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I had a hidden life.

To everyone on the outside, I was Seth Andrews, an easy-going, fun-loving rowing coach, best friend to Colin Cassidy - the superstar quarterback of the New England Patriots, and infamous playboy.

To anyone looking in, my life was what others only dreamed of. I had the posh apartment, luxury car, and designer threads to prove it.

But what happens when the life you lead isn't the life your heart wants? What it needs?

How long can you live your public life when the one that really makes you happy is the hidden one?

The Hidden Life is a spin-off novella following The Perfect Life and should only be read after the first book.

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From Reader Review The Hidden Life for online ebook

Jo - *•*•.★Reading Is My Bliss★•*•* says

You need to read The Perfect Life before reading this novella not just because it will make more sense but because it is a fantastic read.

This is Seth's POV on his experience with Colin & Monroe. He too was living a life that no one knew about. It really was heart breaking reading about what he went through and how badly Colin treated him. I loved how amazing he was with Monroe and how much he cared for his two best friends.

I'm equally proud of how he handled everything and love that he drew a line in the sand we he got to the point where 'enough was enough.'

This was a 'hidden' part of the Perfect Life that Erin was kind enough to share. Well worth the read!

Denise - Shh Mom's Reading® says

#mustclick <http://amzn.to/21lIe8V>

I was so excited when I found out Seth was getting his story told. You see The Hidden Life is a spin-off novella following The Perfect Life.

I loved The Perfect Life <http://amzn.to/1UKXL1T>) and it should be read before you dive into this one. Once you read The Perfect Life, even if you are NOT a reader who loves or has ever read a gay romance story, I truly think you will love The Hidden Life. I don't really want to spoil book 1.... but I think I have to say that it is not what it appears as Colin is in love with his best friend Seth but decides living his life as a lie is the only way to obtain his dream.

Colin and Seth have part of their story told in book 1 but this one puts Seth front and center. The lie Colin has chosen to live and its impact on Seth and his heart. I was so drawn to this story.... I adored Seth and even as the lie unraveled my heart continued to break.

Poor Colin, though his words touch your heart, his lies affect Seth to the core:
"Because you're the only one. You'll always be my only one."

And a bit of humor woven in just at the right time:
"Deal... but tonight, you're playing receiver."

In the end, I loved the happy that is created and I closed my kindle now feeling complete for all the characters from The Perfect Life.

I have to add, I think if a new reader to this series reads The Perfect Life and then jumps right into The Hidden Life, the rating would be even higher.

Melanie says

I really liked Seth from The Perfect Life that I was very happy to see that we his side of the story. I loved seeing more of Seth an Colin's relationship and how things were formed between the two of them. Although I would have liked to have seen a little more story after the events of The Perfect Life, however the epilogue was truly great and a welcome addition to the story that was well worth it.

Debbie says

The Hidden Life is a supplemental novella to The Perfect Life and should not be read as a standalone.

I fell in love with all of the characters from The Perfect Life and was excited when I saw this book had been released. It's told from Seth's POV and puts us in his head to see just how much he loved Colin and how much he struggled with being a secret.

It's again a reminder that not only do you never know what really happens behind closed doors, but that people are going to think what they want. Sometimes you've got to realize that their opinions don't really matter.

My Girlfriend's Couch Blog says

If you have read The Perfect Life, then The Hidden Life is a MUST READ!!! I will say that you should NOT read The Hidden Life if you have not read The Perfect Life.

Erin Noelle did it again! I loved The Perfect Life and I loved The Hidden Life.

The Hidden Life complements The Perfect Life perfectly. I feel like I can't say much about it without spoiling The Perfect Life (for those who have not read The Perfect Life). All I will say is that I loved reading Seth's POV. Reading his side made my heart ache. He really loved Colin with everything that he had. I am so glad for their HEA.

Thank you Erin for allowing me to read The Hidden Life prior to it's release. Although I never thought of Seth's point of view during The Perfect Life, I now know that The Hidden Life was the perfect story that was needed to complete Seth & Colin' story.

~ Review written by Heidi Pharo

dreamerinexile says

Cherry popped by the swoony duo 5 stars

OMG! I have been dying for this book. My first MM romance and it was awesome. As soon as The Perfect Life ended I wanted to know about Seth, I needed him to have his HEA. And so finally I was getting it I thought. What happened next had me swooning and falling head of heels in love with Seth, MORE than before.

The story starts of way in the past, when Seth and Colin were teens; their friendship grew as they grew older. They were inseparable, best friends, partners in crime. Seth at a young age realized that Colin didn't play for the normal team. WAIT! Normal I say, who am I to say what's normal and what's not. Well I am not I am all for loving, I am pro life, I am pro love. So lemme finish, I meant normal because to the mass that is normal but to me loving is normal. So as I saying, Seth knew from way back that Colin batted for his team yet he didn't know how to broach the subject.

