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Everly Daniels can't seem to fall out of love with Grayson Dixon.

Five years after locking eyes with him, Everly is drawn to him like a moth to a flame. He has a pull on her that she can't seem to break, even if she wanted to. Grayson may be the love of her life, but he doesn't make it easy. He has built walls around himself that only Everly can breach. But Grayson knows he is not the good guy. He's reckless and careless, and even if Everly brings a little color into his life, he worries he will destroy her, and cares too much to let that happen.

She has always been the shy wallflower who is afraid to participate. But senior year, all that is about to change.

This captivating new adult novel will take readers on a riveting journey of emotion and growth.

*Mature Young Adult. Not intended for those under the age of 16; discusses sexuality, mental health and features themes for mature audiences.

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Farida says

ARC received by Netgalley

This is definitely a YA read. I know this is part of a series, so it might turn into a NA read. I don't know how to feel about this book. There was enough believable drama between the characters (they are all in high school after all) to keep me interested. I wanted to DNF b/c of the relationship between Grayson and Everly. Grayson was constantly running away from Everly and I mean constantly. They barely talked to each other - they just...looked at each other. With the way the first book ended, I might read the second installment.

The writing was good. There was good character development. I just want to see more dialogue between Grayson and Everly in the next book.

Tish says

Damaged goods book one in the series.

This book is classified as new adult.

Personally I think ya but I suppose that's matter of opinion.

Everly is such a sweet girl. Looking to find her place Among her peers.

She's never been one to stand out.

Always hiding in the shadows of others until grayson.

Grayson was honest from the off battling to keep his "feelings" at bay. He's a complicate guy. So may unanswered questions.

My natural need to know mind is throwing random possibilities at me right now.

Can everly move past the pain she's currently feeling and continue with her passion??

Will Grayson come clean??

I like the concept of this story. But everly rubbed me the wrong way a little. I'm not to sure why. Needy? <--- I dunno I'm hoping I can move past my initial dislike for her in book two because I really have been drawn in. I have So many questions I'm hoping will be answered in book two. And you know what even though everly isn't my face I'm rooting for her.

Bring on reckless abandon #HurryUp2016

Samantha Soccorso says

JC Hannigan has done it again with new characters and a new storyline to share. She knows just what her readers want and brings the characters to life. This book can hit close to home with a high school teenager and their first love. It can be heartwarming or heartbreaking at the same time. It all depends on the person reading it.

Everly was a normal teenager looking to expand her boundaries with love and friendships. She was timid and kept her feelings hidden from everyone, but her close net of friends. Everly fell in love in middle school, but never went through with it until her senior year.

Grayson is the calm and stealthy teenager who hung out with the bad crowd. He was a goth or skater who wore the dark clothes and had the earrings in his eyebrow, lip and ears. He smoked in the area marked off at the school and came to school when he wanted too.

In order to find out more you need to read the book and enjoy it as you go. The characters will draw you in and you will be wanting the next book to be coming out sooner than it's release date.

I would also check out JC Hannigan's Collide series as well it is a most read.

Samantha says

FUCKING HELL! I finished the book to be left on a cliffhanger that shredded my heart. The read is an emotional roller coaster from Hell, in the best way possible. Grayson and Everly are very different individuals but they have chemistry and something a bit deeper that pulls them towards one another. Grayson is the "bad boy" and Everly is the "good girl" but once getting beneath the surface you realize they are more than they appear to be.

Everly is shy and quiet but that doesn't stop her from befriending Grayson. It isn't until senior year of high school that her and Grayson move things from friends to a complicated relationship. Everly knows there's more to Grayson than his rebel appearance and standoffish attitude. She sees the good guy trying to climb to the surface.

Grayson has home issues a mile long that have deeply impacted him and not in a positive way. He doesn't believe in love being good seeing as it broke his mother. He knows he should stay away but Everly calls to him like no other and he can't help but want her all to himself. He warns her he isn't good enough for her and will eventually let her down.

The two struggle with their feelings for each other, coming to terms with what they both want, and eventually fracture due to Grayson's unique ability to inflict pain on those he desires most. The story brilliantly shows how Grayson's actions are coming from a place created due to circumstances while highlighting how those actions deeply hurt and impact Everly. The book ends on a cliffhanger that will cause you to scream, you've been warned.

