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This is an alternate cover edition for ASIN B00CTYIWGO..

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I'm a NEW adult...so is my story.

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Angela Graham says

This is the perfect book about a girl coming into her own and realizing there is more out there than she ever gave thought to. The characters were very well fleshed out and I was quick to build up a fondness for them. The story was sweet and at times tugged at my heart.

Laney is the girl next door that I wanted to hug and tell her it would be alright. Although there were times where I wanted to shake her and yell at her to go out and live life. She's real, going through the motions of growing up and that is what makes this story so intriguing. Never once did I not connect with her.

As for the men in the book, you won't be disappointed. Evan and Dane are both gorgeous and opposite of each other in a lot of ways, which I adored! Something for everyone. Whether you enjoy the sweet boy next door that she loved growing up as her best friend, or the man she's instantly attracted to and finds herself being pulled toward.

So many amazing reasons to read this book!

Toski Covey says

THIS REVIEW CONTAINS SPOILERS AND AWESOMENESS-- READ ONLY AFTER READING EMERGE!!!!!!

It's happened..

The day has come that FINALLY someone is tied sitting pretty at #1 with Kellan Kyle.. KK had a LONG 14 month run all by his lonesome as #1.. Some have come close.. But just not *quite* there.. You should know before moving on- I rate ALL Book boys on a Kellan Kyle scale.. So this is HUGE. HUUUUUUUGE accomplishment. Not just ANY amazing book boyfriend can get to this level.. And let me tell you.. After reading Emerge- my KK scale is freakin tipping over and I am at a loss for words.. <- yea, can you believe that I just said that OUTLOUD!

So, this book wasn't really an optional read.. I mean, I got added into this book group and ALL the girls were raving and asking Team Evan or Team Dane... So naturally, being the love triangle lover I am -- jumped in feet first.. I had no expectations, although I was warned I would doubt my KK love.. (secretly- I laughed, knowing this is impossible and NO BB will be him..) BOY, was I wrong..

The story starts introducing us to Laney Walker.. A tomboy 10 year old little girl being raised by her single father.. She gets in a scuff at school and the principal calls her dad in only to find out not only did his little princess fight, but a boy name Evan Mitchell Allen (their neighbor boy) had defended her as well..This soon flashes forward 8 years and Laney and Evan (who had remained best friends) are now seniors in High School..

After finally getting the nerve Evan asks Laney on a real date.. The best way to describe Evan Allen in book boyfriend reference is he is a Will Cooper (This girl- Colleen Hoover) .. He is THE perfect best friend & boyfriend you can possibly ever want and I immediately fell head over heels in love with Evan.. I already hurt knowing there is going to be another guy.. There CAN NOT possibly be a better boyfriend for Laney than Evan..

At this point- I have to go back to the "group page" and vent out my pain... yes, my group girls were there with me the whole way - holding my hand, cheering me on, telling me - it will be ok.. So, I continue on.. Evan and Laney share a love for Disney movies as they grew up together having "Disney" marathon movie nights..

Let me give you some examples of the kind of guy Evan is.. I need to paint the whole honest picture here::

"Laney, you're THAT girl.. the one guys make up in their head when they put all the parts together to make one perfect girl. "

"I've dreamed of kissing her since I was 10 years old..I knew it wouldn't be the same when and if it ever happened.. It isn't."

"He's like the perfect song, all said for me"<-- Laney's thoughts to herself

and you ready for it?? THIS IS WHERE I FELL IN LOVE WITH EVAN:::~::~:

"I love her more than any man has ever loved a woman.. I am sure of it. I've loved her since the first time her little tomboy A\$\$ smarted off to me, when she was all dirt and elbows.. and now, she's a goddess."

^ See, total Will Cooper - sweet baby Evan is a Real Life Disney Prince and I am convinced at this point.. There will NEVER be anyone better..

