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Josh will have to reconcile his past...

In order to make Kat his future.

After surviving a real-life nightmare, Josh Wagner is sent home from his dream college on crutches. Bedridden and tormented by flashbacks, he's just seen his world shattered and his baseball scholarship go up in smoke. Josh's family hires a health aide to help take care of him, but when he opens the door, the last person he expects to see is his biggest regret...

Katherine Singleton is the only girl Josh has ever loved. Now, even though she's only taking care of him because it's her job, Josh is determined to win her back. But Kat had to move on after their breakup two years ago, and despite her feelings for Josh, a lot has happened since he left...

When Kat's past comes back to haunt her, Josh decides it's his turn to take care of her. But protecting her—and redeeming himself—will put Josh in the line of fire again. Will he survive this time?

## **(Once) Again Details**

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### OpenBookSociety.com says

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Brought to you by OBS reviewer Jerjen

once-again-theresa-paolo(Once) Again by Theresa Paolo is a love story but so much more. There is romance, terror, suspense, friendship and heartbreak. It's a story of Josh, who is a victim in a college shooting.

He is trying to rebuild his life, to deal with the nightmares and at the same time trying to rehabilitate from the physical damage. It's also a story about Kat, who is trying to deal with the loss of her mother while raising her younger brother.

She is also trying to put an attempted rape behind her.

Josh and Kat are attempting to deal with the loss of each other when Josh left for college. Kat's heart aches from that loss. They are reunited when Kat becomes Josh's Health Care Aide. They have so much to deal with: their past, the present and their future. Will they be able to work things out and rekindle their relationship? Will Josh be able to recover both physically and emotionally from the shooting? Will Kat survive when her attempted rapist is released from prison? These questions will all be answered after reading (Once) Again.

The main characters and the supporting cast of characters are very well developed. They have many human traits we can all identify with. They feel sadness, happiness, terror, frustration and longing. The characters felt very human to me and would be people I would like to be friends with. They have many different problems to deal with and obstacles to overcome. Don't we all?

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### T.H. Hernandez says

\*\*\* Warning \*\*\* Spoilers for (Never) Again. Do not proceed if you haven't read (Never) Again \*\*\*

(Once) Again picks up where (Never) Again left off. This time, we follow Liz's older brother, Josh, as he recovers from a gunshot wound to the thigh. He's lucky to be alive and knows it, but he's haunted by what he witnessed when a deranged gunman killed six of his classmates and wounded seventeen, including Josh. His baseball scholarship hanging in the balance being the least of his concerns.

He returns home to recuperate and a home nurse is hired to help out. He's shocked to discover the nurse is Kat, a girl from his past, the only girl he's ever loved. In some ways, the themes parallel (Never) Again with Josh being the one that moved on, leaving the girl behind. But there are differences, too. He told Kat to ask him to stay, but she didn't. He tried to move on, but couldn't. She's not willing to let him back in, even though that's all he wants.

## Plot

This story is a lot darker than its predecessor. Josh is dealing with PTSD big time and author Theresa Paolo does an amazing job of making the reader feel it. We get deep inside Josh's head and relive the horror of that day over and over again. Kat is dealing with her own issues. Part of the reason she let him go was because her mother was sick, and she was wrapped up in her own family drama. But it's more than that, she harbors dark secrets of her own that haunt her dreams. These two have a lot to overcome if they're going to have another chance. It all builds to a pretty intense climax that is very well done.

## World Building

The PTSD was incredibly well done. The author did an amazing job of getting me inside Josh's head and making me feel his panic, anxiety, and overwhelming intensity.

## Characters

Aside from Josh being too emotionally feel-y, the characters are solid. Kat comes across as completely believable in her role, and Josh's parents are spot on as concerned parents. I love the scene where his mom tells him to "keep it in his pants." Such a great mother-son bonding moment and I laughed out loud.

## Top Five Things I Enjoyed About (Once) Again

1. The delicate, but emotionally real way that PTSD is dealt with.
2. The continued bromance between Josh and Liz's boyfriend, Zach.
3. How much Josh loves Kat from early on, the way he pursues her, and is there for her.
4. Watching Kat come alive and stand up for herself at the frat party.
5. The scene with Mia's mom. So heartbreaking and beautiful.

## Bottom Line

(Once) Again is intense, well-written, and touches on a difficult subject with grace and honesty.