Nikki Costello *Crazy Cajun Book Addicts Blog*** says**

I received a complimentary copy of this book through Crazy Cajun Book Addicts for an honest review. Another great read from JC Hannigan this book has great passion with lots of emotional characters that just pull you in from the start.

Everly Daniels is the quiet girl in school and has been in love with Greyson Dixon forever, one day he disappears only to reappear a few years later but even other the years Everly's feelings for him haven't changed. Greyson does have feelings for her but he feels he can't be what she needs and thinks it will only

lead to heartbreak for her so he tries to keep his distance. Greyson has family problems but finds it really difficult to open up to anyone, but could Everly be the one to change this could they really make a go of it and be together?

A fab 5 star read for me I just love JC Hannigan's writing style and I can't wait to read book 2 and find out how Everly and Greyson's story will end.

Jo Manton says

I was lucky enough to be sent this book by the author in exchange for a honest review and all I can say is wow.

I was so wrapped up in this book that I lost all track of time and could not even think about putting it down before I knew it it was 4am and I had finished it I was left wanting more and could not sleep as all I was thinking about was what may happen next.

This book was written perfectly and in sooo much detail that I could see everything play out in my imagination like I was watching a film.

So much passion and raw emotion with these characters everly and Grayson (think I may have found myself a new book boyfriend) it was unreal.

A story about a shy girl everly who has been in love with Grayson since they were kids he disappears and returns a few years later and she feels the same...he's a little bit broken and thinks he can't be what she needs and they both go on a roller coaster of emotions.

I won't give any spoilers away as its really a book you need to read for yourself.

J.c.hannigan I applaud you for giving me the best book I have read so far in 2015 and I cannot wait for the next instalment xx

Vasiliki says

3 stars

****ARC kindly provided by **Booktrope** via NetGalley for the exchange of an honest review****

This is the story of Everly, a teenage girl with a major crush to Grayson and their story.

Well, the blurb was really promising. In the beginning everything about this book felt intense. The book is written from Everly's POV and I honestly could feel everything she was feeling. The angst, the worry, the doubt, the happiness that a teenage girl goes through. Somewhere after half way, the same feelings were there and I was hoping that something was about to happen, something major but it never came. The plot had no twists in my opinion and no great surprises. It actually felt quite flat.

Everly is a typical teenage girl. I liked her but that was it. Everly had a great personality but she was too proud and correct in everything she was doing to attract my sympathy.

Grayson is a mystery and not a good one. He wants her, he wants her not, he wants her, he wants her not, ... I could honestly see his feelings but I couldn't understand him and sympathise with him. He really confused me.

The rest of the characters were also very confusing for me. Especially Lindsay and Kaylen kept me on edge during the whole book. They gave me the impression that there is something more to their actions and the worse scenario's were going through my head. But everything stopped there. Nothing happened.

The end of the book was really abrupt. Finally was something about to come out and the book ended. I turned the pages to look for an epilogue or a giveaway from the next book, something to hold on, but again nothing. This book had the potential to be a great story but somewhere in the way, it was lost. Such a pity!

I've started the book and I was convinced that it will be a solid 5 star read. Unfortunately by the end of the book, the best I could give was 3 stars.

Julie says

Damaged Goods. Man. This was a rough one for me. By the way ... this book has been touted as a New Adult novel and it isn't. This is a straight up YA novel. The kids are in high school and they act like they are in middle school. Damaged Goods isn't filled with the maturity expected at a NA level. Aww ... I know that's mean ... especially since maturity is a relative term. There was a fair amount of eye-rolling on my part because it was just too much at times. TOO. MUCH.

This book follows a young lady as she tries to get over a boy that she had met years before. She met him in middle school and he got so far under her skin that she just couldn't let go. This is a common thing to happen, we've all had that one guy/gal that we just thought was the cat's meow and we were borderline obsessed with them. That young love is what initially drew me to this novel. But at the same time, that same young love is what made me realize that maybe I'm just too old to be reading these YA/NA novels now because it also irritated the crap out of me and made me want to put the book down.

