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The perfect love. The perfect plan. Unfortunately, life is never perfect and it rarely goes as planned...

The quintessential hometown girl, Zoey Martin is brilliant, beautiful, and down-to-earth. Her lifelong plans have always included the one and only boy she's ever loved.

Now that he's the advertising director of the family business, level-headed Zach Morgan knows what he wants. Too bad the love of his life is five years younger and has grown up as his cousin. Although they aren't technically related, there's no getting around the age difference, and they must be patient while their close, loving, friendship blossoms into romance.

Inseparable childhood pals Zach and Zoey faced the obstacles of their relationship head on and made plans for their perfect future, only to discover that living and loving in an imperfect reality is messy, hard, and painful.

Will their forever love be enough to earn their happily ever after? Or will the weight of real life deny them their happy ending?

****Zach and Zoey's story is meant for ages 18+ due to adult language, themes, and situations.****

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Cynthia Tatum reichel says

Friendship and love is what everyone wants. This book is about two people growing up together and people thinking they are relatives. There is five years between them and Zachs love is strong from day one. This book follows their story as they grow up and Zach going to college. They see other people but seem to always go back to each other. Being stalked and getting hurt was a twist in the story.

This book is not my typical book that I read. I thought it was written very well. I didn't get into it as much as I would like to. This was not the books fault but just a lack of interest. At the end there really was not a cliffhanger however it felt like one because Zach wanted a commitment and she was not ready.

This review was written for Kylie's Fiction Addction

Denise Van plew says

Since by now I am pretty familiar with this author's writing style and if I like to read her novels that this one can also be in a class of its own. It is a heartwarming romance, one that will begin at the top of your head and travel all the way to the tips of your toes that will be curled by then. The two featured in this one have seem to be in love from day one of their meeting but this author will pose the question will they be able to overcome opposition at times and the fact that first part of lives how they are raised. Zach and Zoey also have 5 years between them and if they think the waiting will be hard, it will also be harder for me the reader with at times it became agonizing because you want them to be together already but it is not time yet. Of course not everyone is on board with them either with jealousy being one of the factors but not in the way you may think. I really enjoyed this one because of how it starts you just know like they do but it does not mean the author will give it up easily with out working your emotional meter a time or two. When you know what you want and it is worth waiting for is shown in tecno color with words especially by Zoey. It will also show you can not script life it happens the way it will with Zach and Zoey learning this a time or two. The author will also be tricky in this when it comes to a mysterious admirer with not only Zoey being fooled but us as the reader too. Love when that happens, puts spice into the read. Each one just seems to showcase also the growth of this author with by now this being very exceptional to read. These two gotta -love em and it will be hard to leave em when you reach the finial page in this one.

Donna says

Zach is another terrific book in Torey Hope: The Later Years Series. This story details Zach and Zoey's love story. As usual, the story is more than just a love story. It examines the love that binds a large extended family together. It touches on the subject of mental illness. It also deals with the struggle to achieve "normal" following a traumatic event.

Zach kept me interested from beginning to end. It moves at a steady pace and had a few twists and turns to hold my interest. Unlike her other books, I found quite a few grammar errors in this story. While I enjoyed

Zach, I felt it was lacking in comparison to the other books in the series.

I recommend reading all the stories in the Torey Hope Series starting with For Nicky. You will follow a large, loving family through years of changes, discoveries, new love, heartache, recovery, success, and more.

Twinsie Talk Angie J says

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Zach by AD Ellis

I received this book from the author for an honest review.

Zach and Zoey. Zoey and Zach. Given the 5 year age gap the two have been inseparable their entire lives. They have had a connection and are true soul mates. They knew that when they were older they would be together but they needed to just get through life until Zoey was 18. They didn't want anyone to misread this relationship and so staying "pure" until she was a "legal adult" was the plan. They survived him going away to college. Her befriending a classmate who wanted more than just to study together. They were ready for his return after college and then real life would begin.