## Disclaimer

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## **Carolyn says**

Theresa Paolo is fast becoming one of my favourite authors and there are only a small select few that I will drop everything for when I get a copy of their books, and yes she is one of them. Her co-author Cassie Mae is another one.

I received this from Netgalley for an honest review.

This is Josh's story and starts about a month after (Never) Again finished. Josh is back at his parents' home recovering after the school shooting where he was shot in the leg. His parents and sister are hovering constantly and he is having trouble coping with his PTSD without letting his family know about it.

As his parents work and Liz has to go back to college herself his parents hire an aide to come look after him

during the day. Enter Kat who Josh had a pretty hot and heavy summer romance with before heading off to college 2 years ago. The relationship ended pretty badly as he left her not long after she discovered her mother had cancer and he has always felt guilty about leaving her.

Josh has always been a party boy with a playboy reputation, never seeming to spend more than 1 night with a girl, but when Kat comes back into his life he realises that she is the reason he has never been able to let himself get emotionally involved with any other girl. Kat has always been his one true love. After all, she is the only girl he knows that doesn't automatically fall for his charm and calls him out on his crap.

Josh is suffering really bad PTSD and I think that Theresa nailed this perfectly. Although I have never personally suffered from or known anyone close that has suffered from PTSD, what I have seen in movies, TV and read about previously, she seems to have gotten it right. Josh has always been a carefree, happy go lucky, positive kind of guy, but this incident really gets to him. He is not only suffering from survivor's guilt but also feels responsible for the death of Nia, a girl that died in his arms during the shooting.

Kat has had a pretty bad life over the past 2 years herself. Her mother passed away from cancer not long after she and Josh broke up leaving her to struggle to pay bills and raise her 16 year old brother who was on a path to self-destruction. She managed to get him through his last couple of years of high school and into college on scholarship but had to sacrifice her own college dreams in the process. She is still struggling financially and emotionally with everything that has happened to her, along with another trauma from the past coming back to haunt her.

I loved that this book was solely from Josh's POV. I usually love books from guys POV's as they don't tend to be as whinny as some girls can be. I loved that Josh had to struggle with his emotions over the shooting in a typical guy way "I'm fine" and also was determined to do whatever he could to win Kat back all the while trying to overcome his fear of walking unaided and conquering the pain in his leg.

I enjoyed the cameo appearances by Liz and Zach, also really liked Kat's brother Justin (wonder if there will be a 3rd book about him?????) and Josh's mom was just awesome. When she was in (Never) Again she didn't seem that great, probably because that book was about Liz and it was evident that Josh was her favourite, but she was really great in this. Absolutely loved when she decided have a "chat" to Josh about his sex life.

This book wasn't all serious and concentrating solely on romance. It was a typical book by Theresa, meaning it was funny as well. Some really great lines and quotes. Some of my favourites were

"Just keep it in your pants"

"But he's like a guy's guy."

"Really, Josh? How stereotypical. What, do you want him to wear heels and fake eyelashes? He's not a drag queen for crying out loud."

"I've already seen it." I laughed. Her gaze shot to my crotch then back to my face. "And if I remember correctly, it wasn't too impressive."

"It's not like I was holding out hope for you to come back and sweep me off my feet, so please keep your ego in check."

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## **Kim says**

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After finishing (Never) Again, I was excited to get Josh's full story. Him being wounded in the shooting in (Never) Again played such a big part in getting Liz and Zach back together, but he was still a mystery. I knew he and his sister were close, that he loved to chase girls and that he'd once been in love, but that's it. There was more under the surface and I needed the full story. I got it in (Once) Again.

The lack of emotional connection to the characters that I felt in (Never) Again wasn't an issue in (Once) Again. I was already half in love with Josh after the first book and each bit of his story that was unfolded just made me love him more. It was impossible not to love Kat. She was smart, sympathetic and sweet. She was amazingly driven and didn't need anyone's help to deal with the rough things she was handling. (Or, you know, so she thought.)

In this book, Josh is dealing with the aftermath of the school shooting and his injuries, feelings of guilt, and the nightmares that just won't go away. His physical limitations are just part of the problem, but they're what lead his ex, Kat, back into his life, proving something good can come out of a tragedy. Their breakup was far from amicable and they've been completely absent from each others lives since. He learns that he's not the only one dealing with loss and pain and they slowly start to rebuild what they had before their misunderstanding.

