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**A story of love, family, and learning to trust**

Grace Daniels would be the first to admit she's in over her head. Caring for three nieces and a nephew while hiding from a vicious enemy has her living on the razor's edge. And just when she thinks she's found the perfect sanctuary, the arrival of a new neighbor jeopardizes her peace of mind—and their safety.

Police officer Sean McKittrick just wants a little R&R to recuperate from an injury, but his plans are turned upside down when he encounters the attractive and feisty neighbor occupying the cottage next to his. Realizing Grace needs a helping hand, he can't help but warm to her and her little family. But as he and Grace become friends over stuffed toys and cooking lessons, he realizes she's hiding something—something big. Now, it's up to him to uncover the truth about the woman next door.

As Grace's secrets surface, the danger threatening her and her family looms ever closer. Can she learn to trust Sean in time to let him help her?

## Forever Grace Details

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## From Reader Review Forever Grace for online ebook

### Bea Charmed says

Aaaah! If I hadn't already seen info about this book before reading the previous one, I'd have been a cranky reader. The previous story had a cliffhanger but happily it all works out.

There are two central conflicts between Sean and Grace. One is kids: Grace has them, Sean doesn't want any. It's lateish in the story before we find out why Sean is so resistant to having kids and I wish Poitevin had developed that more. The other conflict is that Grace is hiding something and Sean's cop instincts are roused. At one point he's worried that he'll have to arrest her. That could put a hitch in their relationship. :D The whole story takes place over a week and it just seemed too fast. There was a lot happening and the time frame didn't work. Sean's change of heart about children, Grace's situation, their romance which was both slow burning and rapid, it all happened quickly.

The romance was sweet, the story behind Grace and the kids was heartbreakingly sweet, and I wanted Grace and Sean to get together but the relationship and events needed more time to play out. I liked the relationship between Grace and Sean, I liked how strong Grace was both emotionally and physically, she can rescue herself thank you very much, and I enjoyed the peek at Grace and Connor we get. I liked the story but had a hard time buying into how fast everything happens especially considering what the kids have been through. Both Grace and the kids have been on an emotional roller coaster so has Sean with his injury, and I think they all needed time to process and heal. Still, it's a tender story with humor, tension, romance, and action. I definitely prefer Poitevin's romances to her urban fantasy and I liked this one a lot.

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### Danielle says

2.75

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### Dixie-Lee Campbell says

This is the first book I have read by this author. I picked this up for my Mom & she said it was really good. Well I have to say I loved this book. The synopsis on the back cover caught my interest, and the title of the book reflects this book. The storyline captured my attention, and fell in love with the main characters... but for Barry - I loathed him.

The children wrapped themselves around my heart throughout the story.... Sean McKittrick was quite the man. & Grace quite the lady ... well not so much her cooking.

I was pleasantly surprised to discover the story unfolds in the area around the town Perth and city Ottawa, Ontario

Thank you Linda Poitevin for this wonderful book.

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### **Destiny Brown says**

Great Contemporary Romance - Funny, romantic, tragic, exciting, happy

First I have to say that this is such a well written read. Linda Poitevin, has a real knack for realism and offering insight into each character with an open and relatable style that lends itself to stellar character development. Early in the story we get a glimpse into what is to follow, through a little interaction between the lead character and the sweetest little girl, Annabelle. If you don't know already from reading the synopsis you learn very quickly the backstory and can relate to it in such a wholesome and connected way. There is a sweetness but bitter sadness all in one that it pushes the readers forward in a drive to know more. I love when a book doesn't directly tell you what is up, but rather shows you through character interaction and the emotional details. It was obvious that there was more to discover as Grace was placed in the position of parent to her niece and nephew.

Then the writer gets you even more involved with giving a few details into Sean and instantly I feel like I want to take a leap forward (I am impatient that way) to learn more, but I don't. Why you may ask? Because, though I feel compelled forward, Poitevin is a delicious writer and I found myself not wanting to miss a single word in forever Grace...which overrode my crazy curiously. I love the way the story develops from questions, to drama to drive and then into a pretty fantastic romance. I guess you can say you get it all with this read, because that is precisely what you get. It is safe to say that no matter what genre you lean toward there is something in this book for you (aside from perhaps sci-fi, there is no sci-fi to be had). However if you are looking for an entertaining, well written, full day read that has some twists and turns and some entirely relatable characters you have found what you're looking for all contained in this book.

