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I wanted to tell him all my secrets, but he became one of them instead.

Chloe Rivers never thought she would keep secrets from her best friend. Then again, she never imagined she would fall in love with him either. When she finally reveals her feelings, rejection shatters her, rendering her vulnerable and sending her straight into the destructive arms of the wrong guy.

Gavin Rhodes never saw the betrayal coming. It crushes him. Chloe has always been his forbidden fantasy--sweet, tempting, and beautiful. But when the opportunity finally presents itself, he makes the biggest mistake of all and denies her.

Now it's too late . . .

Four years after a devastating tragedy, Chloe and Gavin find themselves crashing back into each other's lives. Haunted by the past, they're forced to come to terms with all that has transpired to find the peace they deserve. Except they can't seem to get near each other without combatting an intense emotional connection that brings them right back to where it all started . . . their childhood treehouse.

Chloe still holds her secrets close, but this time she isn't the only one with something to hide. Can their deep-rooted connection survive the destruction of innocence?

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Chloe

Gavin and Devin

Gavin's Annual Stay & Play Day

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Jenny - TotallybookedBlog says

4.5 stars

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And that is an apt prelude to sum up the anxious, dramatic, emotional, endearing, moving, frustrating, sweet and somewhat innocent story of friends, Chloe Rivers and her neighbours- twins, Devon and Gavin Rhodes. A friends to lovers, second chance story that broke our hearts, mended our hearts and ultimately stole our hearts completely.

Chloe was twelve when the Rhodes twins and their single Dad moved in next door. Despite their physical similarities it was clear the boys were polar opposites in temperament. Devon, the broody more aggressive twin, who was like night to the Gavin’s calm, sweet gentler day. Gavin was the protector who always stuck up for Chloe at school when she was being bullied. An aspect that would bring them full circle in later years.

‘I wanted to follow my heart, but somehow along the way I lost my soul.’

Their young years were spent together, adventuring, getting up to mischief or spending time in the Rhodes’ treehouse doing their own thing. As the years passed, it would be Devon that Chloe would date, breaking something in Gavin that would deliver life changing, heartbreaking consequences for all involved, causing Chloe to flee her hometown, not to return until she was twenty two.

“Whoever holds that heart of yours is a lucky man. Just make sure you get it back soon.”

Gavin always had Chloe’s heart, so what made her choose Devon and what made her leave? Chloe’s return opens old wounds as repressed feelings are brought to the surface, and a love between two people that never

faded, is tested time and time again.

K.K. Allen is a new to us author and we're now eager to read her companion (Standalone) story, *Beneath the Bleachers* which follows a character we fell in love with during this book. This author really knows how to keep the reader's heart in a vice with angst that knotted our stomachs.

'When a girl gives you her heart and tells you to trust it, you don't question it. You don't waste a second. You just do it.'

We both said this book reminded us of those old favourites we loved when we purchased our first Kindles. Those stories we devoured that took us back to our youth, pounded our hearts and wooed us with their innocence. This book was so reminiscent of those feelings.

Told in dual POV, we were immediately captivated by the sweetness, angst and passion of Gavin and Chloe's story. A story that perfectly captured the complication, complexities and confusing feelings and emotions Chloe and Gavin experience as they tried to navigate their way back to one another.

'It was always him, even when it wasn't.'

Up in the Treehouse certainly toyed with our emotions. There were times Chloe and Gavin's story brought us to tears....and they were tears born of tenderness, love, loss, frustration and joy. We experienced it all. A **beautiful story** of loyalty, love, perseverance, about listening to, and following your heart. We were surprised a few times as events unfolded and we loved sharing this journey, even if our hearts did cop a hiding!

'Unfortunately for me, when she left she took a piece of me with her – and it wasn't until she returned that I realized just how big that piece was.'

'I want it back.'

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Micah says

It's hard to throw this book into a category. It's kind of like a second chance romance, but isn't. It's kind of like a love triangle, but isn't. What it IS, is good. I haven't heard of the author before and took a chance on the blurb and the cover (self-admitted cover whore). I wasn't disappointed.