I've said it a thousand times and I'll say it once again; I love a second chance story. The second chance Kat and Josh get is at more than just love, though. Together they work to overcome both their demons. It was easy to empathize with these two and to root for them to heal themselves and find the love they thought they lost again. They had great banter and chemistry and it was apparent how much they cared about each other after all this time.

(Once) Again was a great new adult read. It had feels a'plenty and characters it was easy to love. It was a quick read that I devoured in a couple hours because, once I started it there was absolutely no chance I was putting it down. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and will certainly be on the lookout for more from Theresa in the future.

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## **Mandy says**

I am a big fan of a second-chance romance and this is one of my favorites. Josh is recovering from a school shooting and when his caregiver shows up, it is Kat, the one who got away. Both Josh and Kat are very likeable characters and I loved how they started to reconnect. My heart broke for both of them and everything they went through. I was happy that Zack and Liz from (Never) Again made a few appearances in this book. I really loved this book and once I started it I couldn't put it down. It is fast-paced, doesn't have a lot of angst and has a little suspense. This book can be read as a standalone but I highly recommend reading (Never)Again as well because it is also really good. I hope that the author is going to continue this series -

maybe Justin's story is next? Highly recommend!

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## **Michelle Monroe says**

Great Second chance love story

A well written tale of heartache, nightmares, secrets, pain, and reconnecting with an old love and falling in love all over again.

Josh had a 'secret' relationship with Kat the summer before college started. He wanted to keep her all to himself, he didn't want to share her with anyone. When she didn't ask him to stay instead of going away to college, he left, heartbroken. But time heals all wounds, right? That's what Josh thought until the tragic shooting at his college two years later and Kat shows up at his door as his new PT.

After seeing her face as soon as he opens the door, all those feelings come rushing back to him, even though he knows they never left in the first place. But Kat isn't interested in rekindling the past, she can't lose her job. That doesn't stop Josh from trying though.

\*“We could pick up where we left off. Go back to the way things were.”

Long lashes blinked up at me. “That’s what I’m afraid of.”

He can see that she is hiding something, he knew when he left her mom was sick and she avoids all questions centered around her like a plague. Frustrated, Josh knows that he still affects her and is determined to remind her of how she once felt for him. He just needs to get her to trust him again and open up to him, like the feisty girl he remembers. She was always shy, but her feisty side always came out around Josh, always calling him on his BS.

\*I was taking a chance, but I had to. The reason I lost her all came down to the fact that I didn't take a chance. I played it safe, and it was the biggest mistake I ever made. I told myself if I ever had a shot with Kat again I would be all in. Nothing would stop me. It was my opportunity. The one I thought about so many nights, when girl after girl sent me home disappointed with her inability to make me feel a tinge of what I felt with Kat.

If you want a great Second Chance romance story, with lots of sweet moments, a feisty girl and a boy determined to make her his again, this is the book for you. You also get some quite funny parts too, Kat doesn't take any crap from Josh and puts him in his place when he needs it! Their chemistry is perfect and they are perfect for each other, healing each other and finding their way through all the pain of the past to build a future.

I'll leave you with this, I loved this little line... (Josh was a big time Baseball star in high school and college until the shooting, and girls always swooned over him, which make him a bit cocky...I love it when his little tricks doesn't work on Kat!)..

“For starters,” I said and gave her the look. The one that would make most girls melt, but only put gas in her b\*tch tank.

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## **Amber says**

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### Opening Thoughts

I went into this book expecting a super sweet, adorable, light contemporary, and while parts of this book definitely fit that description, overall this book was a lot deeper than I expected. I knew going into this book that I wasn't in the mood for those tortured souls that have all these deeprooted emotional issues and they won't open up at all, not that there's anything wrong with those books, it's just not what I'm in the mood for right now. But this book, which is centered around a guy who was caught in a shooting at his college and was shot in the leg, and him dealing with that, and that was just an aspect I really enjoyed.

### Characters

I loved both Josh and Kat so, so much, and I can say that I am a huge shipper of their relationship. I think that my favorite part of their relationship was that they both opened up to each other and talked about what they were feeling, because they have both been/ are going through some pretty serious stuff, and cheesy or not, it does help to talk about it to someone. This was something that made their relationship really unique because characters in most romances but particurally new adult books never open up to each other. Kat did have a harder time opening up than Josh which was why I think I liked Josh's character more than Kat's. I loved being in Josh's head. It's so rare that we get a book from the point of view of the guy, so it was great getting to hear all of his thoughts. He was super funny, and had great dialogue and some amazing one liners that really made the book for me.