And then- they end up at seperate colleges so Laney and Evan come to agreement that they aren't going to hold each other back.. They still love each other, but won't hold each other back from happiness while apart.

Laney moves in where her new Dorm Roommate Bennett... who I quickly LOVE and her high school bestie Kaitlyn is at the college where Evan attends so she and Bennett instant friends

After Bennett (WHO IS REAL LIFE ARIEL) forces her to go to a college event.. She meets him.. The guy who changes everything.. I am still convinced I am Team Evan.. I WILL NOT FALL FOR ANYONE ELSE. EVER.

Dane Kendrick.. Unlike Evan who is "all american jock with light brown shaggy hair and blue eyes - you know the really "cute-hot" guy.. Dane is just beautiful.. Dark hair, dark eyes, tanned skin.. perfection..

I am getting scared now... I mean, you know when a guy has the good faithful girl thinking dirty thoughts- it's getting ready to get cray cray..She describes him as " The world's sexiest reason to drop you panties.." Well crap.. my Team is now Team Fence.. Splinters or not- I am sitting here and NO ONE can make me move.. I want both. Laney needs both... So screw these teams.. I am making a new one..

And then..I discover.. He's a winker, a nicknamer, and a musician and my damn fence comes crashing down.. hard.. Poor Evan... I am sorry sweet baby.. We had a good run. But Dane.. yea- He's McDreamy..

and A nicknaming winking McDreamy musician trumps Prince Eric.. ALWAYS.

"Disney" and Dane (that is his nickname for her) have such a strong connection- it is radiating thru my kindle screen.. My fingers are on FIRE.. My heart is about to burst.. and I know at this point.. I am a goner- along with Laney.. Hook, line, and sinker - I AM SUNK....

I should explain at this point that Laney and I are one in the same.. The way she looks, her personality, her love for disney and music, and I connected to her like no other female character ever.. I loved her as much as I loved the guys.. Her and Bennett had the kind of friendship us girls all want...

So, back to Dane--HO-LEE-I have swooned and went to kellan kyle Heaven.. This man is beyond perfection.. There really is not a word I can use to describe other than that. Let me show you what I mean::

"I want you to be my girlfriend.. I want you to be my baby.."

"Oh God baby it's going to be good one day.. You and me...explosive."

" Baby its so hard it hurts"<--- My note-- HO-lee hotness Disney -get it on or I am going to jump in this book and get it done for you.."

"I can tell you how happy it makes me.. How little you gave him ... and THAT will be all mine" <-- Yep, her V card is ALL HIS..

86%--- heartbreak... I am about to throw up .. nervous, my belly hurt and my heart is going to explode..

90% "Your choice..Bedroom or right here"<--- OMG I AM FANNING MYSELF.. HOT HOT HOT

"you dont' kiss like that off you're still on the fence..." <--- you're right.. I burned that FENCE TO THE GROUND DANE!!!! That fence- it was gone at first wink;)

"I'm not sure what kind of love you mean baby but if you mean do I want you to be with me forever that I can't bear the thought of being without you as my lover, my best friend, my whole world.. one day my wife, baby mama(he winks) then yes, I love you - love you.. <----- A wink and calling her a baby Mama.. I am so far tipped on my KK scale - there is no hope of coming back.. DANE KENDRICK, you just took a step above my KK..

"Cosmic.." MOTHER OF ALL LOVE SCENES I LOVE DANE KENDRICK ..LOVE MORE THAN KELLAN KYLE ... OMG.. I JUST SAID THAT OUTLOUD.. YEP, IT HAPPENED.. THE TRUTH WILL

SET YOU FREE.. AND DANE IS FREEDOM..

So, at this point.. I know that Evan.. Prince Eric - has to be let go.. Not that He and Laney are "together" but their hearts are bound..

Cut my guts with a dull knife "Merry Christmas Princess.." <-- FULL ON UGLY TEARED SNOTTY CRY HOLD ME NOW FRIENDS BECAUSE I NEED LOVE AND CODDLED...

