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Ever since high school, Kayla has been crazy for gorgeous football player Talon. But before she could muster the courage to tell him, he became a hot item with her beautiful BFF, Reagan. The only person who knows Kayla's secret is Wesley, Talon's best bud—and he's got it bad for Reagan. Now they're all in college together, hanging out 24/7. For Kayla, seeing the two lovebirds together is absolutely unbearable. So Kayla and Wesley hatch a plot to drive them apart before Talon has a chance to give Reagan the Christmas gift she's been waiting for.

Soon enough, the once happy couple is fighting. Reagan suddenly can't get enough of Wesley's goofy sense of humor, and Talon seems to be paying more attention to Kayla than a guy who's "only a friend" ever should. But just when everything seems to be falling into place, Kayla and Wesley accidentally spend a night together and discover a hitch in their plan they never considered: that switching partners may not lead to a perfect ending after all.

#### **Switched Details**

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# **Brooke says**

I received this ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

I can't even begin to finish this one. 20% in and I want to gouge my eyeballs out with a rusty grapefruit spoon. I realize this is YA, but I feel like I'm reading the diary of a prepubescent child. It's ridiculous.

The premise is this: Talon and Reagan are a couple. Kayla "loves" Talon. Wesley "loves" Reagan. Talon and Wesley are besties. Kayla and Reagan are besties. So Kayla and Wesley are the two WORST BFFs in the world and devise a plan to break Talon and Reagan up. THEN, Wesley and Kayla end up realizing THEY like EACH OTHER. (I assume)

First of all, Talon is the THE MOST ridiculous name I've ever heard! Secondly, Kayla is TOTALLY stuck in middle school! And they all grew up together but didn't seem to know each other until senior year of high school. Okay... And Kayla has OBSESSED over Talon since elementary school and she's been best friends with Reagan since they were in diapers but she NEVER ONCE, in all that time, told Reagan of her crush on him? What kind of friendship did they have, exactly???

I just can't torture myself with one more word from this story so I'm throwing in the towel on this one. Read at your own risk.

## Cassie Mae says

UPDATE! SWITCHED now available for UK! http://www.amazon.co.uk/Switched-A-Ro...

# Rosalinda \*KRASNORADA\* says

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## tt ?aisy ? tt says

This book was hilarious and such a fun read. A story of four best friends Talon, Wesley, Kayla and Reagan.

"Talon likes Reagan, Reagan likes Talon, I like Talon and Wesley likes Reagan"

Pretty much confusing for those two!! Hence what happens, they plan to separate Talon and Reagan and have them for themselves. Weslay and Kayla is out on mission!!!

What Kayla don't expect was to find Wesley cute and sexy in this mission.....What happens? Do they have a successful mission?

Only bit I didn't like being Kayla's best friend, Reagan was annoying, the fact she knew Kayla liked Talon too much, yet she failed to acknowledged that! (view spoiler)

All for you to find out! If you need a good laugh with cute characters, this one is the book!

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# Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

#### **5 CUTE STARS!!**

I just LOVE it when a book catches me unawares and delivers a satisfying story filled with fab fun, laughter, and the perfect amount of angst! From the very beginning, I was kept fully entertained and to be honest, the last time I laughed SO MUCH and SO HARD was back in July when I read Tara Sivec and Emma Chase's books. So yeah, that says something.

#### **Kayla**

She's sweet, fun-loving, and full of life. A bit on the shy side, but still a wonderful friend to have! Except for one teensy problem:

"I love my best friend's boyfriend. But I swear, I saw him first."

Kayla's been carrying a torch for Talon, her best friend Reagan's boyfriend since high school.

## Wesley

He's nerdy, witty, and down-to-earth. The perfect friend a guy could have. Except for one teensy problem:

"... Wesley came with Talon. The tag-along best friend who is hopelessly in love with someone who's unavailable."

