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One shy lost soul. One silent lonely heart. One love to save them both.

Life has never been easy for twenty-year-old Levi Carillo. The youngest of the Carillo boys, Levi is nothing like his older brothers. He isn't dark in looks or intimidating to everyone he meets. In fact, he's quite the opposite. Haunted by a crippling shyness and the tragic events of his past, Levi spends his days with his head buried in his books or training hard for his college football team. Too timid to talk to girls, Levi stays as far away as possible and completely on his own... until he saves the life of a troubled pretty blonde, a troubled pretty blonde that might just be the exception to his rule.

Elsie Hall is homeless. Or at least that's all anyone ever sees. Every day is a fight for survival on the cold streets of Seattle, every day a struggle to find food and keep warm. Alone in life—a life that's dangerous and cruel—her will to keep going is an ever-losing battle. In her world of silence, Elsie has given up hope that her life will contain anything but constant struggle and pain... until the beautiful boy she has severely wronged comes to her rescue at precisely the right time.

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Tillie Cole says

Eeeeekkkkkk!!!! I am TOO excited to bring you Levi Carillo! He is one of the sweetest, kindest and most adorable characters I've written to date.

As this book has ended up being longer than I expected, I have delayed the release by 5 days to ensure that I give this beautiful story the attention it deserves. It's only 5 days later than originally scheduled, so not too bad, and this extra time will make the novel that much better. I hope you all understand.

Please know that the new date of release will be TUESDAY DECEMBER 15TH 2015.

Thank you, guys! Love you all to bits!!!

◆*Arianna◆* says

4 Stars!!

“*Sweet Soul*” is the final installment in Tillie Cole’s series entitled “*Sweet Home*” and like the other books in the series it was equally a heartwarming and heartbreaking read. Intense, though-provoking and emotional, this novel tells the story of Levi, the youngest Carillo brother, the sweetest of them all.

“You are the timid one, the gentle brother—inside and out. You are the one to carry his heart on his sleeve. You are the one who watches silently from afar and loves with all his soul.”

If you already read the other installment in the series, you know Levi’s life until a couple years ago was very hard. He lost everything and he lost himself when he lost his momma and since then he’s been trying to find a guiding light, something or someone to save him from the darkness. Now, Levi has a better life. He’s a college student, he plays ball, football being his entire life. It’s what he does best. He’s not your usual college student. He doesn’t party and he also doesn’t date. He’s shy and he prefers to keep to himself. Until he meets Elsie.

Elsie is a homeless girl who’s life was even harder than Levi’s. She is deaf in her left ear and has been functioning for years with a broken aid in the other. Her mother was completely deaf and also a drug addict. After her death, Elsie was placed into foster care where her life got worse. She was bullied and she almost lost herself, eventually running away wandering the streets hungry, homeless and terrified.

***“It was funny how being a nothing person on the street, someone people ignored like you were not even there, takes away your conviction that you really are someone. That you matter too.
That you’re human.”***

When Levi and Elsie meet their life starts to change for the better in every single way.

This was such a sweet, emotional read! And if you’re wondering if Levi was a sweet soul, the answer is yes. He was the sweetest of souls. I really fell in love with these two characters. My heart broke for both of them, for different reasons and I wanted so badly for them to find love and peace.

“Beautiful and kind- my mom had always told me there was no such thing. After my life on the streets, after being in that home, I was inclined to agree... until I met this boy. Levi Carillo- the boy with a pure heart.”

Levi was such a wonderful character. He was perfection! I loved him to pieces. He was so sweet, kind, thoughtful and gentle...God, he warmed my heart. With his protectiveness and his tenderness he was the perfect boy for Elsie. The way he cared for her and the way he loved her were so touching at times.

Elsie’s story moved me so much. Reading about her past brought tears to my eyes a couple of times. She was a little damaged, but she wasn’t broken and eventually she found the strength to move on, to get stronger, to trust Levi and I was really happy for her. She deserved all the happiness! I was so proud of her for letting Levi seeing her true self, for letting him hear her voice.

***“I was pretty sure that my home was solely with this sweet soul—wherever that may be.” –
Elsie***

Levi and Elsie’s relationship was beautiful. I loved their connection and the way they healed each other. I also loved how they opened up about their lives and their fears and how honest they were with each other at times.

“Sweet Soul” was not an easy read. Before reading keep in mind that it deals with serious issues like suicide, bullying and homelessness.

