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Before Perry and Aria, there was Roar and Liv.

After a childhood spent wandering the borderlands, Roar finally feels like he has a home with the Tides. His best friend Perry is like a brother to him, and Perry's sister, Liv, is the love of his life. But Perry and Liv's unpredictable older brother, Vale, is the Blood Lord of the Tides, and he has never looked kindly on Roar and Liv's union. Normally, Roar couldn't care less about Vale's opinion. But with food running low and conditions worsening every day, Vale's leadership is more vital—and more brutal—than ever. Desperate to protect his tribe, Vale makes a decision that will shatter the life Roar knew and change the fate of the Tides forever.

Set in the harsh but often beautiful world of Veronica Rossi's "unforgettable" *Under the Never Sky* (Examiner.com), this captivating prequel novella stands on its own for new readers and offers series fans a fascinating look into the character of Roar. Poignant and powerful, *Roar and Liv* is a love story that will "capture your imagination and your heart." (*Justine* on *Under the Never Sky*)

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Aj the Ravenous Reader says

[I already know his efforts will all be in vain *sniffs* (hide spoiler)]

Emer says

"My ambitions aren't grand. All I have ever wanted is to be there for the two people who mean everything to me. Maybe that's a small goal to others, but it's always felt like enough."

Roar and Liv is a short story that serves as a precursor to the events that happen in Under The Never Sky. As the title suggests it focuses on Perry's best friend Roar and his relationship with Perry's sister Liv. They are very much in love but soon discover that they can no longer be together; Liv has been pledged by her eldest brother Vale, the Blood Lord of the Tides, to marry Sable, a man from a different tribe in return for enough food to feed the Tides tribe through Winter.

This was a nice little story that fleshed out the character of Roar who we meet in Under The Never Sky and it did give me a little better understanding of his character. However, I would have liked greater insight into Liv's character and what she was feeling. Unfortunately the story was only told from a single point of view, Roar's, unlike the first book which followed two characters, Aria and Perry.

One thing that stood out for me in this short story however were the descriptions of the Aether. Whereas in Under The Never Sky I felt the Aether was described as a type of electrical energy in the sky, in Roar and Liv, the descriptions made it feel like the Aether was something that had replaced the sky.

"The Aether does a slow dance above us, flowing in veils that give enough light to keep us from stumbling in the darkness."

When discussing Under The Never Sky with my Goodreads friend Jasmine, she suggested that the Aether was what had happened when the sky had been ripped away and the earth could see straight out into the cosmos...I rather love her description of the Aether and I hope that this is close to the reality. (Btw you should definitely follow her reviews as she is super nice and her reviews are awesome!)

This was a very quick and enjoyable read that I would recommend to fans of the series. As it is short there isn't much fleshing out of the supporting characters and Perry does take a backseat in this story... but Roar is

an extremely likeable character and it was nice to see him take centre stage. Even though this is a prequel and set before the events of the first novel in the series I actually quite enjoyed reading it after book one and would recommend other readers to do the same.

Three and a half stars.

Jen ♥Star-Crossed Book Blog♥ says

Spoilers for Under the Never Sky

This book is a definite must read for fans of Under The Never Sky and for anyone who fell in love with Roar. While the story is set before the first, I highly recommend reading it after the first book to avoid spoilers. And I also recommend reading it before the second, I can't say why, just know that you definitely should.

I choose you. Above everything else, I choose you. - Roar to Liv

Roar loved Liv with every single fiber of his being. She was his whole world and lit up his life. They were something that had always been, and they never thought that a future together wouldn't exist. Yet when Vale, Liv and Perry's older brother and tribe leader, came back from his trip their time together started a countdown. Liv's hand in marriage to another tribe leader was Vale's solution to feed his tribe. So **reading** this novella was utterly heartbreaking, yet it gave me so much insight at the same time too.

★Life Sucks

She's mine.

The words rage through my mind. Liv is mine.