## Talon and Reagan

The star couple, and the crux of Kayla and Wesley's problems. They are blissfully oblivious to their best friends' crushes on each other...or are they?

#### In a nutshell:

Kayla likes ----> Talon Reagan likes ----> Talon Wesley likes ----> Reagan Talon likes ----> Reagan Nobody likes ----> Kayla

Nobody likes ----> Wesley

Until Kayla and Wesley hatch a diabolical but HILARIOUS plan to break up Talon and Reagan, forcing the two to see what they're really missing. I don't want to go into detail about what follows as a result of their plans, but boy, I was laughing and giggling at 5 in the morning!! I can't put my finger on it, but there is this special something about this book that has the ability to enchant and suck you right into the story. Though this book's premise may be predictable and cheesy, the author totally turned it into something unique, and brought out a fresh NA story to the table. There's even a nice twist that I never saw coming because I was so captivated by the story and more concerned with flipping the pages.

This book definitely went above and beyond my expectations, and that sensational feeling isn't a common one if you're someone who reads so many books per week. Cassie Mae is definitely a watch-out-for author, and I'll be checking out her other books soon!

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## Jen says

Note to anyone who decides they want their best friend's significant: suck it up and deal, otherwise you end up like me – surrounded by your friends, but feeling 100% alone.

*Switched* is a fun little bit of YA goodness, all wrapped up in marshmallow fluff and cotton candy then sprinkled with sunshine. In other words, it's a **sweet**, fun and easy read and once I allowed myself to just go with the flow I really enjoyed it.

Kayla's in love with college freshmen football stud and superfine Talon, but unfortunately for her he's already got a girlfriend...Kayla's best friend, Regan. Wesley's in love with angel sent from heaven Regan, but as luck would have it she's dating his best friend Talon. \*\*insert 18 year old angsty sigh\*\* After being ditched for the umpteenth time so their besties can go make out, Kayla and Wesley become desperate and devise a plan to ever so gently push the couple towards a breakup, thus making it possible to swoop down later and pick up the pieces. What could go wrong?

<sup>\*</sup>sigh\* And the circle of life continues...

Operation "break up our best friends" soon becomes complicated when it becomes painfully obvious that Kayla and Wesley have feelings for each other. The story's told entirely from Kayla's POV and to witness her utter cluelessness with regards to Wesley's growing feelings towards her was both fun and bittersweet. Even when she was slowly starting to admit to herself that Wesley just might be the man (boy?) for her, she wouldn't let go of the fact that Wesley wanted her best friend. Having been eighteen once I get that she's just protecting her heart, but it didn't stop me from feeling sorry for funny, nice and hot in an awkward eighteen year old way, Wesley.

I'll be the first to admit that these types of YA books don't always work for me. I like a little edge and a little more heat when it comes to my reading. Maybe it was a right time, right place kind of deal, but *Switched* felt like a breath of fresh air as I was reading it. This is a story about a group of realistic eighteen year olds. None of them are millionaires, into BDSM or hiding any deep, dark secrets that could destroy someone close to them. They have jobs at yogurt shops, drive hand me down mini vans and have unrequited crushes on inappropriate people. Nothing ground breaking there, but the realism and lack of over the top drama worked for me.

*Switched* is a cute, lighthearted piece of reading fluff and I'd highly recommend it to fans of the Young Adult genre or anyone looking for a break from the heavier reads.

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# Jenn says

#### What's to love about this book?

- ✓ Wesley. TRY NOT TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM. I DARE You.
- ✓ The chapter headings were great, I loved them.
- ✓ The humor in this story, and the awkward moments at times.
- ✓ The synchronized moments.
- ✓ How the four friends spent Christmas day and the embarrassing moment between Kayla and one of the guys earlier in the day.
- ✓ Put a smile on my face most of the book.
- ✓ Fast-paced story.
- ✓ The genre of this book felt like a great mix of: New Adult rolled in to Mature Young Adult. It was *PERFECT* for what I was looking for.
- ✓ No F word. VERY REFRESHING!
- ✓ A bit of a twist. You MAY or MAY NOT be able to guess it. Either way, I loved the twist just as much I loved Wesley.