We have three, maybe four major players in the story. Chloe is a young girl when 2 twin brothers, Gavin and Devon, move in across her little forest area. These twin brothers are her age and she spies on them as they build a tree house in the area between their two houses. She accidentally falls asleep one night and that is how they meet. After an incident at school with another player in the story, Stacy, who is Chloe's bully, they become inseparable. Gavin and Chloe are closer friends than her and Devon are, but they are always together.

The story is told, very imaginatively, in parts and rungs of a tree. The story builds and you know it is going somewhere great. Although this isn't a true second chance romance, the characters did get caught in the known hamster wheel problem that the sub-genre is known for. Running, going back, running, going back. You almost want to scream at the pages...MAKE UP YOUR DAMN MIND ALREADY! And in fact, Chloe gets fed up with it and says exactly that.

Overall, I would give this 4.5 stars. It has a really great feel-good quality to it with some emotional punch. The characters are well developed and deep. The dialogue is real and emotional.

Cassandra (Thebookishcrypt) says

"Chloe has always noticed things that were of no benefit to her, and that's what made her significant to me." AHHHH!!!! THE MOMENT I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR HAS COME!!

I can finally share with you my thoughts about this beautiful, magnificent, epic, love story! Ever since this beauty arrived at my doorstep, I couldn't think of anything else. The cover was fantastic; It's simple but very eye-catching. I was already in love with the book by just looking at the cover but then I read the premise and my love skyrocketed to epic proportions. I was in love with the physical book itself and had already put it on a high pedestal without meaning to. So imagine how much hesitation I went through before reading this...

The good thing is that I was scared for nothing.

This was my first read by K.K. Allen and I was immensely pleased to say that she was bumped up high on my favorite authors list because of it. Whenever I stumble across a love story that seems to be taken straight out of my mind, I have nothing else to do but rave about it every day in hopes that somebody listens and takes a chance on it too.

In this story, we follow Chloe and Gavin. Two characters who have been the best of friends since they were children. Things happen that shatters that friendship and we follow them as they are brought together, years after the incidents. They're two best friends who explore a completely different aspect of their relationship while struggling through their past together and apart. We get both of their point of views which made me even more excited for the story. Give me a male point of view and I am a melted goo in your hands forever. Chloe is a journalist and I loved her so freaking much, it's unbelievable. It's rare when I like the main heroine as much as the main love interest, but this book just kept shattering my expectations at every turn of the page. I can't stress enough how much I deeply appreciated the fact that Chloe didn't lose herself in the

relationship. She stayed true to who she was every step of the way and she had an amazing head on her shoulders. I tried not to be jealous of her (too much) whenever Gavin spoke to her. The things that man said to her tugged at my heartstrings and ugh! I want somebody to speak to me the way he does to her. It's just that simple.

Gavin is one of the most talented artists I've ever read about and his passion for it is heartwarming. I fell in love with him straight away. His soul was the most beautiful thing ever and there's just no way to not want to keep him for yourself. The things he's willing to sacrifice in order to make those he loves happy knows no bounds. He would rather give up his own happiness if it means that somebody he loves will be even happier. I wanted to hug that man to death because of how incredible he was. I absolutely adore K.K. Allen for introducing me to him.

Anyway, these two had me cheerleading them on from page one. They were nothing short of perfect together and their struggles felt as real as they could get. The pain and suffering they were both going through was incredibly believable. Their every emotion resonated with me and I felt it down to my very core.

That prelude was just ... MAGNIFICENT. It was the first thing that let me know I was going to love this story more than the physical thing itself. It took my beliefs straight out of my mind, like I mentioned before. I have always said that the best relationships are the ones that start off as best friends and that is basically what this story is about. It's something I've been (secretly) hoping for myself, so it's no surprise that my attachment to the story was in full swing before I even started it.

I loved how much of an important role super heroes played in this book. As a fan of the comic book world and its characters, it was a nice treat to witness this story appeal to that side of me. No book has ever done that before and I appreciated it a hundred times over.

Also, the format of this book is one of the most gorgeous ones I've ever seen. One of the reasons I didn't want the story to end was so I can see more of the illustrations. This book made me laugh hysterically, smile like a lunatic, cry like a baby, and cheer like I've never done before. Just when I thought I had something figured out, K. tugged the rug out from under me and let me know that I didn't know anything at all. There were so many things that took my breath away that I lost count and I couldn't be any happier with that ending. I miss these two incredible beings with all of me and I just hope that we get to visit them again in the future.