### Plot

I loved, loved, loved the fact that Josh was involved in a school shooting. I found the emotional and psychological effects that it had on him to be super fascinating. Unfortunately, I wasn't near as impressed with Kat's storyline. It was pretty unoriginal and overdone, though I was extremely impressed with the way that she had dealt with the first of her problems, the one from before the start of the book. That was not so with the problem that occurs later on in the book, but oh well, you can't have everything. As for the romance, it followed the standard new adult blueprint, pretty able, though I really like that they didn't have that much sex, while in most new adults, that's all they ever do.

Overall, I really enjoyed this book. It was still pretty much the standard new adult book, but it was definitely starting to break out of the mold. I don't think I will go back and read the first book because they can be read as standalones, but I don't know, never say never. And now I'm quoting Justin Bieber so I guess that's my cue to wrap it up. I would recommend this to people who like new adult, and think they'll like this.

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## **Cassie Mae says**

\*\*\*I was a lucky beta for this one :) Release in June!\*\*\*

### **Five Foamy Stars**

I am a true blue Theresa Paolo fan. She had me from the very first word of this book, and maybe before then



because I was a big fan of Josh from Never Again

### **The Gist**

Starts with Josh Wagner, our school-shooting victim who's dealing with rehab for his leg. Poor guy is also having flashbacks from the traumatizing experience every time he hears a loud noise or even when he closes his eyes. He's at home, but he needs hospice to come clean his bullet wound and make sure he's following doctor's orders. And low and behold the nurse shows up and it's Josh's first love, Kat (which will now be named Kit Kat because that was freaking adorable.) And after their first exchange where Kit Kat refuses to be anything but professional, and of course, Josh having none of that, Josh starts to think... dayum, why the heck did I ever let her go?

### **The Characters**

I LOVE all male POV books (when done well). Theresa had Josh's voice down, and it was equally hilarious and adorable being in his mind. He's dealing with so much with the PTSD, and not to mention having his dream of playing baseball shot away, I couldn't help but want ONE thing for him to go right. Get your girl, Josh! And his persistence and just FABULOUSLY guy dialogue was entertaining and had me rooting for him the whole book.

Kit Kat is worthy to be on a list of the most kickbutt female leads ever. Poor thing is taking care of her younger brother after her mom died, working long hours, and she doesn't have time for bull. And she's not going to make it easy for the guy who totally ripped her heart out and try to worm his way back in. Not without a few obstacles ;) I love that she didn't melt like a freaking puddle every time Josh opened his mouth or smiled. She held her own and made him work for it.

It was great to see Zach and Liz again, and LOVED Justin (Kit Kat's brother). Need a Justin story stat.

### **Why I loved it**

Love stories are my word porn. And Theresa knows how to write a fun, yet deep love story with characters I can't get out of my mind. There were several parts I smiled, panicked, screamed, cried, and laughed in (Once) Again and when a book can make me feel everything possible, that's something I cherish. I definitely recommend for those who loved (Never) Again, but also for anyone looking for a suspenseful and sweet romance told from an all guy POV in New Adult.

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### **Michelle Leah Olson says**

Our Review, by LITERAL ADDICTION's Vivacious Valkyrie - Marta:

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I first discovered this authors work when I read *Never Again* last year and was immensely surprised by how much emotion Ms Paolo generated in me. This book returns to characters previously discovered but switches the story to Josh who had been a supporting character. In this book we learn how he's coping after suffering through a heinous event that has left him traumatised and needing support.

Josh met Kat two years ago but failed to convince her just how much she really meant to him. Now he's facing the aftermath of the terrible events that took place at his college, a massacre that left his friends dead and him wounded. Josh is understandably traumatised by it but is struggling with his physical recovery but when he meets the woman who is assigned to help him it's Kat the only girl that he's ever loved!

This is a story that will resonate with many readers and although it's a romance aimed at young adults will appeal to those of all ages. Josh is a young man who is facing the very real prospect of never realising his dreams of being a baseball star but he is written as a guy full of humour and I thought the author captured a young mans viewpoint beautifully .I had genuine laugh out loud moments as he's so entertaining and I just wanted him to have his happy ending and get the girl!