LOVE SQUARE</b>:
Talon likes Reagan.
Reagan likes Talon.
Kayla likes Talon.
Wesley likes Reagan.

<sup>&</sup>quot;I love my best friend's boyfriend. But I swear, I saw him first." - Kayla

Kayla met Talon FIRST when they were 10. She biffed it on her bike and he tells her "awesome" when he see's her scraped up knee. Love at first sight, right?

Years go by and they don't ever speak again, until that fateful day, when her best friend Reagan gets smacked in the head with a football. Now it's love at first sight for Talon and Reagan.

Talon comes with his own best friend Wesley. And wouldn't you know it, he's in love with Reagan. So now we have two side kicks, a third and fourth wheel, and both very much stuck in the friend zone with their crushes, "soul mates", and love of their lives.

Wesley and Kayla do all they can to be noticed by Reagan and Talon in another form other than friend. It's so not happening though. Talon's football lessons aren't doing much to help Kayla out and Wesley's guitar playing and love serenading music isn't doing much to get him further with Reagan. So what do these two side friends do? What any one with a serious crush would do, right? They come up with a plan to make Talon and Reagan NOTICE them and hopefully break them up.

# "That we'll all be a much happier love square if we're with the right people." -Kayla

Kayla does live a bit on cloud 9 in her head.

However...this plan has "BACKFIRE" written all over it in big flashing neon lights. But, do these two think they can pull it off? Okay mostly that's a yes.

It's a funny, awkward, sometimes fighting, big ball of jealousy mixed with sweet moments, of a ride. And there were plenty of times that Kayla felt like this: "They need a punch feature in the iPhone."

Talon may sound like the hot one in the bunch with his "hot butt", football playing ways, can be thoughtful and has sexy muscles, but it's Wesley who will win you over. He may be "dorky" at times however, he's the biggest loving, caring, thoughtful person any gal would love to be with. It doesn't hurt that he has piercings, can sing, play the guitar and is a pretty dang funny guy.

There were a lot of good moments in this book and quotes. I loved that this book had some great laugh out loud moments as well as plenty of sweet and awkward moments. I felt like this was a story out side of the box in the original idea department, and I really appreciated that.

I recommend this to anyone who wants: minimal drama/angst, cute, funny, fast paced and just a real feel good kind of a book that will keep a smile on your face pretty much the whole way through.

#### One of my favorite cute moments in the book:

- "You officially get a thousand good boyfriend stars."
- "What if I want high-fives instead?"
- "You take what you can get."

Content: mild language and a few not overly detailed make out moments. ;)

## Amy (Foxy) says

#### \*\*\*3.75 Switched stars\*\*\*

Talon likes Reagan | Reagan likes Talon | Kayla likes Talon | Wesley likes Reagan

### Confused yet? This is a love-square.

**Talon**: is a college football player and best friends with Wesley. He's dating Reagan.

Reagan: is best friends with Kayla and Talon's girlfriend.

**Kayla**: has been in love with Talon since high school.

Wesley: likes playing his guitar and is a sweet guy. He likes his best friend's girlfriend, Reagan.

College sweethearts, Talon and Reagan, are dating while their best friends are secretly in love with them. 'We're the two who are in love with our best friends' significant others.' Kayla and Wesley come up with a plan to break up Talon and Reagan so they can be with them instead.

"Hey! Help me steal my best friend's boyfriend. I promise I have good reasons."

Switched is a cute story with no angst. The pacing of the book is easy to follow and allows the reader a glimpse into Kayla's journal as she plots on how to break up her friends. The story feels like a PG movie. For those of you who are wondering does this book have cheating? - (view spoiler)

#### **Standalone**

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#### **Harriet** ~ bookworm says

## 5 CUTE, LOVELY, FUNNY, SWEET STARS!!!

WOOOOOW!!!!!!!!!! This book was SHAMAAAAZING!