When Zach returns is when the story really begins. The beginning of the book we are jumping through time to see the relationship and love of these two characters develop. I have to admit I liked Zach and his level headed approach to their relationship. I loved Zoey and her carefree way. When the story begins, we see our couple kind of floundering. They have put so much stock in the when "he returns" that there is fear that maybe they have grown apart. Well the couple have to no trouble reconnecting. They do have to deal with how family reacts to the new Boyfriend/Girlfriend label plus someone is in the shadows looking to cause trouble for the couple.....

I enjoyed the story and am really looking forward to Kendrick's story. He is soo funny in this book but he is so very damaged. I can't wait to read what has his heart and head such a mess.

Jennifer Pierson says

I just want to begin with this....someone needs to take me to Torey Hope where all the hot men are hiding. OMG I LOVED LOVED LOVED this story. Zoey Martin is a brilliant and beautiful girl that has been in love with Zach Morgan for as long as she can remember. The problem is that he is 5 years older than her so she constantly waits for him while they remain best friends. Now that Zach has come back home to become the advertising director of the family business, he knows what he's always wanted, Zoey. Although he has been with other girls while waiting for her to grow up, none of them could hold a candle to his girl. Now they are learning that life can be messy and hard while trying to have the perfect relationship. Will their forever love be enough for them to grow old together?

There's just something magical about these Torey Hope men. Most of the time I loved Zach, except when he answered the phone while he was busy, to Zoey hurting her feelings. The character development is fantastic, with a sweet and well written story line that flows very smoothly. A.D. Ellis' diabolical mind always throws in a couple of twists in the middle of a perfect love story that keeps my heart racing cover to cover, and Zach is no exception. Zoey and Zach's chemistry flew out of my kindle so much that I was yelling out loud for Zach to give her a SCORCHIN' HOT sexy scene, and he finally did. Well placed humor had me laughing so hard that my stomach hurt after I finished the story, and the cliff hanger ending had me calling the author some bad names. Hopefully the next book in this series doesn't take forever to come out, as I'm not above calling names on social media since she has made the list of authors trying to kill me! I HIGHLY HIGHLY HIGHLY RECOMMEND this story, series, and author to all!

Jennifer Sons says

I love AD Ellis's writing! All of her books are great!! This book, Zach, was no exception!
I love reading about Zach & Zoey & learning more about them! Zach is hilarious! Him & the cousins crack me up! It was nice seeing the whole gang again! The one thing that creeped me out slightly was how Zach & Zoey's relationship came to be! I mean I know they aren't blood related but still! Just a little strange for me! Once I got over that, everything was fine! They are great together!
I loved the book from beginning to end! I love the twists & turns Mrs. Ellis always incorporates! Great job! Can't wait to read more!

Christina Rhoads says

Zach Morgan has been in love with Zoey Marin his whole life, and she feels the same. A few things stand in their way: The fact that he's 5 years older than her, and then how they were raised basically as cousins. Although there is no blood connection they fear how their families will react if and when they do decide to be with each other. Once they make the decision for themselves an unknown threat could tear them apart for good...

The love between Zack and Zoey was so natural, and real. Both are such strong characters and I loved how they were written. This was my first Torey Hope book and I look forward to reading the others.

*Read and reviewed on behalf of Kylie's Fiction Addiction

Alison says

4 Stars!!!

I was given this book in turn for an honest review.

Zach and Zoey were inseparable as kids and as teenagers they still held a very special connection. With age a factor and their family ties; will Zach and Zoey find their happily ever after?

A. D. Ellis has written Zach and Zoey a sweet beautiful romance, one that holds the belief that sometimes we find our soulmate as a child and no matter what stands between us; we will find the right time to unite as a couple and allow our love to grow into something deeper and passionate.

Zach is the sweetest of the cousins so far. He has a protective nature, and isn't afraid to show his girl how much she means to him. The connection that Zach and Zoey have is deep; the depth in which they truly know each other is heart melting.