This book made me see so many things more clearly. The first being that I finally got why Perry was adamant about not wanting to be with Aria. In his world, true love doesn't always matter. Keeping up blood lines and good relations with other tribes trumps true love. So while I watched the tribe and Vale believe that Liv's future union with a stranger was the best, I was sick to my stomach. I felt overwhelmed, depressed and utterly lost right along with Liv and Roar. I wanted to scream at the unfairness of their life. I felt entirely helpless that Roar and Liv's hopes and dreams no longer existed. That their future had become entirely bleak. And while I watched this unfold, I realized that I would have been reluctant to liking Aria if I was Perry too.

★Vale Must Die

Liv turns to me. "He wants me to marry into the Horns. He *sold* me to them! Tell him, Vale! Tell him what you did."

Seeing Vale from only Perry's POV, in Under the Never Sky, showed a manipulative bully whom I hated. And while he still comes across as a bully through Roar's POV, I also saw something else. I watched as his tribe stood behind him. I saw how they viewed him as a strong ruler who they adamantly followed. Even when they didn't always agree with him. It was frustrating to watch the tribes loyalty to Vale. And it was even worse witnessing how he treated Liv, Perry and Roar. I truly hate that man and easily wished his death a thousand times over.

★More Reasons To Love Perry

Beside me, I hear the slosh of the bottle as Perry takes a drink. Minutes pass before he speaks again. When he does, he's so quiet that I know the words aren't really meant for me.

"You're better than a brother," he says.

Seeing Perry through Roar's eyes just validated how much I had fallen for him. You see, Perry wasn't just a best friend to Roar. They were more than even brothers. And the things Perry did to help out Roar in his life, oh my gosh. Perry would try to lift the weight off of Roar's shoulders, and it hurt to read. I still can't believe what happened. But it solidified what I already knew, that Perry was a truly beautiful man inside and out.

★Hidden Feelings

If I have to lose everything to keep her, I will.

I will.

I will.

I will.

I always saw Roar as this confident man whose sex appeal was just as palpable as Perry's. But listening to his thoughts, and hearing about past events unfold, I saw a very different Roar. I saw a Roar who at times was unsure in life. I saw a Roar who didn't value himself the way he should. I was shocked. It made me just want to sneak into the book and make everything in his life all better.

So while I'm not always a novella person, I'm so glad I picked this one up! I got to understand things so much clearer and I fell even harder for Roar and Perry. I definitely recommend picking up Roar and Liv after you read Under the Never Sky!

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Jasmine says

[Vale, Liv's brother, sold her to another Tribe and force

Stacia (the 2010 club) says

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"You're killing me, Liv. Whatever it is, just tell me. What's in your heart?"
"You are," she says.
She tells me again, silently.
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Is it Valentine's day yet? Because I feel like I just took a ride on the romance train. Perhaps this is why I broke out of my foreboding theme from the first two books reviewed, in favor of something a little more "before the shit hit the fan." *Choo-choo?*

I wish that I had read *Roar and Liv* before book 2. Let me clarify that there is technically no "right" time to read this prequel. Just because I happened to read it after the first two books, doesn't mean that anything felt wrong or out of order. The only reason why I wish that I had read this small piece of the bigger story earlier, is because I think knowing this part of the story might have added to the tension in book 2.

Don't look too hard for answers to your questions. Consider yourself invited to view an early look at the lives of the characters themselves, pre-Aria. That's about all you're going to get.

Worth the read? Absolutely, if you can't get enough of Perry and Roar, or want to know more about how Roar and Liv got started. I like seeing how relationships are cemented, and in that aspect, I was not disappointed.

This girl. She's all I see.

She's mine. The words rage through my mind.

We slow and slow and slow until we move together as one.

I'll give her time, but I won't give up. Ever.