I rate this book at the BIGGEST 5 STAR RATING YOU CAN RATE.. IT IS NOTHING SHORT OF PERFECT, AMAZING, A REAL LIFE FAIRY TALE ROMANCE THAT YOU WONT PUT DOWN.. I started this book at 11:00 om and finished at 3 am .. Admitted to my girls at 2:46 CST that Dane is KK's successor.... Dane has romanced his way right past Kellan Kyle.. and I don't ever think anyone can take that .. Because YES, he is THAT AMAZING..

This is in my top 3 books of all time.. To say I LOVED it.. Is not enough..

DANE KENDRICK AND EVAN WILL SHOW YOU WHAT BOOK BOYFRIENDS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE.. BELIEVE ME.. YOU MUST MEET THEM.. SOON.. LIKE TODAY.. RIGHT NOW.. HERE IS THE LINK:: JUST TO MAKE IT EASY ON YA:::

http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_...

Jacqueline's Reads says

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Aestas Book Blog says

Holy high ratings! I dont know much about it (I think there's a love triangle?) but am intrigued by all the 5 star ratings...

Laney Walker is a quick witted, athletic, southern tomboy who lets few get too close, using her sarcastic zingers to deflect. She also has no idea how others view her, Evan having protected and coveted her since they were children. But college puts a gap between Laney and Evan that neither of them were prepared for- old relationships are tested, new ones are formed and nothing will ever be the same.

Especially when in walks one Dane Kendrick, not at all the familiar, southern charmer of home, but an animal all his own.

A story of growing up, friendship, loyalty, first love, primal love...and life.

Mature content.

Crazies R Us Book Blog says

A coming of age, NA romance with sexual content (mature audiences recommended)

Emerge is Laney Walker's story; an 18 yr old quick witted, athletic, southern girl who lets few get too close and uses her sarcastic zingers to deflect most situations. This is her coming of age journey...starting at a new college, with a new softball team and a quirky roommate, all while living in a co-ed dorm.

One night.

Dane Kendrick.

It changes all which she thought she knew and awakens something, someone, within her that she didn't know existed.

A tale of friendship, loyalty, first love, primal love and...life.

I must say that I wasn't sure what to expect from this book and I was NOT disappointed! I was hooked from the very beginning and I must say that I would have had a hard time being in Laney Walker's shoes. The book starts out by learning that Laney was raised by her father. Her mother had walked out on them when Laney was young. She had three people in her life that she counted on, her father, her best friend, Kaitlyn, and her very best friend, Evan. Laney & Evan had been close since she was 10 years old and that friendship grew into more than a friendship her Senior year when Evan declared his love for her. They would soon be leaving for different colleges and they both were dreading being separated. Evan & Kaitlyn would be attending the same college at UGA & Laney would be attending Southern. Her heart was broken when she learned she wouldn't be attending UGA with her two best friends. She finds out later that she could have attended college with her two best friends but someone sabotaged that for her.

Laney settles in at Southern and makes some really good friends...friends she will keep for a lifetime. One night during a meet & greet in her dorm, she comes face to face with the most gorgeous guy she thinks she has ever seen. Well, Evan is right up there with him and his name is Dane Kendrick. Dane & Laney become close and this scares her a little because it took her years to let Evan get close because of all the walls she had built. But Dane is getting under her skin & she feels so comfortable with him. Laney is very mature for her age and she is completely honest with both guys eventually, once she starts figuring out her feelings.

Laney was a beautiful girl with a promising future ahead of her. She matured through the book and she realized that there is more to life than just her little circle of friends she had back home. She found true friends, true love but most important she seemed to find herself. I really loved this book and my heart broke for her. I was torn in the beginning about who I wanted Laney to end up with BUT it didn't take long for me to figure that out. I was NOT disappointed in her choice.