Kat is the heroine of this book and she's a young woman who sacrifices much to do what she feels is the right thing and I liked her so much. She's had to be strong and unbeknownst to Josh has suffered truly harrowing events in her life. Unfortunately her problems may not be over and she will need all her strength to face what's coming. She is quite hard on a Josh at times but he needs that as he needs for those around him to make him see that he's still normal in spite of his recent injury. As for his injury there's a moment in this story when I am unashamed to admit I had tears in my eyes as Josh recounts what happened .

I would imagine most readers who pick this up will be expecting a second chance romance and yes it is that but so much more besides. It's an emotional story that's very well written about believable characters. I started reading this and admit I kept going as I just had to finish it. This story and indeed this series is most definitely recommended .

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### **Rachel Schieffelbein says**

A wonderful continuation of *(Never)Again*. I loved getting to know new characters, as well as getting to find out more about old ones. Paolo does such a beautiful job with her characters. They're very real, and I felt so much for them! Another great job by Paolo.

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### **Claire Robinson says**

3 Stars.

After DNF'ing the first book in Teresa Paolo's *Again* series I must admit I went into this one with more than a little trepidation. Did I finish this one... Yes! Did I like it more than the first one... Yes!

Josh and Kat were for the most part likeable characters, and the development between them, the story and their characters in general was a vast improvement from book 1. There seems to be more depth and less superficiality to Ms. Paolo's writing in this book, and the story was all the better for it.

I am a sucker for a second-chance romance, and this one was really well thought out, from the unusual situation that necessitates Kat to come back into Josh's life after 2 years to assist with his rehabilitation, and although there is drama, it isn't OTT or unnecessary.

It also worked really well being written from Josh's POV, I found him pretty funny and self-deprecating, and his relentless pursuit of Kat was absolutely adorable, especially with everything that he was suffering from. It was nice to read of a heroine who didn't just fall down and fall in love in the first couple of chapters, Kat has a whole set of her own problems that she is dealing with, aside from the re-emergence of the guy who broke her heart back into her life.

After book one, I wasn't sure whether I would want to read another book again by this Author, I am not ashamed to say when I am wrong and after reading (Once) Again, I would happily pick up another book by Teresa Paolo.

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## **Home. Love. Books. says**

To read this review and others like it check out my site at [www.homelovebooks.com](http://www.homelovebooks.com)

This book is definitely on the intense side, although given that it's the second book in the series, I can't help but think the first book might have been just as intense. So this book focuses on Josh, who is recovering from a gun shot wound to the leg that he got when he was in a mass shooting at his college. To say it was a traumatic experience for Josh might be an understatement.

When the book starts Josh is in the middle of his rehab, and he is not a happy guy. He's clearly going through some PTSD like symptoms and is pretty much angry at the world. He was in college having this great time being a star baseball player, and then suddenly in one morning everything changes and his chances of playing baseball are pretty slim, in fact at this point walking is his main goal.

Of course, when his home health aid shows up and it turns out to be the girl from high school that he was in love with, things really start to change for him. It becomes his mission to fix things with Kat, and it really gives him the motivation to start working on overcoming his own issues, to be able to open up about what he feels about what happened to him, and to really pour himself into his recovering. He really wants to be the man that he feels Kat deserves. I liked that the book was told from Josh's perspective, it's not something I really read a lot, the male perspective only. And I think the book was done really well, I felt that it was really easy to connect with Josh and to really pull for him, I wanted him to get his happy ending.

Kat has not had it easy, after her mother died from cancer, she suddenly had to take care of all the bills and become like a second mother to her little brother. But she's such a strong woman, in spite of all the stress that is thrust upon her, and all this new found responsibility she keeps going. I liked that she wasn't a push over, she stands up and says what she thinks, life dealt her a bad hand and she learned how to make it work. She an impressive chick, and she's great at pushing Josh to be a better person, and really helping him to get over what happened to him. She also has a traumatic storyline that gets revealed as the story goes on, and I think it's really an experience that brings Josh and Kat together, helps the two of them really understand each other and find strength in being with one another, learning that life sometimes requires leaning on other people to get you through the hard times.

I think this is a pretty good new adult romance, I really enjoyed it. I do have to point out that it is on the heavy side, so if you are looking for upbeat and fancy free, this isn't the book you want to pick up. But if you want to see how two people can really survive some heavy stuff and come out on the other side then this is definitely a book you want to pick up, especially if you like new adult.