My favorite aspect of the read has to be with Grace the kids and Sean. I don't know I am a sucker for dreaming up these people becoming a family. Don't get me wrong there is plenty of suspicious circumstance and criminal activity to wrap your detective head around. And believe me when I say you will be kept guessing until the conclusion of the story, but I love how it is buffered with my own hopes and dreams that somehow these two characters Grace and Sean will become the support system the other doesn't so readily understand that they need. All in all is a captivating and engaging read and I highly recommend it.

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### **? Jeri's Book Attic ? I like says**

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### **Susana says**

3.5 stars

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**Book Status: Already released ( April 24 th)**

Trigger warnings: Domestic Violence

Having read and loved the first book in this series Gwynneth Ever After I was more than happy to sunk my metaphorical teeth in this one.

This is basically a four star book. As usual it is extremely well written. The characters pretty much have a life of their own, and the author was able to interwove a harsh reality with the promises of a new day. Hopefully a better one.

However \_ for me \_ since the story happens against the background of domestic abuse, I spend a third of the book wishing that the plot had been told during a longer time frame.

Grace and her nephews are living in the aftermath of a nightmare \_that hasn't yet ended\_ and I couldn't help feeling that the week they spend around Sean was just too little for the guy to have such an impact in their lives. Not that you don't feel a strong connection between those two, you do.

Also, I had some difficulty believing into Sean's change of heart. Here is someone who didn't want to have kids. And Grace has to take care of four... and the cuteness has an expiration date. :D  
Once again, I found everything too sudden. Yes, the situation has its nuances, and maybe his protective instincts have been activated, but...

I was happy to take a peek into Gwynn's and Connor's married life.

I liked how strong (mentally and psychically) Grace turned out to be. I especially loved the fact that she didn't need anyone to save her in the end.

And the fact that she landed Sean on his... posterior (both psychical as literal speaking) was an added bonus.

Bottom line, a good story, although I still prefer the first book in the series "Gwynneth Ever After" something not difficult to understand given the theme of this book.

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**Joan says**

Funny, romantic, tragic, exciting, happy ... Forever Grace runs the gamut of emotions that keeps the reader involved in the story and hating to put it down. Linda Poitevin knows how to bring characters and dialog to life, and better yet, makes you wish you knew these people.

When I read *Forever Ever After* I asked Linda if she could please, please write Sean's story -- and she did! While recovering from the life-threatening injury he sustained in *Ever After*, Sean decides to recuperate at a rustic cabin owned by his cousin, Gareth. With his leg in a clumsy cast, in pain, and nearly as grouchy as the

bear sniffing around his cabin, Sean gets off to a rough start with his neighbor Grace and her brood of (gasp!) children, even if she is their aunt and legal guardian while her sister, a victim of spousal abuse, lies in a coma.

Sean, who claims he is no fan of kids, still finds himself drawn to Grace and her charges. Grace, with her own reasons not to trust anybody, particularly an unknown, yet compelling stranger, is inevitably drawn to Sean.

I won't write spoilers, but there was enough humor, tenderness, and romance to make me misty-eyed. Linda is a lovely writer who knows how to draw you into a story, to make her characters matter, and leave you with the promise of happiness and hope for her protagonists.

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### **Sarah (Workaday Reads) says**

It's stories like this that make me enjoy romance books. This is such a sweet and heartwarming story. I can easily remember it after several months, and several other books, and that makes it special.

I love the accurate portrayal of people, both adults and children. Children so rarely appear in romance stories, except as side notes, but in this entire series children play an important role in each family, and this book is no exception. They are realistic and adorable and amusing. The adults are much the same way, with every character having a fully developed personality, complete with good and bad parts.

The romance in this story is swoonworthy and sweet. It made for an enjoyable afternoon read, curled up in the world of dreams and possibilities. Like Sean himself, this book is a keeper.

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### **(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys\_sidekick says**

Review to come

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### **Lillian Cummings says**

Grace is on the run with her sister's four children. Her sister is in a coma after been assaulted by her cop husband. Grace needs to keep them save as their father wants the children. She has been hiding with them by the lake in a friend's cabin. She has been careful to keep the children hidden but that is all about to change. Her next door neighbour Sean is a cop that he trying to recover from being shot on duty. He doesn't want children but he is so drew to Grace & the children, he knows that there is something very wrong. There are many things that he puts up but can it be true that she is a wanted kidnapper. Grace decides to trust him and he will do anything to protect her & the children for their father. Little do they both realise that they need each other but both are too scared to say it. This is a great story that moves at a easy pace. People can get second chances even though it comes at a big price. I loved the characters and what they brought to the story. Will be reading her other books. I was lucky enough to get a copy for Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

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## Mary Fazzi says

### Who knew cops be more amazing

Grace was in the cottage with 3 kids, but they aren't hers. Her sister needed her and she step up and was there to help them heal and protect them. Sean a cop and needed time away from everything since he was shot on duty. His cottage next to Grace's and they became friends but something was starting to be more but Grace can't think about herself anymore. Great book.