Sometimes I feel like reading a book that is YA, angst and drama free and Switched was perfect! It was a cute, fluffy and funny read.

I loved all the characters especially Wes everyone needs a funny person in their life he was perfect! Kayla

was super awkward and reminded me of myself when I was at school \*cringe\* I loved her sarcastic and funny ways.

The whole time reading this book I was just waiting for the plan to completely back fire and turn into drama but it didn't. This book was so calm and refreshing. It was exactly what I needed and I had a grin on my face from the beginning to the end!

I was not expecting that little twist at the end which made me smile and laugh even more.

If you want a book that is full of fluff and a feel good book then you need to read this!!!

## Debra says

#### ♦ 3.5 STARS. ♦

**Switched** is the story of four friends in college who hang out together all the time. The only problem is, two of them are a couple and the other two are in love with the ones that are already taken. Even though they've tried to hide their feelings for over a year, it's becoming much more difficult for Wesley and Kayla to pretend their not in love with their best friend's significant other.

"Talon likes Raegan, Ragon likes Talon, I like Talon, and Wesley likes Raegan."

And so, Wesley and Kayla decide to make a deal. They're going to try to break up the happy couple and make them realize they're a much better match for either of them. After a while, their plan seems to be working better and better, but at the same time, Wesley and Kayla have formed a strong friendship as well. They're the only one's who know what it feels like to watch the person you love with someone else and that makes their connection all the more powerful. And they begin to realize that sometimes, you fall in love when you least expect it.

All in all, *Switched* was a cute, sweet, funny, lighthearted story that I really enjoyed reading. I loved the funny banter between Kayla and Wesley while they were busy foreign their "break up-plan" and al. Their little schemes made for some pretty hilarious but also awkward and sometimes emotional, situations. It's the kind of story that will make you laugh out loud and, even though there are some heartbreaking scenes, it will leave you with a happy smile once you've finished reading it.

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# Michelle says

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### 5 freaking adorably cute (like puppies and kittens cute) stars!

Kayla fell in love one day with a boy on a playground, but that boy grew up one day and fell in love with her best friend, Reagan. Now Kayla spends her days pining away for Talon while watching her best friend live out every one of her fantasies. But when Talon's best friend Wesley, who just so happens to be in love with Reagan, agrees to the crazy plan Kayla's come up with, they set out to show their friends the error of their ways. They just need to make sure that their friends see what has been right in front of them the whole time, what could go wrong?

Kayla can't seem to control her reactions when she's around Talon. One look from him sends her into a drooling & sighing frenzy. It's like her brain just stops working.

Wesley might be able to control his drooling around Reagan, but he can't help but stare just a little too long and of course there's the constant guitar playing. Who doesn't fall in love with a boy with a guitar!

Reagan is confident and isn't afraid to be in the spotlight. She's everything that Kayla isn't.

Talon is the quarterback, the boy that is effortlessly handsome and sweet.

This story had a bit of everything I love about a coming of age romance, did I mention it was sweet? Like it will give you a toothache, sweet. The plan is simple. Ensure that you can get the one you love to see you for more than a friend, but at the same time make them realize that the one they are with just isn't the right one for them. Being that they are all best friends, they have to be careful not to cross any lines and wade through the guilt that comes with their crazy scheme. Kayla and Wes are certain that once they realize that the two of them don't belong together they'll notice them and there won't be any hard feelings. Everyone will move on with the person they are meant to be with.

Even as things start to fall into place, there are new feelings developing and their love square gets a bit more complicated (if that was even possible). There is one major unexpected complication with their plan of ensuring that Talon & Reagan see what's right under their noses, they start to see each other for the first time in a way they never expected.