Damaged Goods wasn't bad ... I just think it wasn't that good either. My blog is slowly shifting towards romance novels and while I can't get enough of them, I've realized that I have some pretty crazy standards about them these days. One of my biggest issues with this book (and this is a bit of a spoiler, so stop reading if you don't want to know!!) was that for a romance novel, the hero in the whole story is absent for about 75% of the book. The kicker is that you never really know for sure why. You're sitting here wondering what the hell is going on and why Everly would put up with being used and then there is a glimpse of a reason and just as fast, it disappears like a fart in the wind. Weird way of describing it, right? Well, it's not if you take into account the screwed up look that will appear on your face when these glimpses come and go.

The storyline also just dragged on. Mostly to the point of me having to skip paragraphs and eventually pages just so that I could get to the end of the book. Things just took so very long to happen and the in-between time was a gnarly experience. Also, by the time I got to the last page, I felt like I knew the characters but I didn't KNOW the characters. I had read all about their actions and you get plenty of inner thoughts but I didn't feel like I knew what made them tick. That's a little disconcerting if you don't fully understand a character at the end of 248 pages. I should know at least something other than the surface things.

This is also a series and the book ends on a cliff-hanger. But it is one that will forever be in the unknown for me because I know that I won't read another novel by this author. Hannigan is a decent writer but just not

one for me. I wish you better luck than I had with Damaged Goods.

** I received this novel in exchange for an honest review **

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Karie says

I was so very lucky to have won a copy of this ARC at a giveaway.

Everly is a character that I am sure most high school girls can relate with. She is a wallflower of sorts, and doesn't go out of her way to be noticed. Grayson is the good looking bad boy that every one would warn you away from. Everly has had a crush on him for many many years, and has been too shy to let him know. The chemistry that sparks between them is beyond hot.

Throughout the story, Everly is constantly thinking about Grayson. At some points, I just wanted to slap her up side her head, and say Move on! I know pretty unrealistic when dealing with a teenage girl, but Grayson just would only reveal so much about himself or his situation and then vanish. I would have smacked him as well for his vanishing acts.

Kyle, is also one of the boys who has a thing for Everly. He is the guy most would wish for their girl. However, Everly doesn't have that deep rooted love lust that she does for Grayson. While both vie for her attention, they show their alpha sides. Funny to watch, at times, others wanting to scream at them both to keep it in their pants and let her be.

Not only are her main characters so well developed and mostly likeable, but all of the characters are that way. They are real life teens trying to get through their last high school year. Dealing with the not so easy things in life. I totally lost all track of time while reading this book. I finished and was like NO! I need to know what happens, (yesterday would be nice). Mixed with the fact it was 230 am. Oh my what a fabulous read. Ms. Hannigan definitely writes a believe true to life story. So anxiously awaiting book two in this series. 5/5 Cross posting to My Reading Reality and BAPS Book Blog

Shelley says

ARC generously provided by author via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Everly Daniels has been in love with Grayson Dixon since she first laid eyes on him.

Grayson has a pull on Everly that she cannot explain but she appears to affect him just as much, but for some

reason he keeps putting up walls around himself and telling her he can never be what she wants.

Grayson has seen what love does to people and he knows he never wants to hurt Everly so he refuses to give in, until he just cannot deny what is between them anymore. However Grayson is so used to never letting anyone in, can he really trust to lower his walls with Everly.

I really liked this story but I was not pleased that it ended with a cliff hanger, I mean really! I felt like the whole story could have been finished in this book because there was so much time spent on *I love him, he turns me away, boy disappears, boy is back, I love him, he closes off* Really after a while I felt really bad for Everly, however even though it was quite a while ago, I still understand. That first love is so strong and you only know what your heart wants and you are willing to go thru almost anything to get it.

Now Everly must decide is Grayson what she really wants and is he worth the risk, and what does she want for her life when opportunity comes knocking.

