.5 or 4. In the end, I decided to go with four for these reasons...

-Nate and Charlie. From the get go, I felt their connection and chemistry together. Considering that Nick also figures pretty prominently in the book, that's no easy feat. Ms. Frederick was able to establish early on the indelible connection between Nate and Charlie.

-The letters. Around 30% of the book was told through Charlotte and Nathan's love letters. In the first part, it was all Charlotte faithfully reaching out to Nate during his first deployment as a SEAL. Second part was a mix of both Nate and Charlotte. I thought it was clever way of showing readers what went wrong the first time and what went right the second time. And it, again, solidifies the bond between the characters despite the years that they've spent apart.

-The secondary characters. There were plenty. I especially loved Nate's SEAL buddies and Charlie's best friends Reese and Lainey.

The positives definitely outweighed the negatives for me. Hence, the 4 stars. But I would just like to point out that this book had some transition issues. Some transitions were too jarring and some words used were outdated. For example, the words staff was used as a substitute for cock in the book, among others. It felt out of place in such a contemporary setting.

There were also typos and grammar issues which I hoped were edited out from the ARC copy that I was reading. Other than those things, I still enjoyed this book immensely. It was far from being perfect but the connection between the two MCs and their relatability won out in the end. I'm really looking forward to reading more from this author. She's not flashy but her characters are all viscerally appealing to me. :)

ARC provided by Jen Frederick in exchange for an honest review.

Claire Robinson says

5 - We waited so long, fought so hard. Stars!

I love Jen Frederick's books, and *The Charlotte Chronicles* is no exception. I knew that she was releasing Charlotte and Nate's story initially in serialized installments, but knowing myself and how much I love her work, I knew that if the story grabbed me I'd be seriously miffed having to wait for each part to be released.

So I made the decision to wait until all parts were available, that way I could enjoy and devour their story in my own time, and at my own pace. Imagine my happiness when I then received an ARC of the one complete story I have been stopping myself from reading in installments for the last however many months!

"I won't let you down"

In a nutshell it was worth the wait, I have been affectionately called a *picky bitch* by a fellow GR friend and reviewer before, because I am very tight when it comes to giving out 5 Stars. Not because I am nasty, but because with the quantity of books I read, there are certain pre-requisites I have that need to be facilitated for me to consider giving any book I have read 5 stars. This book hit each and every one of those requirements, and blew them out of the park that my expectations live in.

Time, distance, separation, none of that will sever our bond.

Being loosely associated to the Woodlands Series of books is a massive plus point, as well as the emotional attachments I formed for Charlotte, Nate and Nick as well and many of the well crafted, and integral secondary characters. I laughed and I cried, there were times when I was frustrated, and I loved every single freaking minute of it.

I cannot recommend this book, its author and pretty much all of her other books highly enough.

Aestas Book Blog says

Ahh!! This blurb makes my heart squeeze!!!!

Charlotte and Nathan were supposed to be forever. They grew up together. Their families were intertwined. Charlotte was Nathan's first love. Nathan was Charlotte's first everything.

Until they weren't.

How do you hold on to the person you know in your heart you are supposed to be with when everything and everyone in the universe is telling you it's over?

Standalone.

B.E.Love says

I have so much to say about this book but maybe the most important is to read this book, it's beautiful and heart wrenching. This book will leave you breathless and moved, and it's a book that will stick with you. This book is worth the read, among a sea of bad, good, and great books this one deserves your time. And two please before you start this buy at the minimum of one box of kleenex, you will need it. And just an added friendly tip if you are all cute and done up you may want to wait till that makeup is washed all off, yes I know it will be hard I didn't want to put this book down for one second.

We first met Charlotte and Nathan through their parents. I fell in love with both sets of parents and then when we got a glimpse of Nathan and Charlotte I knew their story would be memorable. I was so happy when Jen Frederick announced they would get their own book, and to see that she would release chapters, but knowing me I knew I had to wait till it was all released and complete so that I didn't kill everyone around me with my anger from having to wait for another chapter.

