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DAX ANDERSON has always been the one to keep it all together.

~ His family~

~ His friends~

~ His band~

His heart is huge, but guarded. He's the best friend. The protector. The shoulder to cry on. But he's never been able to protect his own heart or himself. Lies from his not-so-distant past have destroyed his outlook on love - until he meets her.

GISELLE ANDREWS is confident and happy, but cautious. She's learned to overcome many obstacles despite her past. She's fiercely loyal and loves beyond measure. When she's reminded of her past and the pain that she lived through, will her perfect world begin to crumble?

What connects Dax and Giselle?

And will EPIC LIES destroy their future?

EPIC LIES is the second book in the EPIC FAIL series and can be read as a standalone novel.

This series is a spinoff of the FOREVER FAMILY series.

Epic Lies Details

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Naomi Connor says

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Do you ever think sometimes fate and destiny bring your life full circle? People we meet along the way, weather we know them or not could be the ones to save us. How do you move on when all you have ever known is hurt and lies? These were just a few of the questions that this book will have you asking.

The prologue sucked me in. I was left heartbroken just like the characters. The tissues were out and I felt sick to my stomach I knew immediately that after that there was no chance of sleep this was a book that I was going to devour and boy was I right.

Dax is a rockstar, but after loosing his first love and all the lies that surrounded that he had built a wall around his heart. Dax is sensitive and not your typical rocker. He gave his heart away years ago and all that is left is broken.

Giselle lost her cousin/best friend many years ago, but on that night she also lost something else, something she will never get back. Living her life now is always an uphill struggle. She doesn't do relationships, she has tried but they always end up in heartbreak.

When Giselle sees a man hiding out in a storm she does what any compassionate person would she offers him shelter and when they are in close proximity there is a chemistry that neither of them expected. There is recognition but that isn't possible. They both spend time thinking of the other and over a period of time they find themselves thrown together again and again.

With Dax taking some much needed R&R, he is shocked to find Giselle taking a break at the same place. Why is this woman continuously thrown in his path. One night they end up kissing and the spark ignites a flame...however Dax is quick to pull back and push her away. He knows he wants her but he also believes he is no good for her. Thinking he could be making the biggest mistake of his life he talks to Giselle again and this is where truths start to be told their past becomes their present and their connection finally comes to light.

This couple met years ago and fate seems to be stepping in and making them each others destiny!!!

Polly says

4 stars!

I love Trudy Stiles. She always has a way of pulling at my heart strings and making me love her characters. This book was no different.

Dax is a rocker. I have to admit rockers make me nervous. He was pretty sweet as rockers go though. Nothing too crazy. He was sexy and a bit swoon-worthy.

Giselle is a girl with a haunted past. However she doesn't let it define her. She's making her own way in life along with her crazy best friend.

A chance encounter puts Dax in Giselle's life and then begins the game of hot and cold on both of their ends.

I think my biggest issue with this one is that I thought it was a bit predictable. I guessed the main plot from the beginning and I just waited for something "more" to happen. The author is very upfront that this is different from her other works, and while it is I still got emotional a few times.

I think fans of Trudy will still eat this one up. It wasn't as high on angst as her past works so if that is what was holding you back then jump on this one.

The Review Loft

Robin says

Dax Anderson and Giselle Andrews. Who are they to each other? What is their connection? Those are the questions that I found myself asking as I was reading *Epic Lies*. *Epic Lies* is a new adult/contemporary romance, and the most recent release from author Trudy Stiles. It's also the second novel of the *Epic Fail* series – a series of novels which focus on each member of the rock band *Epic Fail*. This time around, Stiles writes about drummer Dax Anderson.

Epic Lies is a romance novel about two characters who have been deeply hurt by lies in their past. Lies told by their loved ones. Lies from the very people who they thought they could trust. Whether outright lies or lies by omission, the result is the same. It becomes very hard to trust and give love freely. This lack of trust becomes a major obstacle to future relationships for Dax and Giselle. Can they possibly learn to trust each other? Will they open their hearts to love once again?

Stiles has a very interesting style of writing in *Epic Lies*. By chapter, she alternates Dax and Giselle's first person points of view, while also alternating between writing chapters in the past and present. Fate is a huge theme in *Epic Lies*. Throughout this story, I noticed coincidences, possible connections between Dax and Giselle which kept me guessing and gave *Epic Lies* the feel of a mystery. By using this style of writing, Stiles reveals events in their pasts – what shaped Dax and Giselle as individuals – while also allowing readers the pleasure of enjoying their budding romance in the present.