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### **Noelia M. Luna says**

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¡Me ha encantado! No se si es por Kat y Josh o si es porque está contada desde el punto de vista del protagonista pero de una forma u otra, este libro me ha encantado.

He llorado, muchísimo porque ambos han pasado por situaciones muy duras y han sobrevivido y eso es lo importante.

Esta bilogía ha sido una sorpresa, no es una historia fantástica pero gusta y eso es suficiente para mi.

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### **Jennifer Wolfel says**

I was able to pickup this read off NetGalley for review. The storyline sounded intriguing but let me tell you what I found between the pages I absolutely adored!

I love all male POV books and when the author can really get into the male mindset and make it realistic it's even better! Josh's story isn't an easy one to read by any means. I won't give away why he is hurt but lets just say his story will pull at your heartstrings and if your a parent it's probably your **BIGGEST** nightmare come true. I can't even imagine how I would feel to have a child go through this. So during his rehab he needs someone to help take care of him. When this person arrives the first day, Josh pretty much looses his ability to speak and think. She was the "ONE"! The one that got away... Josh would fight everyday from here till the end of time to change the way things ended between them. His new #1 mission is to make Kat believe that they belong together...

Kat was such an awesome, amazingly strong heroine in this story. She's been through more then anyone should have to endure in a lifetime. Heartache, heartbreak, loosing her true love... But you know what they say... If you love something set it free... Well Kat did exactly that. She knew that being with Josh was only going to hold him back so she set him free... But a series of misunderstandings kept them apart. Kat had a rough few years while Josh was off at college and has somewhat moved on... Or has she? I loved the way Kat stuck to her guns, and tried to push Josh into the friend corner. Just like she did when they were younger, she wouldn't easily fall for his charms... Kat has so much on her plate taking care of her little brother and dealing with her past mistake that won't seem to go away.

You will fall in love with this story and these characters. Theresa does an amazing job weaving the storyline with the delicate topic. There is so much feeling of love, loss and heartbreak in this book it will break your heart and mend it all back together again... After a few laughs and a LOT of tears... I give this one 4 stars! There were a few areas where I think that the story could have been a little improved upon but overall it was a well written and well thought out plot. Pick this one up today you won't be disappointed!!!

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## Lexi Lynn says

\*\*\*4 Cotton Candy Stars\*\*\*

(Thank you to NetGalley and the author for this copy :D :D)

My mind is on a buzz, trying to contain just how much this book made me feel and also trying to form coherent thoughts to describe the experience of reading it. So let's hope I make some sense.

I fell in love with Ms. Paolo's writing in *Never Again*. I love the way she sucks you in, spins you around in a romantic world that leaves you with a more hopeful outlook when you set the book down. She definitely has a talent for the romance genre, and in particular new adult.

In a Nutshell:

Josh Wagner is dealing with the aftermath of a school shooting, leaving him wounded and trying to get back on his feet-literally. When an at-home nurse's assistant shows up, he finds himself looking straight into the eyes of his first and only love, Kat, and the feelings he had for her rush back... or were they ever really gone? But Kat's not so willing to let him back in, no matter how ~~pushy~~ charming Josh is.

This book is written entirely in Josh's point of view, which was great. I loved being in his head. He was entertaining, very authentic guy, and pretty angsty too. All wrapped up together it made for a great one-day read for me-never a dull moment. Josh's internal dialogue MADE THIS BOOK. He was hilarious, and had some one-liners I kept highlighting all throughout the book, giggling into my kindle while my husband looked at me like I was some sort of lunatic.

My only qualm... I felt the story itself lacked originality. Now, it's not a bad thing, because it followed what I refer to as the "New Adult Blueprint" and after getting about 10% in, I had predicted the story line. Sadly it was what prevented me from giving a perfect 5 star :( because I loved the fact that *(Never) Again* was so different than what was already out there. I call this a case of "It's not you, it's me" because I bet thousands of readers will be giving *(Once) Again* perfect 10s :D And it's my bad for comparing book 2 to book 1. I'm trying to be objective, I promise!

Even with that one bugger ;) I'll definitely be re-reading this, and reading everything Ms. Paolo writes because she has captured my heart, properly squeezed it out of all the feels, and left me wanting more.

Happy reading!!!!