Now I truly have to begin the long wait for book 3.:(

Alaina Meserole says

I love love LOVE novellas guys. Now I did read the first book, *Under the Never Sky*, before I even realized that there was a novella - I know, I made a huge mistake!! But I hope I redeemed myself because I didn't even write the review for the first book of this series yet. Nope, I definitely put a stop on that train because I just had to read this novella first!

I totally adore Perry and Aria. I also really like how you get to see a completely different side of Perry within this novella. I don't want to spoil a whole bunch from this short little book - but just know that it was beautifully written. Beautifully short too because I totally wanted more and I have a feeling that how most

people feel when they are reading a novella.

I can't wait for the next book in this series! BRING IT ON!

Lola says

2.5 stars

"Can't you be away from me even a few hours?" Liz whispers in my ear.

I pull her closer. The way she feels against me makes my heart stop. "Of course not."

"Me either." She plants a kiss on my cheek and darts away before I can kiss her back, leaving me smiling at the darkness.

I was truly very surprised by how cheesy the romance was. YA is filled with it but, after reading Under the Never Sky and ABSOLUTELY loving the romance—was exciting and a slow burn one, I sure expected this one to blow me away as well.

But it really did not. I was rolling my eyes most of the time.

Liv's mouth curves into a smile. She brushes her thumb over my bottom lip. Maybe the sand came from me? I don't know, and the way she's staring at me, it's all I can do to keep my breathing even.

- "I like it when you call me love." she says.
- "What? I've never called you that." Lie. I do it all the time. "Oh, you mean earlier? I said Liv. You just have terrible hearing.

Oh, come on!

Maybe it really is just me that isn't romantic enough to read these kinds of love stories, but I really wasn't invested in Roar and Liv's. It was obvious that Roar cared a lot about her and could even have died for her...but I wasn't convinced Liv would do the same for him. <u>I had as impression that Roar loved Liv much</u> more than she did.

If I have to lose everything to keep her, I will. I will. I will. I will.

The writing is the same simple one as in book 1 of this series so not quite impressive. I think it is a good one

but just not outstanding or the kind that will definitely make you say "Wow." This short story has a nice plot, to be honest, but there aren't many events at all. While it is very focused on Roar and Liv's love for each other, I wish there were some flashback scenes of when they first fell in love. That possibly would have helped me to have a little more connection with them as characters and probably enjoy the romance more.

"Liv or love?" she asks.

I brush hair away from her neck and rest my hand there, feeling the beating of her pulse.

"Either," I answer. "They're the same to me."

Don't get me wrong, I think those words pronounced by Roar are beautiful. It's just that they're ones I could easily have predicted. It's not like he ever said something that would left me in awe and totally swoon. He is a good person and a lovely boyfriend, but I didn't believe in his couple.

I loved how Perry was portrayed in this novella. He was mysterious and reserved and showed a feeling of selflessness that was admirable. Unfortunately, his character alone and the simple but efficient plot wasn't enough for me to actually enjoy the read. It's really a 2.5 (not bad—almost enjoyed).

If this looks like the type of romance you would really like reading about, then I would say go for it! You will surely find it to be a fantastic read! However, it would be recommended for you to pick up Under the Never Sky before, since the author makes allusions to their dystopian world and society sometimes and, unfortunately, the terms specific to this world-building will not be explained in detail.

Ann (annreads) says

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Keertana says

I know this is called *Roar and Liv*, but more than anything, I think it gave me an incredible amount on insight into Perry. Seriously. We don't realize how much Perry really suffers or realize just how modest he is because this guy never gives himself the credit he deserves. In *Under the Never Sky* we can see how worthy, pure, and kind Perry is from Aria's perspective, but in *Roar and Liv*, we get to see how much Roar admires Perry for his strength, resilience, and courage. We know Perry and Roar love each other like brothers, but while we always see Perry's envy of Roar's handsome looks, we never realize that perhaps Roar too envies Perry for the purpose that Roar feels he lacks. I truly adore the bromance between these two, so this novella only gave them more depth.