Yet he himself was batting for the other team and he was happy, well almost happy until he experimented with stuff and realized he wasn't batting for the right team and he only wanted to take the bat for one guy, Colin. Sigh. I was staring at my kindle with hearts popping out of my eyes. I wanted Seth to ask Colin out, I wanted them to come out in the open but that wasn't gonna happen, at least not any time soon. So at their graduation party, Colin has plans with Seth, as they are both heading in different directions, Colin wanted to spend time with his boy. So up they went into their secret place of memory and what happened next had me grabbing my pillow to silently hump into. My happy soul was dancing in the sunshiny field of unicorn magic. YASSSSSSSSSSSS!

Fast forward a few years in the future, Colin meets Monroe and Seth loses his mind. Well its natural, when the love of your life tries to hide the feeling he has for you. But then he realized how beautifully epic Monroe was and he accepted her into his life. Moving on from that to current situation, around the time Seth breaks up with Colin. Oh Lord have mercy! I wanted to rant and rave at Colin for being such a huge douchebag. For being so evil, not that he really was, he was just so lost in being the image everyone expected. All through this book and The Perfect Life, I was slayed left and right by Christopher Poindexter's poems. Holy God! The man has a way with words and each poem at the beginning of each chapter made me fall in love with him even more.

The moment when Colin acknowledges his self, what he is, who he is was one of the most beautiful moment in both stories. When he says who am I hiding from, the One who will judge me knows what I am so why am I hiding? Colin's speech and the consequent reaction of Seth made me burst into tears. We love who we love, we can't help it, so who are we, as humans, to judge who someone else loves. I loved, loved this story hard. The ending made me all teary and weepy and I was such a mess. I loved it so much I cannot make you believe how much.

The Hidden Life isn't just an MM romance, it's a story of love and it's that simple, yo.

Michelle says

ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review

If you have read Erin Noelle's **The Perfect Life**, then you are well aware of the raw beauty and honesty Ms. Noelle captured in her breathtaking story of Monroe and Oliver. What was seen as a perfect life for Monroe

turned out nothing to be perfect when the truth of her life and marriage to Colin Cassidy were humiliating exposed openly to the public. But in the end, Ms. Noelle shattered all preconceived notions of perfection and love. And so in this novella that ties closely with **The Perfect Life**, Ms. Noelle once again takes readers back on another journey of love in the eyes of Colin Cassidy and Seth Andrews.

Love. One word. Four letters. Should be easy to define but in the case of Colin and Seth, their love was nothing but easy. As much as they loved each other beyond reason, their love was a secret. A secret that could destroy lives and reputation. And so in this novella aptly titled **The Hidden Life**, Ms. Noelle will expose a story of truth, love and hurt told in the eyes of Seth.

Seth and Colin have always known the truth. And the truth was that they were truly, deeply, madly in love with one another. It was a love so real and beautiful. A love that should be perfect but in truth their love tainted them from really living the life that was meant for them.

When Colin married Monroe to protect his image in the NFL and with his family, Seth became the secret lover. A hidden part in Colin's perfect life. And so what happens when everything that was hidden becomes exposed?

The Hidden Life was more than an ordinary novella. This book exposes the true raw nature of love, sacrifice and friendship. Erin Noelle brought life to the story of Monroe Cassidy and Oliver Saxon in the **The Perfect Life** but in this novella, **The Hidden Life**, Ms. Noelle brought heart. She exposed a love that was just as beautiful as any love shared between a man and a woman. And so if you are looking for a story, where every detail, raw emotions and love are brimming to the max then I urge you to read **The Hidden Life** because in the end love is love and if you find that kind of perfect love then it will make any imperfect life **PERFECT**.

Review can also be found on Four Chicks Flipping Pages: <http://fourchicksflippingpages.weebly.com>...Erin Noelle

Marika says

I am so in love with this story! After reading the perfect life I really wanted to get Seth POV. I wanted to see what he felt and how everything affected him..And I am so freaking happy!!!! I couldn't have asked for more because this story shows another side of Colin and it was sweet and hot, and I liked that Seth was able to stand up to Colin for himself and for Monroe.

The end..oh my.. I so swooned!

Jamie ?? submits to books ?? says

[my lover (hide spoiler)]

Renee Entress says

4 star

I was pulled right into this story. The story has laughs, love, friendship, pain, sacrifice, and heartbreak.

If you have not read the below I would recommend reading those book(s) first
The Perfect Life

This is Seth's story. Seth has always more or less been on the outside. He lives the perfect life but it's a lie. His life looks great on the outside looking in but the life he wants would be so much better. Emotions will run hot in this story. This book takes you through the relationship he has but also the one he craves. In the end can he really get his brand of the perfect life?

I loved these characters and also the side characters. I felt I was able to connect with the characters and the story was a great read.

I recommend this book.