Zoey is a strong willed girl, who was willing to wait for her one true love. No other boy ever stood a chance of stealing her heart.

As with any of the Torey Hope stories, Zach's isn't without its twists; this twist is a surprise I didn't see coming. When the unthinkable happens, it brings this sweet and romantic dynamo even closer together.

This story was well written, delivered and the characters were well developed, however it didn't hold the same excitement or wow factor that Dexter or Sawyer had for me. This is purely my personal preference and without a doubt this is still an exceptional story.

We also get to know more about Kendrick in this book, and I can't wait to read his story.

If you enjoy young adult, contemporary romances you will want to try the, Torey Hope: The Later Years series for sure, this collection of stories follows four cousins that you will steal your heart.

Amie Morgado- We Stole Your Book Boyfriend says

I have enjoyed Torey Hope for over a year now and this book was no different. I love getting all the kids stories and we all knew the build up of Zach and Zoey was going to be great. There were a few unanswered questions and it felt a little rushed but all the same I got right into it and couldn't put it down.

If you have followed the series you know Zach and Zoey have grown up together but of the whole gang they are just a few of the non related family. Their changing relationship and growing love for each other never seemed weird or wrong to me I just felt for Zoey being the younger of the two. I adored the glimpses we got of the earlier years it was so cute reading about them as kids together. That is one of my favorite types of stories. With Zach off to college and Zoey still finishing high school it was pretty iffy on how things would end up but I had faith and tried to look past Zach going on with life. Once the boy's return home as men we get to the meat of the story. Can they be a couple ?? Will they wait until Zoey is 18 ?? What will the family think ?? What will the people in town think ?? On top of that there is someone waiting in the wings paying close attention to Zach and Zoey , who is it and what is their issue ?? Sorry I cannot answer these questions for you !! You just have to read for yourself and find out if Zach and Zoey get their HEA. There is also a bit of a lead in for Kendrick's story and I am itching to find out his deal.

Cindy Caron says

WOW! I think I went through a box of tissues, almost starting with the first pages. Ms. Ellis has outdone herself with this book. I have read many of the Torey Hope series, both the original and the Later Years, and I have enjoyed each and every one of them, and each of them for their own reasons, but this one surely tops the list. This has to be the most "touchy feely" book I have ever read. It is a constant roller coaster, from start to finish. Once you start reading, you won't be able to put it down. You will find yourself laughing one

minute and crying the next. There are so many issues that Ms. Ellis has covered in this episode, including stalking and survivor's guilt. She has given us Zach and Zoey, a couple that have known that they are meant to be together since the day Zoey was brought home from the hospital and introduced to five year old Zach. The five year difference in age has had it's problems throughout their young lives, but they have managed to become best of friends first, allowing them to build a strong, loving relationship on an even stronger foundation. They have crossed many of life's hurdles, including their announcement to their families that they will be a couple, now that Zoey is 18, and their age difference is not so much of an ordeal. As well as following their relationship, we continue to visit with the previous characters, but also, we have been given a door that has creaked open, introducing us to Kendrick, making us wonder what his story will be. I believe it will be a stellar given his actions throughout this book, and I for one, am looking forward to reading it. If you want to read something that will move you in ways that you haven't been moved before, this book is definitely a book you should read. Excellent job!

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Stephenee says

* I received an ebook in exchange for an honest review. *

I have been a fan of the Torey Hope books since the very beginning and I love how the author continues with the stories as the children we fell in love with grow into adults that we love even more! This is one of my favorites so far, as it seemed like Zach had an even harder time with his love of Zoey than any of his cousins finding their mates - he has known since she was born that she was it for him, however, he had a rough time getting past the "cousins" label that the family placed on them. Enter a sister who is jealous, a cousin who goes missing and the typical stalker and you have a crazy rollercoaster ride that the author throws the reader on, and never lets them stop to catch their breath from...

