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Anna Rosa Castillo is unlike most 16 year old girls.

She doesn't care for clothes or make up, nor does she giggle with her friends about hot guys. Coming from a small town in the North of England, where drugs and criminals are at the top of the food chain, Anna's life is an impossible mixture of pain and sorrow. Drawing and tattoos are her only way of escaping the tortures that consume her at home. She lives by only one rule – do whatever he says, and she might live long enough to get away.

All that changes when a fatal night lands the monster of her nightmares in a prison cell and herself in a hospital bed, staring into the eyes of a father she has never known.

The addition of a father and family turns Anna's life upside-down, thrusting her into a world she could never understand. Inner demons and unspeakable memories claw at her as she tries to build a relationship with her new family. But with her past looming over her new life, will she be able to break free?

Una Familia Segura Details

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HeidiLynns BookReviews says

Thank you, Annie Hughes providing me with your debut novel Breaking Free: Una Familia Segura so I may bring you this review.

Annie Hughes debut Young Adult novel Breaking Free: Una Familia Segura was so well written that I was hooked on the first page. I was amazed that this was her first book she ever published. Once I started reading it I could not put it down. Of course once I got to a really good part of the book my Kindle battery died! I was not a happy camper and couldn't wait to get back to the story once my Kindle was charged.

I absolutely adored Anna's story. She had a hard life growing up that left broken and her heart guarded. That was until she met the father she never knew she had. David opened his heart, home, new life experiences and family to his daughter. It was heart warming to read her journey and the path she went on to find happiness again. I loved her passion for art and drawing. It was her way to escape from reality and a way to be creative.

I enjoyed the bond Logan had with his step sister Anna. He excitedly took her under her wing and showed her a life she didn't know existed. He was also there for in tough times when she really needed someone to talk to.

Anna's grandparents enraged me for all the dark and horrid things they did to her in the past. Now her grandparents wanted to take her away from the new happier life she has!! My heart went out to her during this part of the book! There was no way that Logan and David would let them take custody of her!

I was really impressed with Annie Hughes debut novel. My hope is that she writes more great books for the world to read.

Charlie Finn says

I read Una Familia Segura in just under 4 hours, let me start off by saying that I haven't actually read a paperback since I got my Kindle for Christmas 3 or 4 years ago. I was sucked in from the first page that had me turning page after page needing to know more about Anna's story, i loved the storyline Annie Hughes has such a lovely writing style that is just effortless to read. I enjoyed every single page, i got chocked up in places and had tears in my ears, i loved all of the characters, i felt myself wanting to know more about all of them and i really hope she does another story, i would love to see how Anna's story progresses and how her relationship turns out with Jake. I loved her relationship with her step brother Logan, her stepmother Mel and of course her real father David. The whole story was straight to the point there was no fluffing in the middle that subtracted from the plot, although I wished that she would have gone into further details about things in some places ie why Chloe was so upset but Anna wasnt the type of person to pry. Annie really hit the hammer on the nail on this, i would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a quick easy read to suck them in and lose a couple of hours. 5 stars and i hope that there will be a second book!!

Marnie Warren says

Heart wrenching

This wonderfully written debut novel took me through a wide range of emotions. Any story that can touch me so deeply, is a story worth reading again and again. Can't wait to read more from Annie Hughes!

T.A. McKay says

Ok so I will admit I don't read a lot of Y/A books, and when I do it has to be something awesome.....and this one was!

I just don't know how to describe what I just read. It was more story than I expected in this genre...and it left me turning the pages so fast!

Anna's not broken just bent....sorry but I totally think those words fit! She goes through so much in her life that the fact she is still fighting makes me admire her so much! A weaker person would have given up years before. She has her new family to thank for helping her realise that she is actually worth the fight. Part of that family is Logan...and isn't he just funny! I think anyone would love a brother like that! And Jake...well he was quiet and intense....and oh so very hot!

There are things I want to know more about though! I need to know more about Carlos...I can't believe he just snuck away and won't cause more trouble! I want to know more about Jake...I mean that man needs to be talked about! I need to know what happens now....so yes I'm gonna pester Annie until the next part is done....she will be sick of me!

away to pester

P.M. Briede says

Breaking Free is a good story for a YA audience. It deals with some very adult issues and puts a bit of a Cinderella spin, with a new family playing the role of Prince Charming, on finding strength and courage in others. When we meet Anna, she is beaten, physically and emotionally and now being carried off by a father she never knew to a home across an ocean. The story follows the following months in her new life and how she deals with the ghosts of her past.