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## Quinn's Book Nook says

Sometimes I just want a really easy read. A book that isn't going to grab my emotions too strongly. Sort of a palate cleanser. I saw *Forever Grace* by Linda Poitevin mentioned on another blog, and decided to read it on a whim.

*Forever Grace* is about Grace, who suddenly has to care for her sister's four young children, and Sean, a police officer recovering from a gunshot wound. They meet because they are both staying way out in the country in the off season.

Grace is in a little over her head, having to take care of four young children. She's absolutely doing the best she can, which is pretty amazing, but she's always worrying about what the right thing to do is. Grace also has other things she's dealing with, which is sort of a mystery aspect to the *Forever Grace*.

When Sean unexpectedly shows up, Grace and the kids are surprised, and Grace is wary. Sean needs help because his leg is in a cast, and so they form a connection. **While I liked Grace, Sean and the kids, they never really tugged on my heartstrings.** I could see why Sean and Grace would make a good couple, but, again, I can't say I was all that worried about them, either. The romance is very PG-13.

The kids were pretty adorable, but I'm not really sure if I found them completely realistic. But, in all honesty, I rarely find the kids in romances very realistic. This really wasn't a huge issue for me.

**So *Forever Grace* was pleasant enough, but nothing at all memorable.** I will probably forget most of the story in a month or so. But it's not a bad book, by any means. This review was originally posted on Quinn's Book Nook

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## Bonnie C. says

### An intriguing series

A clean mysterious romantic story, bringing in characters from the previous book, but can be read as a stand alone tale. I appreciate that it is not necessarily a continuation of the last of the series, but if you have read that one, you'll pick up where it left off. Optimistic, and hope everlasting even when all seems lost. You will enjoy the humor, and curiosity of the children, and the ending of this particular story.

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## **Jeannie Zelos says**

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Review from Jeannie Zelos book reviews

Genre: Romance,

I loved the first book in this series, and this one features Gareth's cousin Sean. ( There are cameo appearances by Gareth, Gwyn and the kids) It's not a book full of hot, steamy sex, but a romance that builds slowly, where the couple learn about each other, and the circumstances throw them together, letting them see sides of each other than may otherwise have been hidden.

Sean is recovering from some severe injuries caused by an incident at work – he's a cop. He's come to film star Gareth's secret hideout, an isolated cottage far away from crowds. Grace is looking after her three nieces and her nephew in the cottage next door, under the impression no-one else will be around. Once they meet it's soon clear to Sean that the story she gives out about the little family doesn't add up. As a cop his curiosity is piqued, and he wants to know more – why are they there, where are the parents, why aren't the older three at school?

Its a lovely read, with some great humour, Grace's cooking and the kids advice to Sean to bin it.... I loved Grace. She's upturned her whole life to look after the kids, and I needed to know – like Sean – just what they were escaping from. When I found out it was heart-breaking, and the kids actions made so much sense. they were great characters too – acted exactly as I'd imagine kids in their position would. Josh, ten going on fifty at times, I wanted to hug him. He's seen things no kid of his age should, and was so protective of his sisters and helpful to Grace. The girls too each had their own personality and were wise beyond their years, apart from baby Annabelle, who was so young she missed most of the fear. I loved the "stuffies owie" episode!! Toddlers – when they get an idea often they just won't be moved, and again I could envisage that scene so well.

Its a really sad situation – fictional of course, but incredibly well portrayed, and sadly is real life for far too many families. Grace and Sean were two people that under normal circumstances would be unlikely to ever meet, and yet they were perfect for each other. There's a beautiful romance developing but its only part of the story, its not a sex all the way book, but one that covers serious issues and had a solid suspense mystery behind it, and is balanced from the serious side by some wonderful humour .

Stars: Five, a beautiful read.

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## **Lexxie (un)Conventional Bookworms says**

\*I received a free ARC of Forever Grace from Michem Publishing via Netgalley in exchange of an honest and unbiased review\*

I needed quite a bit of tissues while reading Forever Grace, because while this is a romance, it was also filled with sadness and fear. Beautifully written, with strong characters, it will stay with me a while.

COYER Scavenger Hunt item #20 Read a book with a couple (two people) fully clothed on the front. (2 points)