Lisa says

Everly has been crushing on Grayson since the seventh grade. He's the tortured, broody type and she never knows where she stands. They become involved in their senior year of high school and he is elusive, even though he clearly has feelings for her. This story is so full of teen angst and high school drama that it felt more like a Young Adult book than the New Adult book I was expecting. I thought it would skip forward in time, but it didn't. The heroine is a sweet girl but the endless insecurity and pining was tedious. This is the first book in The Damaged Series and the story will be continued in the next book, going into their adult years. It would've been better if all of the drawn out teenage misery had been condensed and their story was wrapped up here.

NiCoLeTa E. says

*****3,5 "SHATTERED pieces" stars from me*****

"LOVE CAN DESTROY EVEN THE STRONGEST"

Damn it!!! What was that ending???

I'm really afraid for what will happen next and damn! I'm pretty sure that i won't like it at all!!!

That book wasn't bad at all, it was a really nice reading, i just think that it was a little bit flat for the most part of the story... But near to the end, it gave it all!!!

From the blurb, i fell in love with the plot and i really wanted to find out what was the deal with Grayson and Everly... But damn!!! I still don't know exactly what happened!!!

No, scratch that! I know what happened, i don't know WHY it happened... And i want to get my answers!!! Phew!!! That book frustrated me so much... No, no the book!!! Grayson did that to me...

You don't understand anything, right??? Let me start from the beginning!!!

Everly is in love with Grayson from the first moment that she laid her eyes on him. But she never got the nerve to talk to him. She just staring at him from far away.

And Grayson did exactly the same thing with her.

But after a while, Grayson left their school and Everly didn't see him for long time but her infatuation with him was still there...

Then, she met him again and they became a little closer to each other...

But Grayson was always a mystery and when Everly built the courage to show him her feelings, he rejected her...

Now, Everly is about to start her senior year to high school and she is determined to forget about Grayson after 4 years clinged to him and to live her life to the fullest!!!

But Grayson is back and she had to be around him all the time. And he is not helping her to forget him when he is all the time in front of her...

The bad thing is that she just can't wash away her feelings for him, they are growing each passing day more...

But Grayson is very strange and weird person and he is holding himself back. He was warning her all the time to stay away from him, that he is not a boyfriend material, but at the same time he was drown toward Everly. I really understand the poor girl! Even though that she wanted to stay away from him, how could she???

"I wish i could give you what you want... I wish i could be what you want."

"It's you i want. It's always been you..."

"I'll fall short every time," he whispered, pained.

"I'll disappoint you. I'll break you."

Grayson's attitude confused the hell out of me. He was one cold, one hot.. He wanted to be with her... I'm pretty sure that he was having feelings for Everly from the first time he saw her, 4 years ago, but something was holding him back!!!

I really have think everything that could be wrong with him... Everything!!! And i really don't know after all what is the truth...

Why my sweet boy, you are acting like this???

What is holding you back???

As you realized, i didn't take my answers and i'm dying here!!!

"He looked as if he had a thousand things that he wanted to say, a thousand words that wouldn't take shape. I wanted him to speak... I needed him to tell me why he seemed so broken and untouchable... why he held me at a distance when it felt like there was something real and strong between us. Why he always disappeared the moment he let me in a little. I wanted him to trust me, to know that i would have his back against the demons he seemed to constantly battle with."

As for Everly???

I really liked that girl.
Yep, she was shy and quite, but as the pages were passing by, she became more stronger. I liked that she

took the opportunity to chase her dreams and i liked that she never gave in the temptation that Kyle was offering her. Because he was tempted her, but her feelings for Grayson were so solid that she couldn't deny them.

But all those changes of his mood made her feel so insecure!!!

The bad thing is that now i'm really afraid that she will give in to Kyle's temptation and that's why Grayson didn't treat her right at the end!!!

"It was as if i was addicted to his presence. I tried to assure myself that wasn't it, but somehow, it made sense. The rush i felt when around him, the high. An euphoria, an airy happiness that made me feel as if i floated weightlessly about. Then when he wasn't around, the crash and burn came. I would feel the tsunami of insecurities that his absence always seemed to leave in its wake.

I had never tried drugs before, and i didn't need to in order to understand that i was definetely addicted to Grayson. I also didn't have the slightest idea over what to i should do about it."

Yep, i liked Grayson even with all those mood shiftings... and I really want to know what he is hiding!!!