What's good about this story, again is that it is written for YA's. Teenagers will be able to relate to Anna and her view on her new life. Money, security, prestige, and love. The life every child wants. The sexual content and violence is mostly inferred and done in memories, but it is there. As I parent, I feel it necessary to also say that the parents' views on underage drinking in the novel really bugged me, quite a bit.

But overall, this was a good story with a happy ending.

June says

Annie Hughes Review: Breaking Free: Una Familia Segura

Great read for all ages!

I enjoyed this story from the first. I found it difficult to put it down. I have read and reviewed many books, but found it difficult not to give away spoilers when it came to this book. Those that have read my reviews notice that I normally give no spoilers. Yes, I was that excited about it!

Anna's story in his book grabbed me from the very first word and took me through a journey that I will not soon forget. Annie Hughes did a wonderful job of placing the reader in the shadow of the journey of a talented young woman. This story has it all; heros, heroines, heartache, joy, chuckles, and acceptance. I would give this book more stars if it were possible. I would recommend this book to a diverse population, which does describe my friends.

June (Juellen) Nelson

Heavenly says

I have received an ARC copy of this book from the author in exchange of an honest review. I was not compensated in any way for it and thoughts are 100% mine.

My thoughts:

This is a first book by Annie and for a début book baby, I have to say it's a beautiful story. Heartbreaking, sad, making you gasp every chapter at how horrific life can be.

The story is told from the POV of 16 years old Anna Castillo. The main protagonist of the story. Anna is not your usual teenager, where clothes, boys and parties are important. For her the main thing is to stay in the shadows and hopefully break free from her abusing stepfather.

We meet her at hospital, where she landed after her stepfather, Leo King, beat her up almost causing her death. Now she had broken ribs, is bruised. Her abuser landed in prison for her abusing her and murder. But that's not what is turning her world upside down. It's the man that comes to her rescue. Her father, who she never met. David Porter, is set in helping her and taking her away from this nightmare. After she agrees to go with him to America, to live with him and his family, she never expects that she will find, what she missed so much: father, mother, brother and friends. A family that will support her through her hell, as she is still expected to testify against Leo.

Even though she has her friend Jas, she is also betrayed by her. In addition her grandparents from hell, wants to fight the custody over her, but David is not letting them near her after hearing, what kind of monsters they were. All of them: Leo, her mother and her grandparents.

I love the story. It shows how important family is and there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. Anna, find her family as that light. But even after telling her family the whole truth of what was happening to her since Leo became her stepfather, she thought that they will trust her. But as her new family, they want to protect her, and sometimes they are overprotective and causes her to feel betrayed and not trusted. Even

though they fought against all obstacles and becomes an amazing family.

I love Mel and how kind she is. She is a perfect mother figure. I fell in love with David, her dad, from the first meeting they had. He is snarky, knows what he wants and he wants to give Anna what she missed for the past 16 years.

I love Chloe, her best friend and I adore Jake and how they don't judge her after what happened to her.

But I just WORSHIP her relationship with Logan, her stepbrother! You can see he loves her, he supports her and wants what is best for her. He is the perfect big brother, that every girl wants.

Beautiful story, that will make you cry, sob, snort and laugh. I felt so heartbroken, but also I love how beautifully it ends.

Well done Annie! Amazing, beautiful 5 stars! Can't wait for the next part!

Cat Elliott says

I was lucky enough to receive an ARC of this book.

You know when a book is amazing when you're really struggling to think of how to sum up how great it is in a review, and I definitely have this issue right now!

I read this book in a few hours as I truly could not put it down! I was shocked to learn that it was the authors first novel, as it is written spectacularly well and is honestly just perfect!

This isn't your typical teenage story, I found myself trying to predict what was going to happen (as I always do) but this book had me thrown, in a great way!

I absolutely loved David, Mel and Logan, they are beautiful characters! Anna is an amazing, inspirational young girl who has been to hell and back, but with these characters help, she finds she can be something she never thought she could be.. Happy and loved.

I cannot wait to read more from this incredibly talented author!

Congratulations on a freaking extraordinary book!

Reviewer from book reviews & take-overs :)

Lynn says

REVIEW

Breaking Free:

Una Familia Segura

By Annie Hughes

I read, & enjoyed, this book before it underwent this edit & overhaul. Yet I was still struck with giddy excitement when it landed back on my kindle for a reread, which speaks volumes about this brand new author, the story & characters she has created.

Having read & reviewed this previously does NOT make this easier to write, I mean how can I condense all my thoughts into a spoiler free review???

As I did the last time I am gonna go with my gut & write this with the raw emotion I feel from finishing Anna's journey.

The horrors Anna has survived in her first 16 years of life are heartbreaking! She may believe she is weak but I think she is far stronger than any of us could ever hope to be.