Every now and then you need a break from the normal romance story that is filled with over-the-top scenarios with steamy sex and angst. This was it for me. I fell completely in love with these four and the

crazy plan. I was worried at first about the whole 'I'm gonna steal your man' set up, but the fact that these two constantly had to deal with their own bits of guilt over their whole plot wiped those worries away. The writing was just about perfect and was put together in an unconventional way that just worked perfectly with the story.

With Switched you get a very nicely put together young adult romance where the characters are realistic; no shocking painful past, no broken souls or heartbreaking abuse. Just four normal college students who happen to be completely screwed up when it comes to love. Four friends that have grown up together, stayed friends and all went away to college so they could ensure they stayed close. This is that book, the one that just makes you smile and sigh as you read it. Filled with so many little bits of goodness that you just can't put it down.

# [~Ami~]♥Sexy Dexy♥ says

4 stars

The **love square** goes like this:

- •Kayla likes her best friends boyfriend, Talon
- •Wesley likes his best friends girlfriend, Reagan
- •Talon and Reagan are a couple
- •Kayla and Wesley are working together to break them apart

Sounds complicated and angsty but wasn't at all. The direction of the story was pretty clear and you knew how everything was going to work out. I loved how comfortable and easy it was for Wesley and Kayla to talk to each other

...we're brilliant actors. What with you and the drool and the sighing, I'm sure if you keep that up, they'll never know

The story was told entirely from Kayla's POV. It was like **reading a diary.** Though there was times I wanted to get the other characters POV.

This is **young adult** and was **cute** and **light** to read x

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Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer says

LOVED LOVED this one!!

#### FIVE STARS!!!!

This story was in a word....PERFECT!!!

I never thought when I started reading again, that I'd want to read about kids in HS or College.

YA didn't sound appealing to me, but, I'm glad I gave them a chance, because sometimes I come across a gem like "Switched".

This book had me smiling and floating on a cloud of happiness throughout.

I was transported back to my teenage years and it was a lovely journey.

We have four teenagers, who are all close friends and a couple have secret crushes on each other.

Kayla is Reagan's best friend, but she's also been secretly in love with Talon for YEARS, and Talon is Reagan's boyfriend.

Wesley, is Talon's best friend, and he's been secretly crushing on Reagan.

Kayla and Wesley are each other's shoulder to cry on over their crushes.

They decide to try and break Talon and Reagan up, because they believe that they are Talon and Reagan's true loves.

When they actually succeed in breaking them up and start relationships with the objects of their affections, something's missing.

Is is the guilt over betraying their best friends?

Or could it be that their soulmate was right under their noses the whole time?

Kayla's wondering why the thought of Wesley kissing Reagan has her so upset.

Wesley is obsessed over what Talon and Kayla are doing on their first date.

At first I wanted Kayla to be with Talon.

There were moments on their road trip home and then at Talon's house that I could see the chemistry, but then that night Wes came over to Kayla's and they fell asleep in her living room, I knew these two had to be together.

That also turned out to be the funniest scene in the story for me!!!!

You pretty much figure out these two had it all wrong from the beginning but there was a twist that I didn't see until the end.

I really just adored this story.

Young love always leaves you with those wonderful butterflies in your stomach.

I would definitely read anything by this author.

I'd highly recommend this to anyone who wants a light hearted, feel good read!!

# Patrycja says

If you are looking for sweet fun and few hours of fluffy, entertaining read that will make you swoon, laugh and shake your head, Switched is perfect for you! This is a great' read in one sitting' book, that will take you onto a crazy journey with four friends, lots of unrequired love, hormones and tingles all over your body.

This cute story made me smile and grin and bite my lips from the first page to the very last, and I really had enough fun to was fully satisfied, despite the fact this story is a little bit too predictable. In this sweet, sugary new adult read I found a moment to relax, laugh, swoon and generally have fun.