Since the beginning of her writing career, I've read each novel written by Trudy Stiles. Each story is completely unique, and she doesn't shy away from difficult topics. In *Epic Lies* this topic is rape. I'm sharing this with readers because I know rape can be an emotional trigger. There are parts of this story that were painfully hard for me to read, but I also found a large measure of joy, happiness and satisfaction from reading *Epic Lies*. *Epic Lies* is dramatic, and I can promise it will take you on a non-stop roller coaster ride of emotions!

Although the *Epic Fail* series is a spinoff of Stiles' *Forever Family* series, *Epic Lies* can be read as a standalone novel. It's also not necessary to read *Epic Sins*, the first novel in the *Epic Fail* series, prior to reading *Epic Lies*. If you have never read a novel by Trudy Stiles, I highly recommend that you give one of her two standalone novels – *Epic Sins* or *Epic Lies* – a try! Dax and Giselle's story was a pleasure to read, and I'm excited to give this novel a 4.5 star rating!

DJ Sakata says

Favorite Quotes:

My name floats from his mouth, and I'm hypnotized. I don't think I've ever heard my name spoken with such masculine softness, if that is even a thing?

Something happened the day you saved my life... I knew something was about to change... I knew you changed my history. My existence. I've been fighting my feelings for a few weeks. I'm struggling with what you mean to me. I know we've only known each other for a short time, but I feel like I've known you my whole life.

Yea, you've dated a lot of assholes and some real losers, but you always find the one redeeming thing in those people and build on it. Even if one of them collected Star Wars figurines well into his twenties.

Your father scares me... He may seem nice and sweet to you, but I can't shake the feeling that he will kill me slowly and painfully if I ever hurt you.

My Review:

Kismet, serendipity, fate, karma, destiny, the stars in alignment, when it is meant to be it is meant to be... all cultures have some form of this ideology. And today, I am exceedingly pleased that Trudy Stiles follows this tenet as well. Epic Lies was my first official outing with Ms Stiles and I am putting myself in nomination to be her biggest fangirl and newest cheerleader. I immediately added her entire Goodreads listing to my TBR the second I finished reading as I clearly savored this book from beginning to end.

Written in my favorite form of dual POV, the storyline weaved back in forth over a decade while chronicling the hidden and forgotten connections, missed opportunities, and coincidental links in the characters' histories. The writing was thoughtful, insightful, emotive, easy to follow, steamy, and engaging. The characters were well fleshed out, highly likable, smart, somewhat damaged, yet still sweet, fun, endearing and quirky. For some reason, I took great delight in the scenes depicting Giselle's less appealing trait of haphazard snobbishness. The story found a good balance of angst and happiness, as despite the undercurrent and reoccurring theme of misplaced trust and betrayals experienced the main characters as they make their way toward each other, the contentment, shelter, and respite they found in being together overshadowed all their prior misfortunes. Sigh, this old cougar just loves the sweet and steamy - more please!

Jesey ~ Schmexy G!rl~ says

FATE. Let's start right there. I'm a huge believer in fate and things happening for a reason which is probably why I love Trudy Stiles books so very much. Dax and Giselle meet in quite an unusual way, which is good for Dax (no spoiler here, you'll have to read to find out why it's good!)

Dax is a rockstar but he is down to earth. He is not one of those full-of-himself-sex-drugs-and-rock-and-roll

guys. Dax is straight forward and honest with pretty much everything he does. At the same time he is sweet and funny.

"People are screaming his name, trying to get as close to him as possible. And he asked me to stay so he could see me after the show. I smile, and my pulse quickens. What could possibly come of this?"

Giselle is a good girl, guarded in her life. She questions things a lot, especially when it comes to Dax's interest in her...

"But - I'm so drawn to her, mesmerized by her innocence, and beauty. Everything about her relaxes me..."

They just can't stay away from each other, yet they push one another away as well. The connections between Dax and Giselle are strong, though hidden at first. It was like unwrapping a present just a little bit at a time and the screaming when I figured it out!

Wise words from Alex (Trudy fans will know who Alex is!!)

"The two of you have somehow found yourselves together in more than one unlikely situation. Stop trying to figure everything out and just embrace it, dude."

But things can't always go smoothly. Can they overcome their present once they learn about their pasts?

"No one deserves to own my tears anymore."

Another 5 star installment to the Epic Fail Series!!!

Betul says

Received ARC in exchange for an honest review

"She's completely stunning, and she has absolutely no idea how amazingly beautiful she is."