When Anna let her guard down & her true personality come through it is so funny, I find her responses & quick wit are similar to my own.

I can't avoid mentioning the good people in Anna's life & how thankful I am that she has them!
Chloe, Logan & Jake are the BEST BFFs a girl could have, although ranking order may prove difficult, they each have their moments & own unique ways to help.
The dynamic & humour between Anna & Logan is hilarious.
David & Mel are true saviours.

This new life is not without it's ups & downs shaking Anna's faith that these changes are permanent, you can't blame the girl for having doubt.

I couldn't help but wonder, several times, is it all too good to be true? Can someone's life change so quickly & in such a huge way without it all coming crashing down?

This is one roller coaster ride that needs to be experienced first hand so you will need to read it to find out.

Thank you for this opportunity Annie, I can't wait to read Book 2.

Come join us for some release day fun, Saturday 28th March-
<https://m.facebook.com/events/4488022...>

Give Annie a 'like' on her author page & tell her Lynndipops says she ROCKS.

<https://m.facebook.com/anniehughesauthor>

Fiona Sheldon says

Was gifted a copy by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Wow.....what a fantastic debut novel. Characters are easy to relate to, the plot is very hard hitting but done with respect. I didn't want to put it down. A few heart in mouth moments, tears and at some points. Looking forward to reading more from this author

A.J. Love says

How could I not 5 star this? It's my first book baby!

Pauline (Passionate About Books) says

A Normal Family-Something We All Deserve

Una Familia Segura...a truly beautiful and meaningful title and yet such a sad story for such an ugly situation.It touched me so deeply...found myself unable to breathe on so many occasions as Anna's story started unfolding.How can such ugliness exist? How can any human being do such unspeakable things to an innocent soul?Why do such monsters live & exist among us?This novel makes you question so many things,it made my stomach turn...but there is a higher power or karma that will end all this monstrosity...leaving me with a spark of hope that everyone who deserves it will eventually achieve happiness,even if they've had to suffer their entire life!Annie Hughes,this was a beautiful "ugly" novel about a situation I pray NO living soul should ever experience.I not only give it 5 stars but recommend that everyone read this story which will touch your heart & scar you for life.Thank you for giving me the opportunity to read something so amazing & heartwarming!

Erotica Book Club says

Breaking Free: Una Familia Segura (Breaking Free #1)
by Annie Hughes

Anna Rosa Castillo has been through so much in her first 16 years of life but that is all about to change when her biological father turns up at her hospital bedside and wants her to return to America with him and his wife Mel and her son Logan. Anna has to adjust from having nothing to having everything she can desire.... That doesn't erase her past from her life!

I bought this book not knowing what it was about but because a friend had said it was really good and I loved, loved this book and from the very moment I started it to the very end and even now I am writing my review I feel like this is one of the best books I have EVER read.

The characters had me from the very start and I really felt that I connected with them, I really did not want this book to end. It is a very emotional read and very well written covering some really sensitive subjects.

I cried a lot in this emotional read it wasn't until after that I broke down sobbing.

I am so very excited to see that there will be a second book in this series and I cant wait to read it...

I will give this book 5 stars for Amazon & 5 stars for Goodreads (I do think it deserves 6 stars)

~Jane~

Angie Martin says

I was honored to get to read *Breaking Free: Una Familia Segura* as an ARC. I do not read a lot of YA, but this book far surpassed all expectations I had. It has a beautiful story about Anna - a teenager who has always lived in a horrible household with abuse as her daily nightmare. When her stepfather kills her mother, she learns about her father for the first time and meets him. He never knew she existed, but takes her in as if they have always been close.

For the first time, Anna is given a chance to break free from her circumstances. She has an opportunity for a new life - one filled with love. But her old life haunts her and she still has to face challenges in her new home and school.

Annie Hughes has an incredible ability to write a story and make it come to life. I felt every emotion of Anna's and her family's. I wanted to just hug her and tell her everything would be okay! The story was captivating in the way it was told and the writing flowed so well. I was able to follow along easily and the page turned themselves while I was caught up in the plot. I cannot wait to read the second book in the series, but while it is a series, this is definitely a standalone with no massive cliffhanger. You can read it and feel completely satisfied at the end while still wanting to move onto the second book. Annie Hughes has a new fan for life!

Allana Walker says

wow!! I was gifted this for an honest review.

I love love loved this book! such a different book to what I usually read but I loved it none the less! Anne is such a strong character, to go through what she has and still be standing is outstanding! I love Jake and Logan. i love the relationship that blossoms between David and Anne throughout the book.

only four stars because I felt some parts could be elaborated on.

But it's a great debut novel!! xx