Author A. D. Ellis makes the reader fall in love with her characters, her town of Torey Hope and most of all with the love that flows through the pages of the book! You can feel the love the author has for her characters and the love of the words she is pouring out onto the pages as well as the love, family and connection of her characters. They are the type of family that everyone longs for and A. D. Ellis makes it possible for us to believe that it is out there! If you haven't met the residents of Torey Hope, you are missing out on an amazing group of characters! You will instantly love the connection, the love and the genuine kindness that jumps out of the pages of this book as you read it.

Don't hesitate to go back to the beginning and get started with this amazing series. It has love, drama, mystery, and a bit of both happy crying and sad crying, but no matter what you will feel each emotion right along with the characters and you will not be able to stop reading until you get to the very end of this book and the series.

Do yourself a favor and add this one and all of the others to your TBR list ~ I am already looking forward to the next book by this author.

Carrie says

Zach was one of my most anticipated stories in 2015. I love A.D. Ellis's writing style & her stories of Torey

Hope! Zach & Zoey's connection is felt very deeply throughout the story, and it was nice to see snippets of them growing up, to see how their relationship evolved & the care Zach, as the oldest, took to maintain the right type of relationship at every turn. And Kendrick! Oh, my heart is ripping apart for him & I'm really looking forward to his story - which is now a highly anticipated part of my 2016 book list!! :) I also liked the direction the bad/potential bad guy thing worked out. Thumbs up!! :)

Liz says

I loved the original Torey Hope books and the later years have just been amazing. A.D. Ellis did Zach and Zoey proud in their story.

Here we catch up with Zach and Zoey. I love how we get snippets of their early years. Of their connection and love. How even if the family did not always understand, always stood by them.

Then we pick up right where we left off. The Morgan's, Decker's, Jordan's and Martin's are as close as always and always stand by each other, even when they do not always agree, but love and family always comes first.

Zach and Zoey are finally at the right moment in time to take their relationship to the next level, finally, but how will their family and friends react? They are not technically family, but have grown up as cousins. There is still the 5-year difference, dreams and futures to deal with. Can they stand together through it all?

Can they survive? Is their love everlasting? What can threaten their future? Their love?

So worth the read to find out. Both the original series and the later years are so worth the read! You can't help but to love these families and wanting to make them your own.

Happy reading!

Sydney Hopke says

Another great book in the Torey Hope Series, gotta say this has quickly become one of my favorite series to read!

Zach has loved Zoey from the moment he saw her as a baby. They've been friends all their lives but always known that one day they'd be together. The hardest part for Zach, other than reminding people that they aren't actually related, was waiting for his girl to grow up so they could be together and finally that time has come. Unfortunately life is never smooth, there are obstacles that you have to go through to get to your happy ending. Some are easier than others but when you love each other you should be able to work through it all, right?

Once again the author pulls you into her world and has you feeling what her characters are. Most of the family is part of this story, always love to visit with everyone, and you get a glimpse into what's coming next. Be ready for it all smiles, laughter, tears and always happy heart.

Heather says

ZACH, TOREY HOPE: THE LATER YEARS is the first volume in a new series by A.D. Ellis about the children of characters from THE TOREY HOPE NOVEL SERIES. The story has a strong family theme and is mostly about how the two main characters, Zach and Zoey, get together after growing up together in the small town. Written in small vignettes documenting events as they grow up, once they are older, the story begins to go more in depth with the romance blossoming.

The characters are well written with a good storyline. There are plenty of supporting characters as most of the characters from the first Torey Hope series return for small cameos and both characters parents were featured in their own romances in the first series also. We get to meet the characters from future novels, all with their own complications that will lead well to future stories.

Because of the strong emotional connection that Zack and Zoe have, there are a few times that I felt that the characters seemed a little too soft and emotional. But the strength of the storyline keeps the book going and I did find myself wanting to keep reading and finding out what happens next. But as most series go, I'll have to wait on the next volume.