When Charlotte was fifteen Nathan started to notice the changes in her and didn't know how to deal so he did the only thing he knew how to do and treated her like crap when he was around her, and then Charlotte and everyone found out that she had a brain tumor. Nathan and Charlotte and Nick Nathan's brother were always inseparable now with this huge change Nathan and Nick not only find themselves being Charlottes protector but they both find themselves hiding the progression of her cancer.

Charlotte always loved Nathan now being sick Nate starts showing a different side to himself and Charlotte couldn't be happier, but when the truth that Nate and Nick are hiding that Charlotte has more symptoms than thought Charlotte knows she has to leave so that Nick and Nathan have a chance to not be her protector and just be kids. Leaving Nathan is one of the hardest things Charlotte ever did after they finally found their way together and fell in love but she did it with the promise that they would always be Nathan and Charlotte. But some promises are broken.

Nine long years later Charlotte has given up on love and found happiness in her friends, family and her career, but Nathan is never far from her mind, and when she sees him and thinks the worst she is devastated. Nate never stopped loving Charlotte but throwing himself into his job helped forget or push away the pain, till he can't ignore it anymore and being away from her is harder than the feelings a failure.

After Nine years Charlotte has not only grown up but she's also toughened up but Nathan doesn't plan to give up till he gets what he wants. Finding their way back to each other isn't as easy as either thought and the life that they each built apart makes it more difficult than they thought, and then the worst happens and Nathan and Charlotte will be tested again not only in their love for each other but their strength to find their happy

ending.

This book takes you on a journey of Nathan and Charlotte starting when Charlotte was fifteen and it's a beautiful journey that leaves you with their all powerful love that can not only stand the test of time but help overcome all of life's trials. This story left me in tears, happy, heartbroken and so filled with the beauty of life and true love that loves is not only good but difficult and down right ugly.

Jen Frederick delivers such an amazing story that leaves a lump in your throat and one that will stay with you through all the new books you read. I can't tell you how beautiful this story was written, I have always loved her books but this book shows a whole other side of her amazing talent of story telling, and her growth in this book alone is astounding. Charlotte is the strongest heroine I have ever had the privilege of reading about, she literally blew me away and left me speechless. I am in awe of her strength and determination and more, of her character.

Nathan is without a doubt one of my all time favorite hero, he not only is strong, possessive, smart and kind, but his integrity and personal conviction was amazing. Yes Nathan screws up (oh Nathan) but he is in one word amazing. I kept thinking please Nathan don't let us down and yes he did in a sense but in another he held himself true to Charlotte the whole nine years they were apart..... Can I tell you how much I LOVE Nathan!

The wonderful thing about this book is that it's not just about Charlotte and Nathan, yes it's about them mainly but I fell in love with Nick Nathan's younger brother and Charlottes best friend as well who I really, really hope gets his own book(please) and we again get to see their parents after so many years as well as a whole host of new characters leaving me planning a series in my mind for Mrs. Frederick:} And that's one of the beautiful things about this book since it spans such a huge amount of time we not only get to see them grow up but we get to see a family at it's best and worst but most importantly being a loving strong family.

I can't recommend this book enough, bravo Jen Frederick on the absolutely arresting and stunning book. Thank you Jen Frederick for so kindly sending me an ARC to read and review!

maggieandteddy says

Oh, what to say..... This book starts off with Charlotte at 15 years old & Nathan a "worldly" 17- I think. The book immediately starts off on a very sad note- Charlotte having surgery to remove a brain tumor. It was very heavy and surreal. Charlotte's brain tumor is in the same area of the brain where my own daughter had her tumor (my daughter was 2 1/2 years old at the time). The details were very close to what we went through 20 or so years before this book was set. The 1st and 2nd surgery details were very accurate from my experience. The missing detail, is that there was no waiting for a biopsy. Charlotte and her parents were told immediately that the tumor was cancer. I remember 2 LONG WEEKS waiting for the biopsy results to come back. My daughter's tumor was benign. Twenty years later, medical science & technological progress- Charlotte comes out of surgery a lot better than my daughter did & a lot faster recovery. Every case is different, I guess.