Epic Lies is about Dax and Giselle who both have been lied to and hurt in their past. First of all I want to mention that I absolutely loved how they met because it was so different. Dax is not your typical rockstar and that is what I loved most about him. Because of his past he did have a thing against relationships but that didn't result in him turning into a player. He was very mature, protective and fun. Just like Dax, Giselle had a distrust towards the opposite gender. When they first meet they both feel attracted to each other. They accidentally meet again a couple of times in other places and it was like they were meant to be.

Normally I don't like flashbacks but they fit perfectly in this book. We get present and past POV from both characters. So we get to see what happened in their past. There is also a twist in this book that I really liked. What I most liked about this book was the maturity of both characters and how they didn't push the other away even if they were done wrong in their past. I enjoyed seeing how their relationship developed and how they got over their own issues.

Epic Lies is a fast paced story with great characters that were perfect for each other. It is a great addition to the Epic Fail series and I can't wait to read the next book. I also loved Giselle's best friend Mia because she was such a fun and crazy character. She needs her own story!

Nicole Neddo says

ARC review

"I want to die"

Trudy Stiles has outdone herself with Epic Lies. it's everything you would expect, just done in a different way. the dark, and sad times, are out weighed by bursts of LOVE!!

Dax and Giselle come together in such a whirlwind that it can only be FATE. they have no more trust to give out. both guarded, and both unprepared for the storm that brings them together.

sunburns, running, and a tabloid

I love their love!

Myla says

When I started reading this book I didn't expect to fall in love with it early on. It captivates me how the story of Dax and Giselle unfolds. It was told from past to present, back and forth, but you won't get lost reading it because it was flawlessly written.

Dax is the drummer of the famous band, Epic Fail. He's swoon worthy, I tell you. He's one cool dude to hang around with. Romantic. Understanding. Sensitive. Lovable.

"Tall, dark and handsome doesn't even come close." – Giselle

Giselle Andrews is a woman you want to be your friend. She's fun; loving and you can really depend on her when the going gets tough.

"Sated. Seductive. Innocent. All blended together in a look that brings me to my knees." – Dax

First meeting... when they were young, when Dax found Giselle puking and being a gentleman then, took off his shirt and help her by wipe some mess. Second meeting... summer vacation (teen years), when Dax was doing some photoshoot with his band and Giselle was there watching from afar. Present... when Giselle saved Dax from one bad storm and let him in her car. From then on Dax can't get Giselle off his mind, he just can't figure out what's so familiar with this woman.

It is a beautiful love story of two people who never knew how intertwined their life is from the start. If you believe in serendipity or kismet? Like me, well this book is for you and promise, you will love every minute reading this story.

Trudy Stiles is a new author for me and I cannot wait to read more of her books, because I know it's

worth it!!!

Note: I won this ARC from #ShhSummerBuzzBooks. Thank you Author Trudy Stiles, SueBee, Alessandra Torre & AnL. And that my friends, is my honest review of this beautiful book!!!

Jess-i-ca ~Sometimes a Gif Witch~ says

3.5 Fateful stars.

Giselle and Dax meet under some pretty crazy circumstances. As soon as they meet there is an automatic connection in which they do not understand.

But then the world keeps putting them in the same place at the same time.

They have some hot chemistry together.

Is it Fate? Are they meant to be?

NOTE- Although Dax is the drummer for Epic Fail, the band plays a minor role in the overall storyline.

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Amy says

On the surface, Dax leads a charmed life. He's gorgeous, he's a successful musician in one of the most popular rock bands on the planet, and he could have any girl he wants.

What you can't see on the surface, though, is the sadness Dax carries. When he was a teenager, he lost his first love, and he carries that love with him, even over a decade later.

Giselle understands Dax's sadness. She, too, lost someone very important to her, and she, too, bears lingering grief.

They meet unexpectedly - more than once. This must be fate, right? What appears to be some sort of cosmic destiny, though, camouflages a deeper, unknown tie that the two share. The problem isn't so much how they

respond to this, but rather how they respond to other, unknown forces that seem determined to cause them trouble.

This is the first Trudy Stiles book I've read, but it will not be the last. Consider me hooked! Epic Lies is the second book in the Epic Fail series, but it can be read as a standalone. I never felt as if I was missing information that I needed in order for this book to make sense. Do I want to read Epic Sins, the first book? Yes, because I'm curious about the characters I think it covers. Does Stiles set up a third book? Yes, and I will read that one, too.

This is a romance, however complicated it may be. Dax is a good guy, and you will fall for him immediately. He defies the rock star stereotype, and there is a sense of loneliness about him. You don't sense that he is weak, but you do sense that he is sort of paradoxically fragile: he has emotional and psychological weaknesses that he masks by feigning strengths that he does not necessarily have. Giselle, she of the random factoids and sassy serenity, intrigues him and captivates him. But he isn't accustomed to feeling this way, nor is she. Neither is particularly drawn toward the idea of a Relationship, so they resist.