Everyone should read this touching story and there is going to be a book #2...squeeeeee. Hopefully, we won't have a long wait!!

5 Stars!!

This book had me hook, line & sinker from the get go.

Kim's Review - Cami's is coming later ;)

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

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Triangle. Stand-alone book 1, but H/he are featured in (epilogue) novellas. Series is complete.

***If you don't want to know who ended up being the hero, don't read past blurb for book 1.

BLURB:

"You never have to be without me, Laney, never."

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<https://www.goodreads.com/review/list...>

Kellie Maddox-Ward says

There seems to be mixed reviews on this one.

Personally I really liked it.

Yes the heroine in this story Laney seems to have beer flavoured nipples, Ok so she doesn't but she may as well.

Typical tomboy girl who doesn't realise how hot she is... until she gets to college. Everyone falls madly in love with her and likes her immediately. Is a shy virgin etc etc etc Hence *beer flavoured nipples*

Ok I'm being a bit harsh cos I actually liked Laney.. But you know the NA Heroine's I'm describing? Well

that's Laney... except she plays softball and likes sports.

A lot of stuff happens in this book. I'm not going to go into detail about it all as I want you to be surprised and enjoy it.

But Disney does make a big appearance in this book. Whether it be character references, Laney's choice of movies. Dane's nickname for her. So if I mention something about Disney that's why. lol

It's written from all 3 POV's but mainly Laney's.

I do want to mention..

THERE IS NO CHEATING IN THIS BOOK!

Yes there is lying... well no.. there isn't really... but not telling someone something is a lie by omission right?

I know what you're thinking.... How can it be a triangle if there is no cheating?!

Someone always cheats...

Well not in this one...

The Guys are too awesome!

Well the answer is simple...

Evan and Laney were together.. The decision was made they would go to college as single best friends not lovers.

When Laney meets Dane, Dane is told about Evan.

Laney tells Evan about Dane as well

That's the thing that really got to me about this book...

One guy is always your typical man whore – bad boy tattoo'd pierced biker kinda guy

One is a preppy, good boy next door...

Evan Allen

is **AMAZING**

I loved him from the start...

I mean how could you not with things like this come out of his mouth:

“Laney, your that girl. The one that guys make up in their head when they put all the best parts together to make one perfect gitl. The man who gets you to actually pay attention, well, he'll be the luckiest guy on the planet, and he'll know it.

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“I'm done with that, and I'm done not kissing you. All you have to do is say no, precious girl. But please, please... say yes.”

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"It's nothing but space Laney. It means nothing. I'm still yours."

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"I've waited half my life to take my princess to the ball, and it's been perfect. I want tonight to last forever, for everything to be that of her dreams."

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"You never have to be without me, Laney, never. All I want is you; all I've ever wanted is you."

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"I loved her since her little tomboy ass smarted off at me, when she was all dirt and elbows. And now she is a goddess."

See sigh...

He seems like a clean cut kid. Football Quarterback. Good grades.

He treats Laney like a Queen.

Then we get inside his head! He is not as "good guy" as we think. We get his thoughts and feelings....

He really does love Laney and was miserable about his choice to go to school instead of being with her.

He loves her.

He is just trying to keep her heart.

The other team player is

Dane Kendrick –

sigh is also **AMAZING** (And I need to let you know that Dane has brown eyes, but If I was going to think about 2 hot guys I was making them my 2 fav young hotties)

The Mysterious guy. He avoids questions about his personal life.

He doesn't actually got to College at Southern, just hangs out there cos of Tate.

He is an amazing guy.

He tells Laney he wants to get to know her better and wasn't lying.

He never pressures her, is the perfect gentlemen and spoils her rotten!

Even takes the lucky bitch to Disneyland for her birthday and doesn't try anything!

NOT ONE!

Oh and he is Rich.. Did I mention that?

And amazingly beautiful!

Oh and he wants to win her heart!