The first part of the book- up to 40% or so is when Charlotte & Nate are teenagers. I was very concerned that the entire book would be under age sex. I was a little uncomfortable since Nate and his brother Nick were quite the men about town. Charlotte seems to accept that & still expresses her love for him.

I was not sure that I could continue reading about sex/love from teens' perspective for more than 40%, I kept

reading & the time went by in the books- months, then years. Nate wasn't such a good guy to Charlotte- I don't want to spoil in what ways, but there is a LONG separation & I don't buy the reason. There is a grovel discussion thread on Amazon- this book would not be good for that-since I think that Nathan gets away with it too easily. I wish there was less time in the teen years & more time with Charlotte's reconciliation after their time apart. I liked the dual 1st person POVs. Very necessary to this story. This is my first Jen Frederick book. I didn't read about Charlotte & Nate's parents (yet) in Undeclared & Unspoken- but I probably will. I'll give 3.5 stars. The beginning was very good- should have moved the timeline up in the book. The ending-the last 20% was original & a shocker-maybe needed more time with that development.(I can't say what, it would be a major spoiler).

Jackie says

A prime example of all the worst things about New Adult. The first part of the novel opens with teens Charlotte, Nate, and Nick reeling from Charlotte's diagnosis of brain cancer. Nate and Nick are brothers, and their parents and Charlotte's have been friends for ages, living in the same Chicago building. Nate has always believed that he and Charlotte are destined to be romantic partners ("she was mine as soon as they put her in my arms"—can you say "ickkk"?) but thinks that at 15, Charlotte is too young to have any romantic relationship at all. So 17-year-old Nate sleeps around, waiting for her to grow old enough that he can declare himself and have sex with her. But her getting cancer has changes everything. Suddenly, the two are going at it hot and heavy, pressed for time since Charlotte is about to be shipped off to Europe for special treatment. (Thought it very odd that a young teen suffering from cancer would have the energy to engage in sex to the degree that Charlotte and Nate do).

Nate decides to follow in his father's footsteps and join the military, but cannot bring himself to tell Charlotte about his plans, either before or after her European trip. And once he joins, for some unexplained reason, he decides to break up with Charlotte and never talk with her again, even though he's still in love with her.

Part two opens nine years later. Charlotte finally gave up on writing letters to Nate, and is moving on with her life, starting a business supporting professional athletes transitioning to new teams/cities/lives. When Nate decides to give Charlotte a call, and a guy picks up her phone, he grows insanely jealous, and decides he's finally going to pop the question to her. They meet unexpectedly, and have sex (of course, neither has had sex with anyone else in the interim). And eventually get back together. Because, you know, destiny and all...

Stupid alpha teen boys who turn into even stupider alpha boy/men; problems solved via fighting or sex rather than talking; incomprehensible behavior; jealousy, jealousy, jealousy, all of it unmotivated and unwarranted; evil girl rival acting evil for no apparent reason; and melodrama to the max. Painfully ridiculous.

Angie - Angie's Dreamy Reads says

*"I want you and no one else
I want you for myself
I want you and nothing else girl ...
I've got nothing to lose*

I want you and if I can't have you
Then no one will" – I want you by Nick Jonas

There's always *one* sign when you've read a great book and that's the feeling of being utterly bereft, as though you just don't know what to do with yourself. That's what I'm feeling at this *exact* moment.

I don't know what to do with my f*cking self.

I feel as if I'm a snowflake that's been hurtled in a blizzard or a heavy rain drop that's been pelted from the sky during a thunderstorm. I've fallen, hit the ground, and now I'm sitting here and I feel depleted, emotionally captured, but at the same time exceptionally sad. I should have prolonged my reading experience. I should have slowed my pacing so I could savor it, so I could linger in their world a little longer. But how? How could I when I was living in that story. When that story claimed a part of my heart with each word, each page. I couldn't...

I was taken, so completely and totally consumed.