This is a story about four friends. They are tight pack of buddies and two of them are hiding terrible secret. Talon and Reagan are a couple while Wesley (best friend's of Talon) loves Reagan, while Mckayla (Reagan's best friend) loves Talon. So this is a big love square on steroids. Yeah, it's kind of complicated.

When Talon and Reagan are acting like soul mates and love birds, Wesely and Kayla have a hard time living in the shadows of their best friends. Life literally sucks for them. They have only each other to complain about and be miserable. As we know, misery loves company.

But Kayla and Wesely have enough of this. They want their chance at happiness too. So they plan to break their best friends up and then ask they loved ones out.

I really enjoyed reading this cute story. I was a little afraid I won't be able to enjoy this, as I hate love triangles, but surprisingly Switched wasn't what I expected. It's not gritty, drama filled read that makes you frustrated with stupid, naive characters that only cry, whine and so on. Nope, Switched is light, definitely romantic and sweet novel about first love. In this 'butterflies in tummy' causing story Talon, Reagan, Wesely and Kayla find out what's the difference between love and a crush as well as what means great friendship.

Overall, I highly recommed Switched for everyone who needs sweet escape into light world of first love and heart fluttering romances. Every reader will appriciate great sense of humor of Cassie Mae and her nice style of writing.

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## Lisa Jayne says

#### FIVE SWITCHED STARS.

Unrequited love, friends to more, i'm in love with my first crush, Love you so much it hurts, cute as a button, why can't you love me instead, butterflies in my tummy, didn't want it to ever end, so sweet it's loveable, heart in mouth love, It's always been you, ... Wondering what I'm doing? Well I'm turning a little nuts and making imaginary shelves for a book that has just won me over, I've fallen hook, line and sinker for a book that I happened to fall across by accident and I am now full to the brim with all the above descriptions of a book that quite frankly stole my five stars right from the beginning ... I better start putting some 'real' thoughts together. here are my jumbled up, I loved this story to bits book memories.

#### What's it all about ...

Welcome to Switched a story that is quite frankly one big, helpless love square. Kayla has been in love with talon for as long as her starry eyed high school hormones can remember, but there's one huge problem. Talon loves Kayla's best friend, Reagan. Think the confusion ends there? nope ... Talons best friend Wesley loves Reagan and the foursome are now at college together and spend what is almost every waking moment together. So what do you do when there is a tonne of unrequited love hanging around? Well you do what you heart demands and Kayla and Wesley hatch a plan to make them irresistible to the ones they love. Throw in a whole lot of confusion, falling in love and a heap load of sweet and you get this gorgeously hopeful story of finding love, where it was least expected.

#### What did I love?

This book was the perfect sweet escape. From page one it had an easy going feel to it. There is plenty of story line happening along with funny dramatics, and great friendships. You may think that a love square story may be angst filled and heavy on the drama but it's quite the opposite I loved every moment and as the story unfolded and I adored every single character. 'Switched' has something for everyone; the popular fluffy head cheerleader type, the gorgeous dark haired hero that every girl dreams of, the funny best friend who as an added bonus looks like an Abercrombie model and the reliable friend who doesn't quite realise how gorgeous she is inside and out. This author really taps into the unrequited love/friends to more genre with perfection and I gobbled up this book in one sitting, I was not able to put my kindle down until I'd got my answers for the loveable foursome. I would categorise this book in the less mature NA genre. The chemistry and sexual references were sweet and well thought out and there was more than one moment that had my tummy doing the favourite book butterfly dance. All the interactions between the characters were believable in a silly but sweet way and I loved the diary style delivery of the story told from Kayla's point of view.

#### Final thoughts ...

Anyone who likes a sweet NA genre story with plenty of giggles and full of heart need to add this to their 'to be read' shelf. I was in Lisa book heaven with this story and even as I'm typing my review i'm eager to re read my favourite parts of the story. Don't delay go grab it readers ... Enjoy, kisses