I’m really sad to reach the ending and say goodbye to these wonderful characters. If you haven’t read this series, I highly recommend it!

Overall, a wonderful read!

“...love does help; it ain't a cure, but it's the beginning of the path to healing.”

Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

2-2.5 Please Don't Stab Me Stars

Okay, so I KNOW everyone loved this book, and I can totally see why.

Levi is really sweet and the whole premise is also that: sweet.

Super, super, *super* fucking sweet.

Here are some other things I know:

I KNOW I don't like poetry - and this book has a lot of it. Long ones. That Elsie had miraculously memorized and would regurgitate in every one of the very sad, very depressing, "let's purge some feelings" scenes. Constantly.

I KNOW that this book is mostly comprised of conversations between Levi and Elsie. And for two people who are super shy and don't talk that much - imagine how boring THAT was.

I KNOW that makes me callous.

I KNOW how both Levi and Elsie feel. My mother died when I was a young teenager too. And I was bullied like Elsie. And yet I found myself getting irritated with what felt like their constant wallowing.

I KNOW that makes me heartless.

I KNOW that I was supposed to really love this book...

...Love watching two broken people find happiness and healing in each other.

...Love seeing two 19/20-something virgins who had never even kissed anyone else "magically" come together.

...Love seeing these two people overcome obstacles and find their happiness.

But I KNOW I just didn't.

And yes.

I KNOW that this makes me a total asshole.

~Anna's ??????g\$~ says

5 SWEETEST stars!

WOW.

Imagine a girl with a beautiful soul. A girl who's lost everything. A girl totally alone, starved and cold. A girl afraid of the dark who lives in silence. A girl who feels nothing but shame. A girl nobody cares about until...

...the boy. The boy who's utterly lost and cannot find his way. The boy burdened by his ugly past and the guilt. The boy with the purest heart and sweetest soul that ever lived.

Both of them lost, lonely and shy. Drowning in life and scared of being alone.
Both have never been kissed.

Until the strongest connection and first love is born.
Until one shy lost soul found one silent lonely heart.
Until they brought each other to life.

Now imagine this story told in the most beautiful and skillful way.

A touching and emotional book which put a lump in my throat, brought tears to my eyes and warmed my heart. I adored every second of it. Pure magic.

Overall rating: 5 stars

Writing style: 5 stars

Story: 5 stars

Flow of the story: 5 stars

Character development: 5 stars

Hero: 5 stars

Heroine: 5 stars

Secondary characters: 5 stars

Tone/mood of the book: 5 stars

Emotion evoking: 5 stars

Originality: 5 stars

Enjoyment: 5 stars

Effect on me: 5 stars

I probably sound too cheesy in my review but...

Jennifer Kyle says

4.5 STARS

There is definitely something to be said for a sweet, kind, gentle hero. The youngest Carillo is simply the sweetest of souls. I can't stress how much I have enjoyed this series. It's by far my favorite collection of football player stories. Some books are heavier than others, while each wonderful on their own merit. Also, it doesn't hurt that I'm a huge Tide fan.

In what appears to be the final installment (*sob*) of the series we get the youngest Carillo brother's book. Levi Carillo is shy, sweet and basically a young man any mother would be proud to call her own. Sadly, the events that happened in his childhood: losing his mother, Axel's jail time, and the horrors he saw while in a local gang, have left this Carillo sibling shy and closed off. He's reflexive over his past, has never had a girl friend or even a kiss. His late mother's words play on repeat of what his life will be...

"Whoever you end up with, my son, whoever claims your heart, will be a very special girl indeed." He fingers stroked my cheek. "So much love, mia luna. You will love with your whole being, and it will be forever. You could not love any other way."

Attending the University of Washington, Levi refuses to live at the frat house or attend any college parties. Instead, his studies and his football team are all that occupies his time. That is until a homeless girl steals his wallet holding his mother's rosary beads and soon after she steals this last Bama boy's heart.

"She reminded me so much of Mamma that I couldn't leave. Helpless, you know? So I had to help her. I needed to, something within me compelled me to."

Levi talks Lexi and Austin into letting the very ill Elsie stay with them. They quickly find out that she is deaf in her left ear and has been functioning with a broken hearing aid in the other. Levi learns that Elsie can speak, however with slightly different inflection. She trusts him enough to let him hear her voice. They share the pain of losing their mothers, and show themselves to one another, while falling in love.

"She was becoming my girl."

Lexi plays a wonderful role in this story as does Axel. There isn't a character I liked more than another in this series. In this book Axel's plea brought tears to my eyes.