Paige says

4 "Revealed" Stars

This M/M addition from Seth's point of view was seriously so HOT! After having read *The Perfect Life*, I just assumed this would be from Colin's perspective but I adored Seth's. Seth went back to the very beginning of his and Colin's friendship and showed how it developed into more. Then explored many of the pivotal events that transpired in *The Perfect Life*. It was a unique perspective and made me fall even harder for Seth than I already had. I loved getting more of these characters, I only wished that it would have been a bit longer and more detailed since I was fully engrossed from page one.

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1-Click Addict Support Group says

**** DO NOT read this book if you haven't read *The Perfect Life*****

This book isn't a standalone novella, coming after *The Perfect Life*. It's a companion story that tells another perspective. I don't normally read these but this time, I needed it. I needed to know more about Seth and his feelings. He's such a complex person. I was able to read this in one quick sitting, and it answered a few questions for me.

However, I think I'd really have been over the moon in love had it been a bit longer. There were so many

questions I had and still have about Seth. He's an amazing man and maybe I just want more. That happens also.

Erin's writing is spot on. There isn't anything you miss when reading her books. Unless you are like me and just want MORE!!! ~ Heather, 4 stars

Sandra Shipman ~ Two Book Pushers says

The Hidden Life is a spin-off of The Perfect Life. I was extremely excited to find out that a novella was in the works because The Perfect Life was one of my favorite books of the year! I didn't even read the synopsis to know that I had to have it so I didn't even know what I was going to be reading about until I started. And it was amazing! If you read the The Perfect Life then you know who Seth is. Well...this is his story! His POV.

From the outside Seth has it all. But on the inside he is growing lonely and frustrated. He has to hide who he really is and that is making his life, not the life he wants it to be. He knew he would have to make sacrifices but year after year it gets harder and harder. He has two best friends and they happen to be married to each other. He has known Colin since he was seven years old and now he is an NFL star quarterback for the Patriots and his wife, Monroe is an angel in his eyes. She is selfless in life and in her career. He also knows she has to make her own sacrifices for the life she has built. If she can do it and keep going, then he could too right? But when thinking of the future, can he go on like this forever?

I know that is very vague but don't want to spoil anything that has to do with the first book. This is Seth's POV during the same time and for a bit afterwards. I loved knowing more about his past and what he was going through during this time. It was also awesome to see what happened to him after The Perfect Life.

Overall...I loved it! Thank you Erin for giving me more Seth. He is a sweetie.

Quotes:

I was losing my fucking mind. Having a super-duper fucking quarter-life crisis at eighteen. It was the only explanation.

“I'll beg if I have to.”

“My friend Jack Daniels is quite the philosopher, holding all kinds of answers about the meaning of life and the ways of the heart.”

Donna ~ The Romance Cover says

The Hidden Life by Erin Noelle
4 stars!!

“Because you’re the only one. You’ll always be my only one.”

This was a really quick novella that is an accompaniment to The Perfect Life. When I was reading The Perfect Life there was one character that I always wanted inside the head of and that was Seth. Erin Noelle delivers Seth’s side to the story and while I loved it, it only whetted my appetite, I now need to go back and re-read The Perfect Life, I just cannot get enough of these characters.

“I love us for the way our eyes make love to each other’s soul.”

Seth was one of the main characters in The Perfect Life and it was obvious he always struggled being kept the dirty secret. The love that he shared with Colin was soul deep and the friendship even deeper, yet fame and fortune had determined the life they lead and the course they took and the longer it went on the more problems it caused. Colin always seemed to have the best of both worlds whereas Seth just had the world that Colin was willing to give him and for anyone it must have been testing.

This novella gives us the real Seth, his innermost thoughts, his eureka moment when he realises he loves his best friend and that torment as to whether to do anything about it. How once he was brave enough to take the plunge he is pushed onto the side-lines while Colin lives the American dream. How perceptions mean more and the continual neglect of recognition eats away at even the strongest love affairs. This was the window to Seth’s soul and it was beautiful, albeit too brief.

“I loved him like I’d never loved anyone else. I just didn’t know how to tell him.”

Key scenes from The Perfect Life were given Seth’s perspective and he was such a great character, his connection to Monroe was highlighted throughout and really showed what a caring, understanding man he really was. The scenes between Seth and Colin tugged at every heart string and were beautifully done. This was a great addition to what was already a fantastic book and all I want is more.

“Deal... but tonight, you’re playing receiver.”

Michelle Rene says

After reading The Perfect Life, I couldn't help but want to know more about Colin and Seth's relationship. And Erin Noelle delivered perfectly. The Hidden Life is told from Seth's point of view. And even though I knew what was going to happen, I was still pleasantly surprised by the epilogue, and once again reduced to happy tears by the love and devotion shown by these four characters.

If you haven't read anything by Erin Noelle, The Perfect Life/The Hidden Life is the perfect place to start. If you're like me, and are already a fan of Erin's you won't want to miss this one.