This book is New Adult so it's not suitable for readers under 18.

6/5 stars!

Dianne says

Grab the tissues, maybe an anxiety ball and put out the DO NOT DISTURB sign, K.K. Allen has a tale to tell that will pull on every emotion you have, chew your insides up and leave you feeling raw. **Up in the Treehouse** is a tale of three young friends, twin brothers and the girl on the other side of the woods, a treehouse, growing up, heartaches and the end of innocence when one devastating event shreds the very fibers of trust, friendship and love.

Remember how confusing it was when you were a teen? In love one day, in doubt the next and crushed by the weekend? Devon, Gavin and Chloe grew up together, their treehouse was witness to the years they were inseparable, their growing pains, their joys and the pain of loss. For Gavin and Chloe, one devastating nightmare would continue to haunt them for years, each shattered by that nightmare and each too young to understand what the other needed.

Now, years later, they are back in each other's lives and the hurt, the misunderstandings and their emotions have flared into a raging inferno that neither seems able to control. Too many secrets, too many unspoken

words and too many mean-spirited people have come between best friends who feel more than friendship for each other. Is there a way to build what they almost had so long ago? It is time for total honesty and as their walls come down and they let each other in, but one lie of omission could bring their newfound relationship toppling over the edge. They say you can never go back, but is there room to go forward?

K.K. Allen has held nothing back in this emotional rollercoaster, secrets are pulled from hearts as truths are revealed, and I felt every single ounce of joy and pain these characters felt. With breathtaking detail, K.K. Allen allows us into the hearts and minds of the children who grew up, faced tremendous obstacles and became the people they are today. The question remains, do Gavin and Chloe belong together or is it just another childhood fantasy to be laid to rest?

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Jen~KU Book Reviews says

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Derna says

** I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review **

After reading the first sentence of the synopsis, I was intrigued and knew I had to read this book. Up in the Treehouse is an emotional, story about love, loss, friendship, secrets, betrayal, regrets, and forgiveness. Chloe and Gavin are two people who share a deep connection, friendship and much more. I'm not going to go into the storyline, as I don't want to spoil it for you. It's a book you have to go into knowing only what the author wants you to know from the synopsis.

Chloe and Gavin's journey took me on an emotional roller coaster from start to finish. Their emotions were my emotions, and my heart was heavy at times for them. K.K Allen has managed to capture flawlessly the feelings of two people who are haunted because of events, secrets, memories and feelings from their past. Two people who need to confront these events, secrets, memories and feelings if they are going to be able to move forward to get the happiness they both deserved.

“Gavin has always been it for me; the calm one, the smart one, the respectful one. My best friend. My protector.”

“I got what I wanted. I saw her. She seemed to be doing fine. But the pain in my chest won’t fucking go away when I think of her.”

I adored the way the K.K Allen goes back and forth from the present to the past. The past lets us see and understand how Chloe and Gavin deep connection all started, what they went through during their childhood, the events that changed them forever and the significance of the Treehouse.

“When a girl gives you her heart and tells you to trust it, you don’t question it. You don’t waste a second. You just do it”

Up in the Treehouse was a beautifully written story, it was my first book by this author and it won’t be my last. K.K Allen's words, chapter titles, little twists and well-developed characters captured my heart, and I think they will capture yours too!

“We’ve both made mistakes. We're so far from perfect, but we're perfect together. Isn't that all that matters?”

Oh, and I loved the Heroes and Legends Project aspect of the story such a fantastic and relevant cause.

Sharon ∞👉 is an emotional book junkie 👈∞ says

3.5-4 ★'s

“Fire destroyed us. Love brought us back together.”

As per usual, I picked up this book because it's supposed to be angsty...and it sure is! K.K. Allen is a new author for me and while I enjoyed the book and the angst and I'll definitely be reading more of her books, I really had a hard time with all the dramas.

Gavin and Devon are twins and they move into Chloe's neighborhood when they are all starting seventh grade. Chloe notices them building a tree house with their Dad in the woods between their houses. She meets them one morning after she fell asleep inside and they all become best friends.

There's a huge portion of this book dealing with bullies and it was hard reading Chloe going through that. I loved that the twins were there for her, especially Gavin.