He says things like

"Seriously, where were you when I was 10?"

"Off somewhere, waiting for you."

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"I'm not sure what kind of love you mean baby but if you mean do I want you to be with me forever that I can't bear the thought of being without you as my lover, my best friend, my whole world.. one day my wife, baby mama(he winks) then yes, I love you - love you"

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"I won't she you, Laney. Not your lips, not your thoughts, not your body, and especially not your heart. You don't have to give all to me just yet, but give me nothing if any of it belongs to him."

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“I will never kiss another man’s girl... but you’re not his, Laney. You’re not mine.. yet. But you’re not his, either. So the way I see it you’re kissable.” “Last chance, Disney. Once I get a taste, I’m coming after you with everything I got.” He leans into me and I close my eyes.

“ Open your eyes, Laney, look at me. Make damn sure you know it’s me kissing you, and don’t you ever hide it.”

* * *

“It’s gonna be so good one day. You and me, explosive.”

Who does she choose?

The Guy she has known her whole life?

Or the guy that she doesn’t know much about, the guy that makes her feel alive.

I do need to say that we are left with a kinda cliffhanger...

Laney does make a choice and one of these amazing characters are crushed and the other elated beyond belief... and then BOOM hello horrible last page!

But yeah.. There is going to be another book... I don’t know if it will be so that, that person can get their HEA or whether the triangle will continue. I really hope it doesn’t!

OH and what the hell is with Whitley hanging around?! I hope that's answered too!

So all in all summing up.. I love both Evan and Dane... The secondary characters are all awesome especially Sawyer.

Sexual tension is huge and the “lovin” scenes are not graphic but are slightly detailed before fading to black.

Tessa Teevan says

Hovering between 2.5-3 stars. Loved Evan. Hated everything else.

First, I'd like to say that CLEARLY I'm in the minority on Goodreads, so don't just my take my word for it.

Locking myself in a closet and not coming out until I get a certain HEA in the next book.

Warning: My review may be seen as slightly spoilery because there's not really any way saying how I feel without possibly giving something away. So DO NOT READ if that'll bother you.

Laney and Evan have been friends for as long as they can remember, being as close as two people can be. So it's no surprise when during their senior year of high school they finally admit their feelings to each other. They spend their final summer together before they're headed off to separate colleges hours apart. Evan wants to stay together but Laney thinks its best to go their separate ways, unattached so that they won't hurt each other. Teenage girl logic at it's finest. Evan's resistant, but reluctantly agrees.

When Laney gets to Southern where she's playing softball on a scholarship, she becomes quick friends with her roommate, Bennett. One night during a Hall Crawl, they meet roommates Tate and Sawyer, and Tate's brother Dane. Dane and Laney instantly hit it off and it's not long before Dane's pursuing more than a friendship. As they spend more time together, Dane makes it clear that he has feelings for her. Laney's confused by her own feelings and she's consumed with guilt because even though she feels something for Dane, she still loves Evan. Who and how will she choose?

To be quite honest, Emerge is a hard book for me to review upon immediate finish. This is the third book in a row that's ended in a different way than I wanted, so I'm having a really hard time staying objective. I'm a selfish reader, but I guess we can't win them all, right? I suppose it's realistic to not always get what the heart wants.

I fell totally, 100% head over heels for Evan in an instant. Everything about him screamed "ultimate book boyfriend" which made it that much harder for me to feel anything for Dane.

Dane, while sweet and sexy, just didn't do it for me. And maybe that's Evan's fault. If Evan had never made an appearance, I probably would've felt a bit more for Dane, but I just couldn't feel it. It bothered me that Dane wasn't very open with Laney even though she'd practically bared her soul to him. I didn't ever feel that their attraction was more than physical, especially when Laney knew nothing about Dane for almost the whole book. That bothered me. By looking at other reviews, I know I'm in the minority. Again, I think that's because I fell so hard for Evan that there could be no other for me. I felt like Laney set herself & Evan up to fail from the very beginning, so maybe she didn't love him the way that he truly deserved. That's just me.