Sorry but i have a deeply affection for the troubled, mean boys!!!

I want to wrap them under my wings and to comfort them!!! I'm crazy what can i say???

I also want to say that i didn't like Kyle... Yep, he was good etc. but he was so damn insisted that i wanted to kick his ass!!!!

(Make "he" in the gif "She" and you will know what i mean!!! Bahahaha...)

And except for the mystery around Grayson, i'm really curious about Lindsay and Alicia... Together and not together... What the deal with Lindsay???. Sometimes, i'm wondering if she somehow is connecting with Grayson, but maybe not. Something is happening with Kyle???. Or is just Alicia???

Oh, and why i get the feeling that this crazy mean bitch, Katrina is holding up Grayson with something???? Arrrrrrr.... So many damn questions!!!!

Soooo... as you can see this book was very interesting, even though it was frustrated as hell!!!

Oh, God!!! I really need the next book!!!

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Natalie says

I received this e-arc from net-galley in exchange for an honest review thank you for allowing me to read this.....

ANGST is one word to describe this book there is lots of it it was one big angst filled rollercoaster.

This book starts off with everly who is your normal teenager who has had a crush on a boy named Grayson since they were little. She has never been able to shake off this crush and now at 17 she has to go to school with Grayson. She tries to sort through her feelings for Grayson as she isn't sure if he wants a relationship

with her or not. As you can imagine their relationship or lack of it is on and off all through this book and you really do feel like you're on an emotional rollercoaster with Everly.

I'm just going to start off by saying this was advertised as new adult but Everly comes across a lot younger. I thought she was 14 at the beginning as she is so naive. I really do feel like shaking both of them all the way through the book both of them don't know what they want or what they want to do with themselves. I think most of us can relate to this awkward unsureness at secondary school when it came to relationships. I can remember myself being just as awkward and all over the place I think that's where this book does well. It makes you remember how it was to be an angst over emotional teenager. It doesn't help that Grayson comes with a lot of baggage and is scared of commitment. This was a slow book to get into but I soon found myself being transported back to secondary school with all the drama it brings. I did also find myself rooting for their relationship to work.

Only problem I had was a lot of Grayson's problems were skimmed over I wanted to know more it was very much romance based. Which is all good except not much happens and the real issues got skimmed over I thought.

I enjoyed this one it's a nice YA/new adult romance read which makes you remember what it was like to be a teenager. I do think this is more YA than new adult yes it does have a few sex scenes but they are pretty tame.

Thank you again for allowing me to read this.

Donna Sweeney says

Kindly provided with an ARC in exchange for an honest review.....

This story is full of angst and leaves you dying to know what the deal is with Grayson (our leading guy). This is Grayson and Everly's story.

I would firmly place this read into the YA/NA territory as Everly's character has been perfectly written to describe atypical young, naive 17 year old exploring her first love and the unfortunate associated heartache !!!.

Grayson and Everly meet at school, they go on to form a solid friendship even though they no longer see each other, they remain in contact via the web. Just when you think he will finally profess his feelings.....he doesn't !!. I was very proud of Everly and her attitude to "move on".....but those pesky plans ALWAYS get thwarted !. Yup, just like jaws....just when you thought it was safe to go back into the water.....bam !!!.

Same here.....you have hope as a reader and there is quite the bit more going on in the story than our ill fated entanglement. Everly is pursuing her dreams.

It is written solely from Everly's POV and I must admit I REALLY wanted to have Grayson's side of the tale, but even so I enjoyed the flow.

Unfortunately.....or maybe fortunately might be more appropriate as I started to grind my teeth at Grayson towards the end of the book.....he's holding himself back.....why ?.....no clue, hence my 4 stars as it ends on a cliffy (groans to self).

Would I recommend...yes, but as I said this is definitely for 17+ as there is a wonderful innocence about the character of Everly....no graphic steam, tasteful romance !!!

Do I want book 2 ?.....Absolutely I NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON WITH GRAYSON !!! It cannot end like that for them two !!!

Well done JC for a surprisingly good read.

Many thanks to Netgalley for this opportunity xx

Later peeps xx