"Please don't break his fucking heart. Seeing that kid so closed in, pained me every damn day. I won't see him destroyed by the first person he's ever let in."

Tillie Cole addresses so many heavy issues in this story including bullying and the lingering effects. Suicide is another topic that is faced and I feel she handled all with finesse and compassion. She also intertwines her poetic attributes through Elsie which was an added bonus.

"Words are the worst kind of ammunition, Levi. Physical pain fades in time, but bullets of cruelty forever penetrate the soul."

Please note that the abundance of things like moon, stars, lighting bug jars, rosary beads, and to be honest, at times the hero and heroine's conversations about their feelings felt like the author was over doing it and/or trying too hard. Still, on the drama end I felt things weren't over the top at all and was just the right amount of drama to propel the story forward.

This story is an emotional read with a hero and heroine who just maybe two of the sweetest of souls in this series. I'm sad to say goodbye to all my *Sweet Home* friends. Its bitter sweet knowing that they are all happy but that this maybe the last I read of them. Perhaps a holiday novella from time to time will hit the spot? In the meantime, ROLLLL TIDE!!!

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Catarina says

4 Sweet Stars

Elsie had a rough life, and living in the streets for a while, she doesn't believe anything good can come in her way. Until one day Levi enters her life.

Both lonely, both broken in their own way, they will understand that sometimes the best way to heal, is helping someone they care about heal as well.

I confess I was one of the readers who almost begged for "little Levi" story. And as much as it saddens me to see one of my favorites series end, I'm glad we had the change to have this novel as closure. I loved Levi (as I knew I would love) and despite the cheesiness, this was a sugar sweet and great story. The amount of poetry bothered me a bit because I (really) strongly dislike poetry, but other than that, a book not to miss especially if you're a fan of the series.

Rating: 4 Sweet Stars.

Characters Development: Levi was a sweet, sweet guy with no surprise to anyone at all. Elsie was also a strong and sweet girl and easy to like. Nice to see more of the rest of the gang.

Steam: Some heated scenes.

Sensible Subjects: (view spoiler)

Love Triangle: (view spoiler)

Cheating: (view spoiler)

HEA: (view spoiler)

Arabella ~?AB?~ says

★★★ 3 Stars ★★★

Levi is the youngest of the three Carillo brothers, all three having captured my soul from the very first time I read about them back in book 2, Sweet Fall.

Following in the footsteps of his older brother Austin, he plays for college team The Washington Huskies and is loving every minute of it. Football is most definitely his passion. He is extremely grateful for the life he has been granted and thanks God every day.

He is extremely shy and introverted, having been through things as a child that no kid should ever have to see. He's not into parties, or socialising much. He plays football, studies hard and helps out his sister in law at her centre for helping people in need, and is content with doing so.

He has the most purest of hearts so when he comes across a homeless girl living on the streets, looking frail and thin, he does the only thing he can and offers to help her.

"She reminded me so much of Mamma that I couldn't leave. Helpless, you know? So I had to help her. I needed to, something within me compelled me."

It doesn't matter that just days before she was stealing from him, because all he sees when he looks at her, is the life that he could have had, before he and his family had the opportunities that fate threw their way.

These two were so sweet together, and I love that Levi ended up with someone as quiet and kind as him. They really were a cute couple and Levi did a beautiful job of helping Elsie to heal.

"You're stealing my soul, Levi. Like a thief, you're taking my soul and making it your own."

Without a doubt, this book should have been an emotional read for me. It touches on very sensitive subjects such as homelessness, bullying and suicide.

Unfortunately, I was unable to connect with both characters on a deeper level, and I am not sure if that was because Elsie and Levi spent a lot of time either crying or trying to hold the tears back, but I didn't seem to be able to feel the emotions, as I normally do when reading a Tillie Cole book.

As much as I enjoyed Elsie's story, I wanted more from Levi. I wanted to feel his struggle and turmoil in dealing with his haunted past, and discover how it changed him as a person, but I am left feeling unsatisfied with his character development in this book . He was adorable and had the biggest heart out of all of them, but I still feel like I don't know much about him.

However I must end on a positive, this series continues to be a favourite of mine and will always hold a special place in my heart. I adore all of the characters and would recommend it to anyone who loves the new adult sports romance genre. This series really hits you in the gut with emotional and sometimes heart wrenching storylines.

Rome and the Carillo brothers are a without a doubt some of my favourite all time characters, and now that the series has come to an end they will be sorely missed.