All that being said, Emerge is a very well written book and I wouldn't discourage anyone from reading it. In fact, it's pretty amazing that I was so upset with the outcome, but I can still say that I liked the book. That definitely says something about the author's ability. S.E. Hall has a very easy, flowing writing style and I could hardly put the book down. I'll be waiting on pins and needles for book 2 to come out.

ARC was kindly provided in exchange for an honest review.

Jess-i-ca ~Sometimes a Gif Witch~ says

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4.5

The very last few pages made me

This book was cute and cheesy in parts but sucked me in....At first I was pulling for Evan, then I was pulling for Dane, then I didn't know who to pull for! I totally wasn't expecting what happened....AGHHHH

Sammy ?? says

4.5 stars

Emerge is the first book in the Evolve series where we meet Laney, Evan and Dane

So Laney and Evan have been best friends and inseparable since they were 10 years old. Just before going off to different collages Evan decides it's time to face up to the fact that he's in love with Laney.

"I've dreamed of kissing her since I was 10 years old. I knew it wouldn't be the same when and if it ever happened....it's isn't."

But with the thousands of miles that will be between them throughout their collage years Laney thinks it's best to stay as friends and if its ment to be they will find a way back to each other.

I really liked Evan he was such a sweetie and would do anything to protect Laney, he's the perfect best friend.

"Laney your THAT girl...the one guys make up in their head when they put the parts together to make one perfect girl"

Once Laney goes off to collage she meets her room mate Bennett who starts to bring Laney out of her shell and encourages her to get involved in a collage event this is where she meets the swoon worthy Dane who is everything Evan isn't.

There was something about Dane that made me like him instantly and from that moment I was Team Dane all the way, he was kind and caring but still rough around the edges with his wash board abs and just sexed hair.

"Baby" I say as I drop a kiss on her forehead "You can plan out dates, tell me what to wear, run the radio" I wink "You can even name our kids one day...after Disney characters even. But in the bedroom, the hot tub, against the wall, or basically anywhere I have you naked and wet...let me lead."

The supporting characters were great I loved Sawyer and im looking forward to hearing more about the crew.

The only reason I dropped half a star for this was because I got the last page and was like WHAT Nooooo I need more!!!! I can't wait for book 2 to see how it all pans out for Evan.

J *deep in the heart of Texas* says

4.5--I'm just going to pretend like that last chapter page wasn't even there--Stars!!!

Wow! Really, really liked this one. It pretty much grabbed me from the first page and NEVER let go.

Evan and Laney go from being BFFs to first loves. They were so sweet and cute together how could you not root for them. At this point of the story I am 100% Team Evan. There isn't anyone that could possibly sweep in and take his place. But just as soon as their love begins, Laney and Evan find out that they will be going to separate colleges.

They agree that despite the way they feel about each other they don't want to go to college as a couple. Knowing that distance and the college life could tear them apart and ruin their friendship. They don't want to hold each other back.

So Evan heads off to UGA (with Laney's BFF Kaitlyn) and Laney heads off to Southern. Both Evan and Laney struggle with being apart from each other, yet wanting to experience college and have fun. Laney feels guilty for wanting to meet new people and have new experiences. One of those being Dane....*sigh* Delicious Dane.

At this point, I didn't want to like Dane! At all. I was in love with Evan and Laney. But then Dane wormed his way in and there was really no choice. How could there be when you have a guy who says stuff like this...

"I won't share you, Laney. Not your lips, not your thoughts, not your body, and especially not your heart. You don't have to give it all to me just yet, but give me nothing if any of it belongs to him."

"Open your eyes, Laney, look at me. Make damn sure you know it's me kissing you, and don't you ever hide from it."