Some of this romance plays out between the sheets, and thank goodness for that. Stiles writes some hot headboard rocking that will make you want (need) to strap on your vibrator as you read along. Dax may not be a player, but he has some moves. And Giselle, for all of the struggles she has had in the past, is responsive. Honestly, a brick would respond to Dax's sexy times.

Stiles packs her book with an interesting supporting cast, characters who help you better understand Dax and Giselle. For once, our hero and heroine don't hail from dysfunctional families, something I found refreshing. They do, however, struggle with residual sadness over losses they suffered, and your heart breaks for their grief.

At one point in the book, Giselle's mother advises her to be true to herself, guidance that Giselle finds vague and not helpful. The thing is, though, that's exactly what Giselle needs to do. What makes it feel vague is that Giselle is pushing against the truths of her life. Facing and accepting the truths is difficult work, a realization Dax shares as well. The 'epic lies' in question are not so much the lies others tell us as the lies we tell ourselves. These, Trudy Stiles tells you, are the most dangerous of all.

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Priscilla Slone says

Epic Lies is a wonderful and heartfelt story between Dax Anderson and Giselle Andrews. I am sure you have read the blurb by now and surely you must be intrigued!!

Let me introduce Dax to you. He is the drummer for one of the most famous rock bands~Epic Fail. He is not the usual rock star that I am sure you are thinking about. You may be thinking, oh, he is one of those guys. Dax is completely different than your usual cocky rock star. He is compassionate, romantic even, and he can not stand to be lied to. He is not into the casual hook up scene. He is exactly what every woman hopes to find in a companion. We meet him as a teenager, when him and his buddies are still playing music in their garage. We see him fall in love for the first time. It all brings back memories of my own young love.

Giselle~ we meet her as a teenager as well. She is fun, loving and so open in the beginning. She has wonderful parents who are there and support her through anything she needs. She is your typical teenager. What young girl doesn't dream of meeting the "one" and falling in love? Well Giselle is no different but her story is a painful one at times. I will not spoil it for you. You really must read her story to understand how much pain this girl has went through and still stands firm, and still looks for love, despite all of her past experiences with it.

This story is told in alternating past and present about Dax and Giselle. It is a story about Fate, Love, second chances or encounters. It is one of those uplifting books that you find yourself craving because you really want to get to the end, but you don't want to say goodbye to these very special characters. We have all experienced the subjects brought forth in this Epic tale. I have personally lost a loved one and I have also experienced the pain of my heart breaking from lies, and cheating. I could relate to both Dax and Giselle in so many ways. There was times I was holding my breath because I just thought for sure I knew where Trudy was going to lead me with this, but I was not always right.

Read this for yourself and feel how wonderful it is to find love and honesty with another person. It was truly refreshing!!

These are some of my favorite quotes from the book--

DAX~ I'm so drawn to her, mesmerized by her innocence and beauty. Everything about her relaxes me, despite how I acted last night. Her eyes have an amazing, calming effect that seem to see deep into my soul. Almost like she already knows everything about me, the good and the bad. She has forgiving eyes.

GISELLE~ I haven't ever had any luck finding the right guy and actually keeping him. Then, you literally fell inot my life. You scared me. Intrigued me. I was drawn to you.

"The best things in life usually happen quickly....without warning!!"

Nasha says

Epic Lies

Trudy Stiles will forever be my favourite author, and this book its definitely one of my favourite reads of the year.

Let me just start saying DAX is mine. only. mine.

Now one thing I love about Trudy is the fact that she always get emotions out of me, this one gave me hope. I have being wondering when will I find one my famous soulmate, when will I be able to show my family that special someone, when will I say I love you and get an I love you back. All the question that might be typical for a young adult begging the 20's adulating life.

But she always push my worries out, this book really gave me hope that my one love will come, that it can take time, but if its meant to be it will find it ways to me. Fate is something that even if it comes late it will come and I have mine waaaay up now.

Gabrielle and Dax story was one beautiful story, I laughed and I cried with it, I fall in love with them and got annoyed with them too. They found their way toward each other and the story that you will read of this two will make you go aww in no time.

She touches topics that will touch your heart from lost of a love one to rape, how sad things DO happen but eventually you will get out of it, how you have to fight for you and stand up for you if something was wrong or if something went wrong.