This is the last book in the series, told in dual POV.

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Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

4,5- 5 SWEET STARS

**"You're safe now.
I've got you."**

Such a lovely and emotional story! Seriously, I can't think of anything that I didn't like about this book. The characters are so cute and I couldn't stop myself from swooning all the time. Tillie Colle wrote an amazing story which has it all. I didn't want it to end! It has been such a long time since I have read about such a sweet couple!

"Then we're the same. That's what makes her so special to me."

Levi is super cute and I love how he was with Elsie. These two have so many things in common and it's nice to see them together trying to find how will fit together. I loved their chemistry and there are a lot moments that I couldn't stop myself from crying for them! For some reason I felt so connected to the story and I could totally see and feel how these two were feeling.

Their love story felt real to me. It's a compelling story that once you start it, you can't stop until you finish it! Tillie Cole has become one of my favorite authors! I simply love whatever she writes! She has a way with her books and always seems to leave me very emotionally!

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Katy Loves Romance ♡? says

4 Most exquisitely beautiful Stars

I Loveeeee Tillie Cole, I started the year reading this series and at that time Tillie was a new author to me. Now she will always be a go to author, this one was just the perfect ending to the series and year for me really especially when I started out with this series.

So what's it about

This is about a boy who has been brought up in a gang and lost his mum to a disease, which he feels like he's lost his soul and himself because he wasn't there for her when he thinks he should of been. He's lonely and although his life is sooo much better, with living with his brother Austin and family. He is hard working, loves studying and ADORES his team. He's still very much on his own and doesn't really let many people in. He doesn't party and mix with his team mates and keeps to himself.

Then he meets Elsie.

Elsie is deaf in one ear and that has meant she hasn't been given the best start in life, she lost her mum to drugs and is living in a world without hope or safety. Yet Levi was there at the right time and helped her. This is a story ultimately about two quiet creatures in many ways that need some hope. That need someone to understand who the other side to themselves are, and just to find someone who really knows what the other is going through. They have both been through the mill. Yet together they were able to repair the other.

What I loved.

I adored the sentiments, the fact that these two people deserved a chance. I love how Tillie gives us characters that pull at my heart and also delivers a plot that is believable and very REAL. *Real circumstances and real situations* that you may not necessarily see to you and me, but are most definitely there if you look deeper. I love how Elsie changed and grew into a strong woman and wrote poetry which spoke to my heart in many ways.

I loved how Levi became a protector and learnt how to LIVE for himself. And I loved how this was a story about family and unity, which are all things I love to read about.

Why not 5?

I love this series you get the gist, and don't get me confused 4 is still a Great read. But this is a very sweet

beautiful read, and slightly cheesy in parts. It is a beautiful book but don't expect characters like Austin and Axel as Levi is not like them, so it was just a slightly different read for me. Saying that I think this is perfect ending to the series and for me a great book to enjoy. I am sooo happy I took the chance with this series because I have sure enjoy taking the time to be wrapped up in these characters through the year really.

Enjoy <3

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Jayme says

Sweet small kind of perfect! Tillie Cole writes an amazing books. But the Carillo brothers overpower each other and everything else. The most beautiful story, that you never want to end.

We perfectly know Levi Carillo from previous parts. I'm sure that even then he stole many hearts, but now in his 20 year old, he is no longer a helpless child, but shy teenager with a good heart. After all what he survived as the youngest of the brothers, not quite able to get on with his new life. He sticks to himself, studying and plays amazing football. He is not very interested in girls. Still struggling with the past.

"I was drowning in life. Drowning in my own shyness. Being kept down by my past."

Levi meets Elsie in very unusual circumstances. She is homeless, sick and living on the street. Levi with his incredible heart, can not be indifferent to this. He wants to help the girl. But she hides many secrets and problems, which overwhelm the strongest.

"The darkness it smiles, the weak they can't cope, Then it moves to the next, to victor cruelty, not hope."

This is one of the most beautiful and best series I've ever read. Masterfully written, as usual with this author. This story consume you entirely. Be ready for a lot of tears. It is emotional, wonderful and touching. I did not want to end this, even though my heart aching.

"My mom brought me the stars. Levi Carillo, you bring me the moon." I held my breath , then whispered back, "Then you bring me the shine."

The story is unusual, unbelievably beautiful, led and build from the beginning to the end. These heroes is impossible to not love. And meet again characters from previous parts is just a bonus prize. I really would love to have their story never ended. But if must be ending, this book is just perfect for that.