Laney constantly struggles with her feelings for Dane and not wanting to hurt Evan. But she soon realizes that what she has with Dane is unlike anything she experienced with Evan.

But Evan's not going to go down without a fight and bless his heart he Never. Gives. Up.

Laney's BFF Kaitlyn....

Past betrayals are revealed, secrets are kept and choices are made.... changing EVERYTHING.

The last freaking chapter....more like the last freaking page!

I mean really?!?! You're going to go there?? WTH?? That was just wrong on so many levels. Listen, you

better not fuck things up with Dane and Laney!

Lydia H says

Review will be posted July 10th, day of Blog Tour Stop on HEA Book Shelf.

For now, I'm gonna say: read this book!! I could not put it down!

~*~

BLOG TOUR STOP!!! SEE COMPLETE POST HERE: <http://heabookshelf.blogspot.com/2013...>

I had a *very hard* time putting down this book. In fact, my husband had to come into our room and literally take my Kindle away because I was neglecting a bunch of important things I HAD to do. *True story*. So yes, it's *that* good!

For the first time, during a "love triangle," the female character didn't piss me off with her indecision or confusion. I actually felt sympathy for Laney and understood her hesitations. Evan was her best friend, her everything, since they were ten years old. He was the typical boy next door, hot, and an athlete. Very swoon worthy if I do say so myself. He was all she ever knew. Finally, during their senior year in high school, Evan came clean regarding his true feelings for Laney.

"Laney, you're that girl.. the one guys make up in their head when they put all the parts together to make one perfect girl."

Everything was perfect... until graduation. Their plan to go to the same university went out the window. Evan accepted a football scholarship to their dream university while Laney never got her acceptance letter.

Being a very 'realistic' person, Laney decided to break things off (relationship wise) with Evan. But they still decided to keep in touch has best friends.

At her new school, Laney meets her super awesome friends a.k.a 'The Crew' whom I absolutely LOVED! Their dialogue definitely added humor to the story line. One of those new friends, was the one and only, *Dane* - total opposite of Evan. Well, minus the smokin' hot part, of course. He had the not-so-boy-next-door thing going on.. in more ways than one. He was very sweet with Laney yet not too sweet when need be.
wink

***"Um, Dane, have you been checking me out?" I blush.
"Only when I'm breathing."***

Still having Evan in her life and now, Dane, Laney enters the emotional roller coaster of her life. And the way this book was written, I felt like I was right there with her.. *right.. there*. Having **ALL** point of views through out the book was a huge plus! I connected with all the characters..

Laney, Evan and Dane. Which, now that I think about it, in a way, it kind of made it worse when it came down to picking a side!!! hahaha! I went from Team Evan to Team Dane to Team Evan to Team Dane... all-through out-the-book

The things Evan said and did??? *sigh*

"I've waited half my life to take my princess to the ball, and it's been perfect. I want tonight to last forever, for everything to be that of her dreams."

"You never have to be without me, Laney, never. All I want is you; all I've ever wanted is you."

and then there was Dane.. *deep sigh*

"I want to take care of this girl, hold her, and make everything better. I want to be the reason she laughs, smiles, gasps.."

"You are a princess. I'll always see to that."

*Holy mother of God!! Do you see??? For the life of me, I could not choose!!!! I love them both!!! oh, the pressure!!!! *even deeper sigh**

But yes, it all comes down to *one*. Laney... chooses... *one*.

And OMG! that ENDING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

All I can say regarding *that* is.. my heart??? yeah.. it SUNK!!!!!! Like literally, SUNK all the way down to my butt! Because even though there is *no relationship cliffhanger, holy hell, there is a HUGE plot cliffhanger!!*

I-NEED-BOOK-TWO!!!!

"I love you. I didn't know what that really meant until I met you. You were made to be my other half and I yours."

"Emerge" by S.E. Hall is a MUST READ!