I also love when an I get a POV of the past without making me feel tired of it, getting to read this two characters past was also amazing, to understand someone you have to know their past and I could get be more connected to this two than by reading their past.

In conclusion this book was beautiful, I read it twice and I can not wait until you all can get your hands on this books, read it and live it, have an open mind and fall in love with both them.

Again, DAX is mine but you can love him for a while!

Lisa says

I ADORED THIS BOOK! I had no idea what this book was about when I started reading it and once I started I did not put it down until I had finished it. It was beautiful, the two main characters in this book Dax & Giselle were sensational, I literally fell in love with everything that made them who they were and the connections in this book were so heartwarming. Thank you Trudy for a truly wonderful story.

Jade says

When Trudy asked me to read Epic Lies I freaked out naturally! I couldn't wait to read Dax's story! And man did I fall in love with not only him but Lara & Giselle also!

The prologue alone had tears leaking from my eyes and I don't cry. It takes ALOT for me to cry, but the way Trudy kicks this story off sucked me in immediately. Her words were heart crushing and I was sucker punched right in the gut.

This is a story of how fate and destiny are inevitable. Some people are meant to be and no matter what life throws at you, you WILL find that person! Giselle and Dax have a connection they never even knew and they help each other heal in the same way. They are proof that love heals, conquers and prevails.

Get ready for a whole new side to Trudy Stile's writing! You get to "be in on" all of her secrets and actually LIVE it with her beautiful characters this time around. She takes you on Giselle and Dax's journey and you as the reader gets to travel it along with them.

It's very different from every other story in the fact that there aren't any "surprises". You're going to be able to feel exactly how Giselle and Dax feel as their relationship and lives play out. And I enjoyed that immensely!

What I also appreciate about Epic Lies was the awareness of a very serious subject, rape. This, especially with what's going on in the news right now, sheds light on how rape affects a woman and how they are able to live their lives after such an ordeal. I applaud Trudy for being so brave in allowing this topic to be in such a fantastic book. It not only adds to the story and shapes Giselle, but Trudy manages to show you "real life" feelings and thoughts because of Giselle's rape. So thank you for bringing this topic to light. I adore you for this! And make sure you read the Note to Readers! Its Important!!!!

I flew through Epic Lies! Its a great read and had a bit of everything you want in a book! Trudy's words as always are wonderfully strung together to create a beautiful story that you will love! Give it a go and meet Dax & Giselle! You're going to LOVE their life! Excellent job Trudy! Proud of you girl!

4 out of 5 Epically Destined to Be Stars!!!

Tiffany Readz says

All Truths, No Lies.

In a continuation of this five star series for me (Forever Family & Epic Fail), Trudy Stiles has added another winner. As a believer in signs myself, this book is by far my favorite in the series and Dax has immediately been added to the book boyfriend list. Pretty close to the top I may add, what a guy!

"I've given my heart to only a few people in my life, and every single time it gets destroyed, pieces of it torn out and devoured." ~ Dax

Rarely does a romance book feature a sensitive male character lead. Sure there's the second chance romance guy or the manwhore turned one woman guy, but Dax Anderson was genuine from the start. As a teenager he loved with his whole heart and continued to do so into his twenties, however much to his dismay by then.

Sadly, Giselle is in the same romance boat as Dax. After a few failed relationships and a traumatizing event, she isn't the most trusting gal in the world. Even a guy with good intentions is gonna have to work hard for her affection. Then fate stepped in and I instantly fell in love with these characters and their story.

"I'm struggling with what you mean to me. I know we've only known each other for a short time, but I feel like I've known you my whole life." ~ Dax

It may have only been a few weeks, but their story is so much more than that. The truths and lies between this couple are amazing and would tear some apart, however these two are fighting against the odds to see it through.

"We're supposed to be. I feel it in my bones. In my heart," ~ Dax

Gah this guy was killing me with his kindness and reasonable thinking. He was a huge breath of fresh air from the last few leading characters I've encountered. Not to say I don't like alpha male, but every so often I need to cleanse the ol' pallet with a genuine romance like this.

"The first thing that came to mind when you told me about your connection to Dax is this is FATE working. Do you hear me? FATE." ~ Mia

Along with Giselle's best friend Mia, in pure Trudy Stiles fashion we have an extended cast of characters to bring the story full circle. Including all members of Epic Fail. The book is well written from dual points of view, traveling from past to present as well. While Epic Lies can be read as a standalone, I like knowing the backstory of the band members and even the Forever Family series references are fun to pick out or remember. Tristain should be up next, as he was nothing but a mystery this time around.

Reviewed for Renee Entress's Blog