"Once a Carillo cracks his hard shell and lets you in, once you see them look at you like that, you're toast, and you're theirs. You never really had a choice."

I would have been able to write and write about the benefits of this book, but it's just a good read yourself. If you have not met this incredible group of friends and family is the best time to make up for it. I swear, it's worth it. Probably every book of the author is worthy of attention and it never disappoints.

"You're stealing my soul, Levi. Like a thief, you're taking my soul and making it your own."

I also have to say something about the song *Take Me Home, Jess Glynne*, which in fact the author herself has set as a soundtrack of the book. I think that this song is perfect for the book. As if written to it. This is my kind of perfect.

*****Quick Review:*****

Series: The fourth part of the Sweet Home series. The third part of Carillo Boys series.

Grade/Tag Tabs: New Adult. Sports Romance.

Release Date: December 15th, 2015.

Main characters: Levi Carillo, twenty year old, studying and playing football on University of Washington. Elsie Hall, nineteen year old, homeless.

Secondary characters: The Carillo brothers. Molly and Rome. We have here all the characters from previous parts.

Location: Seattle, Washington.

Steamy: (view spoiler)

Sensitive topic: (view spoiler)

Love triangle: (view spoiler)

Cheating: (view spoiler)

Cliffhanger: (view spoiler)

HEA: (view spoiler)

Next in the series? Unfortunately no.

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Beverly says

I have no idea how Tillie seems to break and heal my heart with each book she realizes, but she does. This woman is so insanely talented and her stories always deliver the feels!

Sweet Soul is one of her heaviest books and truly broke my heart over and over again. We all know know the youngest Carillo, Levi, but this book had me falling in love with the sweet, shy young man. Levi is in college now and playing for the Washington Huskies. He is talented and his family is well off thanks to Austin's success, but he hasn't forgotten where he came from. It was so refreshing to read about a college football player who was shy and had a heart of gold.

I wasn't good with words. I wasn't good with any of the dating crap. I played ball, I studied, and I kept to myself.

Elsie and Levi meet or cross paths when she is caught stealing from him. Despite Elsie's questionable actions Levi immediately can tell she is homeless, starved and dirty. So when he sees her days later he chooses to help her instead of turn her over the police. By this point Elsie is seriously ill and has no place to go. With Lexi's help they take Elsie in and nurse her back to health.

I swear this story, it's so emotional and had me balling off and on throughout the story. I loved these characters and absolutely loved them together. Elsie is a compassionate and caring, but completely broken. She has had years of verbal abuse and her self-esteem has suffered. She didn't have a real childhood or knew love, so it's hard for to accept and trust Levi.

I have absolutely no complaints here, I loved the tenderness and warmth in these characters. I absolutely freaking loved the epilogue and I love that these two damaged souls could help heal each other. I also loved catching up with the other characters. It was so nice to see how these broken, damaged people are giving back and doing more to help others. I know I sound crazy, but these characters feel completely real to me now. This series started out with a hot football player and they shy studious girl, but has turned into a series with so much depth and heart. I highly recommend *Sweet Soul* and this whole series if you haven't started it yet.

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Christy says

5 stars!

Tillie Cole is one of my favorite authors, and her Carillo brother's stories are my absolute favorite things she's written. When I heard the youngest Carillo brother, Levi, was getting his own book, I was ecstatic! Levi is nothing like his two older brothers, we've known that from the start. He's the sweet one of the bunch.

"You are not your brothers, Levi. You are kind and shy, not hard and boisterous, ready to fight the world. You are my quiet baby boy. My sweet, sweet soul."

Levi's childhood wasn't easy. His life growing up was hard. Now, he's living with Austin and Lexie and playing college ball. Things are better for him, but he's still not your normal college student. He doesn't party, doesn't date, and is very innocent when it comes to all that. He's not been very interested in anyone... until he meets her.

Elsie has had an even worse childhood than Levi. And she's still living through hell. Things have been hard for her most of her life, but now she's on the street and alone things are even worse. Then she meets him. Levi Carrilo. The boy with the heart of gold. She has been conditioned to not trust people, to not let anyone get close or let anyone in, but that's before Levi comes and melts all her defenses.

Beautiful and kind- my mom had always told me there was no such thing. After my life on the streets, after being in that home, I was inclined to agree... until I met this boy. Levi Carillo- the boy with a pure heart.