Jesey ~ Schmexy GIrl~ says

Laney is the innocent, tomboyish, raised by a single father, girl next door. Evan is the sweet, all American, football player, boy next door. Seems perfect doesn't it? They thought so too. Being separated for college is not what they expected to happen to them. Laney thinks it is best for them to return to being best friends instead of boyfriend/girlfriend, she doesn't want anything to ruin the friendship they have had since they were 9 years old.

As Laney settles in at her school she easily becomes friends with her new roommate. They attend a getting to know you event in their dorm and they meet Dane.

"His eyes are big and brown and he smiles all the way through them. His skin is dark, like he's tan all year round, and he carries himself with a kind but yeah, I know you're looking air."

Laney is trying to find the balance between her new friends, the mystery that is Dane, and her life with Evan. She is not technically with Evan but she still feels guilty for the feelings she has developing for Dane. Dane is sweet, protective, understanding, respectful....he does not push Laney into anything and he takes his time with her.

"It means, Laney, that I want to get to know you better."

Meanwhile Evan is trying to stay connected to Laney, wanting so much more than to just be friends. When obstacles get in their way he fights to make things right and get to the bottom of things.

Laney is confused about Evan's feelings for her because of their agreement to be friends and their distance.

" 'Absence makes the heart grow fonder' my ass. How about 'absence makes the head dizzy and fills the heart with aching bewilderment'."

Emerge (Evolve Series) is written from multiple POVs, allowing the reader to see this story from different angles. Most of the book is from Laney's POV however the snippets from Dane and Evan made it hard to choose sides. Both of these boys truly care for and love this girl. The flow of their story is well written, it is not all over the place but it still keeps you wondering....

....who will give up everything for Laney, and at what cost? Read EmERGE (Evolve Series) and find out! I could not get enough of this story and I would love your feedback as well....go buy it today, read it and comment below!

For more of my reviews check out my site

<http://www.schmexygirlbookblog.com>

Thanks and have a Schmexy Day!

Alexis *Reality Bites* says

I saw this on Facebook! This book is rated pretty high and has people saying they loved it! I must say..my interest is piqued.

Joan (official heroine hater) says

God this book was annoying! I have no idea how I managed to finish it-I guess curiosity to see how it all ended up. The first few chapters of the sample I read were pretty decent-I should know by now that samples can be deceiving, when will I ever learn?

I absolutely hated just about every character in this book. Let's start with Laney, our heroine. Biggest dick-

tease I've ever read! Now I hate that term and hate it when guys use it, but I'm sorry, Laney was the very definition of a dick-tease. The back and forth-I love Evan and I don't want to hurt him...or no, I love Dane and I don't want to hurt him. Oh, but I'll just mess around with both of them and get their hopes all up. Non-stop "woe is me" and "my life is so hard" and tears galore. UGH! The best part of the whole book was when her friend, Bennett, went off on her and told her what a selfish bitch she was-that had me smiling!

Then we have hero #1-Evan. What a weenie-he spent the entire book apologizing and saying "I'm sorry" to Laney. And for what?? I have no clue, he never really did anything wrong except fall for her and get yanked around on her chain. Grow a pair Evan....

Hero#2-Dane. I didn't get the appeal of this guy at all. I guess he was supposed to be Mr. Mystery Man, but I wasn't falling for it. We never really get to know him, even with the chapters from his POV. I have NO clue what he saw in Laney and why he was suddenly so in love with such a useless blob. He also had the worst case of winkitis I've ever seen. This guy was "winking" at least once or twice a chapter. Was that supposed to be hot? It was starting to creep me out and by about 50% I was ready to poke him in the eye with a sharp object. I actually thought he was going to end up being the stalker with all the creepy winking and possessiveness. Course, that little plot line is finally revealed at the end...lame.

So, it goes without saying, that I won't be bothering to read the rest of this series. I see that the next one is Evan's story and reading an entire book about that ball-less wonder just doesn't appeal to me.