We get to read about them growing up, dealing with feelings...or not, and dealing with each...or not. Gavin gave Chloe a journal (she's a writer) so she puts all her feelings in there. Gavin is an artist and he puts all his feelings into that. Devon just has sex with everyone and doesn't deal with his feelings until one night and it's not pretty. In fact, it's pretty horrific.

The event is so dire that Chloe ends up leaving with her parents to their Florida home and then off to a different college and she doesn't go back for four years. And she doesn't speak to Gavin or even about him.

The "not dealing with their feelings" pretty much drove me crazy especially when they start spending more and more time together. We get both their POVs so thankfully we get to know where they both stand and it's sooo frustrating.

Not to mention, there's a secret that Gavin hasn't told Chloe. Silly me, I thought I had figured it out but thank goodness, it wasn't as bad as I thought. Still, Gavin should have done more.

Then, we have to deal with the "push and pull" "do I or don't I" dilemmas that drove me crazy as well. Luckily, it doesn't last too long for these two to figure things out. However, if Chloe was my friend, I'd have to knock some sense into her.

I did love the epilogue as cliché as it is but also absolutely perfect. I found out that Monica (Chloe and Gavin's coworker and friend) has a book out, *Under the Bleachers*, and it sounds intriguing!

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Ashley says

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Oh, you guys, I knew this was going to happen. I knew I was going to curse myself for waiting so long to read *Up in the Treehouse* by the lovely K.K. Allen. This book has been sitting on my TBR from practically the moment it released, and why? Because I'm a dumb procrastinator.

Give me ALL the friends-to-lovers tropes because I cannot get enough. As a kid, I used to dream of meeting a boy who would become my best friend and eventually my boyfriend. I've always been a hopeless romantic, but my dream didn't quite happen in the way I envisioned, or at least until I was seventeen years old. By then, the loss of innocence and the magic of childhood was all but gone. Luckily, K.K. Allen brought those innocent dreams back to the forefront of my mind with her incredible storytelling. K.K.'s tagline for her writing is, "Capturing the edge of innocence" and I can't think of a better-fitting description of her work! She takes me back to the feelings of being on the cusp of growing up, daydreaming about the future, and creating stories for myself to live out. Swoon!

Friends-to-lovers and a second chance between two childhood friends? Gosh, yes. I want to crawl up in the treehouse and live there with this pair. Too weird? I don't even care. The anticipation and angst in this story was everything I look for in the Romance genre. Chloe and Gavin were the epitome of push and pull, perfectly crafted to fit together, if only they could fess up to their feelings.

This story is perfectly paced, never boring, and so much more than a simple love story. The message this novel conveys is important and made me feel hopeful for future.

I have to say, the secondary characters in this story were almost equally as important to me as the main characters. Upon finishing, I had to check Goodreads for a follow-up story with Monica. She was hilarious, a great friend, a simply fun to read about, though I thought I might hate her from the get-go. I was rewarded with *Under the Bleachers*! Though I knew the title, I didn't know it featured Monica's love story (yes, I live under a rock). If K.K. hadn't already written the book, she was going to be fervently begged for it ASAP. I can't wait to grab a copy soon and dive in while these characters are still fresh on my mind.

I loved being immersed in the varying perspectives of Chloe, Gavin, and the journal entries of the days gone by. K.K. effortlessly added enough background information to make readers feel as if they knew the characters from past to present. I was truly along for the ride, and hoping for redemption in the end.

If you're a lover of Contemporary Romance and have failed to pick up this beautiful story, please don't wait as long as I did!

Wil Loves Books! says

3.5 Stars!

I will try to keep this review as spoiler free as possible. When I saw the gorgeous cover and read the blurb, I knew I had to read this book. I enjoyed this book for the most part. This is a cute but sometimes tragic friends to lovers romance and it was very, very angsty. Even though I crave angst in my books, in this one it didn't necessarily worked for me.

Chloe is the main narrator of this story, although we get different POVs and other things such as flashbacks and journal entries throughout the book. She's best friends with Gavin and Devon, her twin neighbors. Growing up, the twins had a role of protectors when it came to Chloe because Chloe was a victim of bullying. Chloe had a thing for Gavin yet she decided to date Devon instead. That decision causes a rift between all and things change between them from then on. The book is divided in various parts but one of the more pivotal moments happens the night of their high school graduation. Tragedy strikes, life changes for the 3 of them and Chloe leaves town. Chloe then returns four years later and that's when most of the rest of the story takes place.