Levi and Elise's relationship was beautiful. Neither one had been in a real relationship before, so we got to experience all the newness with them. I loved that Levi made it clear from the start that he always wanted Elise safe. He cared for her. Their story is deep. It isn't a superficial sexy romance, it's so much more than that.

"I want it to be good. I don't want to mess it up."

? "You couldn't."?

"Why?"

? "Because it's you. And it's me. Nothing means more to me in the world but this. But us."

Both Levi and Elise are characters you will love. Levi especially. I know, I know the title says it all. He really is the sweetest, kindest and most gentlest of souls. He's one of those boys any mother would be proud of and any girl would be lucky to have. When he loves he loves with his entire heart. He's protective and compassionate. Elsie's story broke my heart. I was in tears so many times when hearing stories of her past and seeing what she dealt with even now. It takes so much strength to be able to trust anyone after all she had went through and I'm so happy she put her trust in the right person.

Sweet Soul is not an easy read. There are a lot of heavy moments and I found myself in tears more than once. I am so sad to see this series is over. Words can't express how much I love these books. Austin, Axel, and Levi Carillo are all such special characters. I love the relationship these three brothers have, and the relationship they have with their women. For those of you who haven't read this series, I can't recommend it enough! If you're looking for a beautiful, heartbreaking, moving and heartwarming romance- pick this one up!!!

He's brought me the moon. And I'd brought him the shine.

Eliza says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

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

*****FIVE MIA ANIMA GEMELLA STARS*****

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(BR with Mel)

"I want the world for you, mia luna. And I pray that the girl who claims your tender heart is just as sweet as you. Someone to care for your fragile soul. Someone to cherish the gentle gift that you are, when I am no longer here to do so..."

Tillie Cole is truly one of the most talented writers out there today. She is one of the reasons why I started blogging. Every time a book of hers is due out, I find myself waiting on pins & needles. What I knew before going into this book was that it was going to mess with my emotions, and oh boy did it ever. I certainly shed a few tears reading about the Sweet Shy boy who finds his way out of the darkness with the help of a Beautiful Silent girl.

Levi Carillo is the youngest of the Carillo brothers and the one with the biggest heart. It would seem that he's got everything going for him. He's on the starting offensive line for his college football team, and usually voted MVP. He's gorgeous, smart, and has a loving family, but the pain and guilt he feels over his mother's death, has haunted him for the past six years. Levi is painfully shy and avoids social situations at all costs. He has felt like a lost soul, unable to move on with his life since the death of his mother. His brothers and family constantly worry about him, because he keeps himself so closed off from friends and normal college shenanigans.

Elsie Hall is a young woman who has not had it easy for most of her eighteen years of life. Her mother was disabled and also addicted to drugs. More often than not, her mother failed to provide the basics needed to keep them both safe, warm, and well nourished. They lived most of their years together being homeless and hungry. Through it all, Elsie never blamed her mother, and only held so much love in her heart for her instead. But circumstances cause Elsie to be separated from her mom and soon after being placed in a facility she learns of her mother's untimely death. Not only does she find herself utterly alone but she crosses paths with a ruthless bully who causes her to live her life in silence and eventually she finds herself back out on the streets.

Elsie's life will begin to change on the fateful night she is caught trying to steal Levi's wallet from his locker. She ends up taking something that means the world to him and at first Levi is devastated but then he recalls the haunted look of the frail girl with the huge expressive eyes and he can't help but feel true compassion for her. She manages to get away from him at first but eventually when she runs into him again she's lucky to have Levi and his brothers come to her rescue.

While being nursed back to health at Austin & Lexi's home, Levi and Elsie start to form a deep connection. Levi has never felt anything for a girl until Elsie. He has this strong need to protect and stand up for her. The once shy young man now has to find his voice to speak up for the girl who seems to be even more shy than he is. But there is a reason why she refuses to talk and when you get the whole story, it will be hard not to shed a tear for her. I also have to say that some of the poignant moments between Levi and Axel were so heartbreaking.

There is a bit of steam but it was so beautifully written. Every moment was filled with so much tenderness, I felt like my heart was about to burst. And I love how Levi handled Elsie with so much care, and was always encouraging her to embrace what makes her different and to follow her dreams.

I have a serious hatred for bullying and that is one of the major themes of this story and what is truly sad is that it doesn't just happen in grade school or high school. It can happen to anyone, during any stage of life.

If you haven't read this series yet, you need to add this to your TBR. All four previous books in this series are on sale on Amazon US right now @ 99 cents each.

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