That epilogue **UNDID** me! It **UNDID ME**.

I'm unhinged. I'm raw.

This book was an experience. It was so **REAL**. I went into it knowing nothing about the plot. I skimmed the blurb and **GOD! GOD! GOD!** I didn't know... I did not know what I was getting. I didn't know that I was going to break and then be made whole, only to mourn these characters at the end because I fell so completely in love with them.

You never get that first read back. **NEVER**. That initial burst of feeling is a onetime thing. *I am bereft*. I wasn't prepared for it to end. I almost want to message the author and demand more. But what else can she give me? Nothing. She gave me **EVERYTHING** in that book and yet... here I am.

I crave, I yearn, I need, and I want more of these characters.

They're **ALIVE** in me. Their story feels tangible. It's so well written and the feels... they were gut punching. The yearning these characters carried for each felt otherworldly. The plot twists and vicious turns were wrought with torturous pain.

At times my heart clenched and unclenched at an alarming speed, my tummy felt knotted with anxiety, my bones ached from Charlotte and Nate's longing. I felt their distress in a visceral way. It consumed me. I couldn't function. Taking a breath hurt. I needed to finish though. I felt like I was toeing the edge of a meltdown.

My God, if I'm honest I did meltdown. Several times.

I felt it **ALL**.

I'm not sure what else to say... This book, this books an **EXPERIENCE. A BRILLIANT, PAINFUL, PERILOUS, GLORIOUS, HAPPY, BREATHTAKING EXPERIENCE**. And I urge you to read it. It's a complete story that will unravel and put you back together.

I love deep. I am an emotional soul. When I feel, I feel in the marrow of my bones, in the darkest corners of my soul. This story, it's unforgettable. A story that will stay with me.

I loved it.

God, I wish I could be less redundant, more eloquent, but I don't know how else to express myself except to say that **I FELT EVERY WORD** this author wrote. **EVERY SINGLE WORD.**

It's **BRILLIANT.**

Michelle says

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The Charlotte Chronicles told the painful story of a love that was meant to be, one that had to be fought for, one that was not easy no matter how much it was fated. Charlotte, Nathan and Nick were three peas in a pod. Nick the best friend and Nathan, the boy that Charlotte loved. The one that seemed to scowl at her far more than look at her with love. But for Nathan at seventeen, seeing a barely fifteen year old girl, he knew that his feelings needed to be held back till she was older. After all it was always Charlotte and Nathan. Always.

TCC takes you on a journey that spans decades as we watch a young love struggle with grief, loss and separation. When circumstances force Charlotte to leave to focus on her own health, a young Nathan realizes that he has to let her know just how he feels and thus begins the love story of the two. But Nathan held back his own truths because he knew that he was not strong enough to say no to her, because he knew she would ask. But even with distance and years keeping them apart, they never stopped loving each other. Forgiving might be a whole different story, but make no mistake, loving each was the easy part.

This story slayed me. Although I would typically find myself wanting to throttle the Hero with this sort of situation playing out, I could not stop my love for Nathan one bit. He was so easy to fall for. This was packed full of emotions, and although it was a hard road, I held on to hope. Those low times were felt, but the highs kept my heart from breaking. Jen did a fantastic job balancing the aspects of this story. She made you fall in love, she broke your heart and then she pieced you back together again.

But even as fate places these two back together the struggles are far from over. Now as adults, nearly a decade older – love doesn't appear to have gotten any easier. But nothing worth having is easy. This time though, they understand what it means to lose everything and are willing to fight to keep it all.

Jen Frederick captured my attention with her Woodland Series and I am so glad she decided to give their offspring a story of their own. Charlotte and Nathan won me over instantly and I loved this friends to lovers, second chance romance.

So many things kept these two apart and I wanted to cry for them, demand that someone just give them a

break. It was unfair. But in the end it made it all so much more worth it. Nick's story is on deck and I can't even tell you how excited I am for it. We got to know Nick pretty well as the man-whoring man-boy in this book, but I have a feeling we are going to swoon over him when we get a chance to see him in action.