I found the writing to be beautiful and engaging for the most part. However, I found that there was a lot of inner dialogue between the characters so a lot of thought but zero action. I loved the references to music and super loved the references to Teen Witch. I also found the underlying topics of bullying awareness, second chances and rebuilding from the ashes to be exquisitely done. For me, the problem was that I found it really hard to connect with Chloe and Gavin. Chloe sounded very immature at times and some of her decision making was awful from the start to the very end but I think that could just be attributed to her age. Same with Gavin. I understood his hesitation for the most part, but I found myself shaking my head at his actions sometimes, he ran very hot and cold the entire book. The romance is very slow building in this one and there are a few twist and turns along the way.

For the most part, I enjoyed this story. It definitely kept me interested and I needed to know how this story would end. And I totally loved the ending. This is my first book from this author and I think she's extremely talented. I recommend this one if you're in the mood for a sweet but angsty friends to lovers romance!

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NMmomof4 says

3 Stars

Overall Opinion: This was an enjoyable read, but I'm not sure it'll be all that memorable in the long run. It was a second-chance/missed-opportunity type story that even has some threads of unrequited love going on, so I should've loved it. Unfortunately, I didn't. I thought it was ok. A little long and drawn out, a sometimes annoying heroine, a little lacking in the sexual chemistry (emotional chemistry was good), and a meh *shrugs* ending and epilogue....make it a 3 star read for me.

Brief Summary of the Storyline: This is Chloe and Gavin's story. They meet when Gavin and his twin brother move to town and make a treehouse with their dad in the woods between theirs and Chloe's house.

The twins help Chloe out of a bully situation, and they become best friends. As they grow, their relationships change. Chloe ends up causing a rift in their relationship, and after a traumatic event they are separated. About 4 years later, they are reunited. It isn't great at first -- but the strong feelings that they've always had return, and they work through their past to get their HEA.

POV: This alternated between Chloe and Gavin's POV.

Overall Pace of Story: Ok. It was on the longer side (398 pages on my kindle app), and felt a little slow at times. I never skimmed though.

Instalove: No, they've known each other for many years.

H rating: 4 stars. Gavin. I liked him. I think he was good at making lemonade out of his lemons.

h rating: 3 stars. Chloe. She was ok. Her constant running away from situations and being "scared" got old.

Sadness level: Moderate. I teared up a few times, but never needed any tissues.

Push/Pull: Yes (view spoiler)

Heat level: Mild. They have some mild tension, chemistry, and scenes -- and not so much it takes away from the story. I think it would've been better if either the scenes had been made better or simply made to fade-to-black tbh -- it just felt...lacking.

Descriptive sex: Yes

Safe sex: Yes (view spoiler)

OW/OM drama: Yes (view spoiler)

Sex scene with OW or OM: No

Cheating: Not technically (view spoiler)

Separation: Yes (view spoiler)

Possible Triggers: Yes (view spoiler)

Closure: This had good closure with a jump ahead epilogue and a HEA ending.

How I got it: It was part of my kindle unlimited subscription.

Safety: This one should be either Safe with exception or Not Safe for most safety gang readers depending on personal preferences.
(view spoiler)

Elfina Renee says

Highly recommended, five glowing stars!

The old adage never judge a book by its cover, should also apply to titles as I came close to not reading this and that would have been a shame. First time reader of K.K. Allen, she's poetry in motion.

Delivering a compelling storyline so powerful and heartwarming, I felt all the emotions that comes with reading a really good book. Heartache, loss, anger, joy and simplistic happiness and combustible lust. This amazing writer left no stone unturned as she developed the characters.

I was picking my favorites right from the start and had my own little cheering section. Even the villains tho I despised them was able to bridge an understanding to their horrendous behaviors. With the exception of one!

Danielle ♥? Pretty Mess Reading ♥? says

****4 STARS****

I picked this one up at a signing and think I may have accidentally insulted the author. My brain to mouth filter is completely broken. I'll tell you all about it in my review later.