Furthermore, I love how every time I read something Rossi writes, I'm constantly reminded of what a phenomenal author she is. Roar's voice is so distinct from Perry or Aria's, so it's impossible to mix. While I didn't fall for his love story with Liv as hard as I perhaps wanted to, simply because this was just a very small glimpse into their world, it was enough to show me that the strength of their bond stemmed from friendship and just how well these two understood each other.

Vale, Perry's evil older brother, also makes a large appearance in this one and only reinforced my hatred for him. I wish I could call Vale's actions unrealistic, but I can't since I come from a country known for arranged marriages and dowries, so really, I sympathize with the situation Liv finds herself in only too well.

Nevertheless, the BEST part of this novella is the short, two chapter excerpt of *Through the Ever Night*. GUYS! That. Book. Is. Going. To. Be. Awesome. Seriously. If the first two chapters were that good, I can't IMAGINE how phenomenal the rest of the novel will be! You lucky ducks who got ARCs should thank the Thief Gods that I can't crawl into your homes and snatch away your ARCs since I really do believe I'd sell my kidney for an ARC of *Through the Ever Night*. I. Can't. Wait. ;)

katnissbraid. says

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vi amo, infinitamente.

1.09.2012 WH-WH-WHAAAT?.

fangirling so hard.
ROAR AND LIV?.

i think i just found i new reason to live until 30th October. OH GOD. Thank you Veronica, thank you so much.

Carly says

That was heartbreaking and beautiful.

Mary ♥ says

4/5 stars

We lose and lose, but we're still here. Shaking in place, afraid of doing something. I'm tired of settling

for this because I don't know if something better exists. It has to. What point is there otherwise? I can do something about it. And I will.

If anything, short stories can make someone understand so much more about the characters. This is what this cute but also sad and agonizing short story managed. I understood so many things. I understood love, and loss, and need, and choices. I read the story of two people in love, who wanted to be together but were decided to be separated, so a deal would be struck.

I read the tale of two people who would do everything for each other, and this was breaking them even more. I loved how strong Liv was, and how carefully she acted, not letting her emotions cloud her judgement, and always, always hoping for the best, even when everything seemed bleak.

I loved the insight in the life of the Tides, and it saddened me to see that women are not too valued in there, as they need a Guardian and sometimes are married off. I loved the sensitive side of Roar, although at some point he showed a possessiveness I didn't like. I loved how the feeling of mutual intimacy and understanding in a relationship was passed as an important factor, since not only Scires can render, but everyone who loves with their entire being.

I also adored the insight in Perry's past, although it was tragic and dark. I liked how we were able to glimpse a part of Vale's way of thinking as well, because it made me realize that his heart always had darkness in it, and not only when he lost his wife. Of course it could be because of need, but his choices, no matter how you see them, are not justifiable.

Last but not least, I loved the friendship between Roar and Perry, and the way they will always, despite not having the same blood, be brothers. This is the reason while the thing that Perry thought in Through The Ever Night (I mentioned it in the review of that book) was completely unacceptable to me. Perry and Roar are brothers ♥ They have trust of ages built within them ♥ They have a special, unbreakable bond.

All in all, I really liked this short story and am excited to read Brooke and Into the Still Blue •••

Laura's Book Addiction says

I will read anything from this series. I can't to read more about Roar and Liv. Edit 30th Oct 2012 I freaking loved it. So good to be back in this world makes me want book #2 even more. Only downside I wished it had been a full length novel because Roar and Liv rock!!!!

Brodie says

MOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOORE. I want MOOOOOOOOORE. And that two chapter sample of Through The Ever Night? I repeat:

Also: PERRY AND ROAR <3

Brigid says

There's something about Veronica Rossi's writing that makes me want to snuggle it to my chest and roll around in the feels.

I mean:

"I twist away, pulling her with me, and the battle begins. We roll over each other, tumbling, wrestling, tangling in the sand until my hands find her hands and my lips find her lips and then we slow. We slow and slow until we move together as one."

How can that be anything less than amazing?