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What happens when the fairy tale ends before it even begins?

Three years, two graduations, an engagement and a move to another, Emogen and Ryan are more in love than ever. He's the one man she never expected to have and the only man she's determined to keep. He's her forever, and there's nothing she wouldn't do for him.

Almost, that is.

Ryan announces that he's accepted a job offer that requires yet another move. Angry he didn't discuss his decision with her first, Emogen refuses to pack up and follow. She has a career, too, and she's not ready to give it up.

Although determined to make the long distance thing work, their lives and careers begin to take a toll on the relationship, leaving them to wonder if they're doing the right thing.

Sometimes love isn't enough.

When you lose the one thing you are certain of, will you fight to get it back?

Or will you let it go?

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From Reader Review Mine to Lose for online ebook

†† ?aisy ♡ †† says

This story was an easy nice read. A story about love, hope, separation and finding love again. A real-life story.

Emogen meets Ryan in her university car park and leaves a note in his car. Their relationship develops from there.

Now, their relationship is on test. Ryan accepts a job away from Emogen and they are struggling with the distance.

While juggling their distance and job, Emogen has a new client, enter hot Trey Miller and he is really caring.

Will her love for Rayn strong 'nuff? Or will Trey win her heart?
Who would that be?

Happy reading!
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Stephanie- The Boyfriend Bookmark says

Emogen and Ryan are engaged and ready to live out their happily ever after. They have moved to Denver and both have found new jobs and are happy. But when fate steps in and offers Ryan a job that will help him advance his career, things begin to go terribly wrong. He has accepted the job in California and just assumes that Emogen is ready to follow... but Emogen has a new job and she loves it. Planning events is what she wants to do and she wants to succeed in it.

She has refused to go with him, but she is scared that the long distance relationship isn't going to work, but she is willing to try. Ryan wants nothing more than to succeed in his career with Emogen by his side. They are ridiculous in love and both vow to make it work.

Trips start getting cancelled to see one another and Emogen can't help but question the beginning of the end. But there are things they are each omitting from their conversations... Emogen's first big client happens to be a guy who hit on her at a bar. Trey is good looking and knows that Emogen is spoken for. But he can't

help but be attracted to her... But can Emogen have the same feelings for Trey or will her heart always belong to Ryan?

With the added issues of Emogen's mother and evil man of the month, Emogen is forced to deal with some very trying times. It seems almost alone. But the one that comes to comfort and stay by her side is where her heart belongs.

I thought this was a beautiful story. It was about growing, learning, trusting and about love. I laughed and I cried. I shared a lot of emotions with the characters in this book, because they were real. They were not over inflated characters. I could relate to them because they were like me... well, ok, so they had a lot more drama going on than I do, but they were normal people.

This book had me from the very beginning with the note on the car to the very end and the note in the car. I loved every moment of this book and I was sad when it ended because I wanted more of the story. T.K. Rapp does an amazing job and I am very excited to read more works from her! This was a great book!

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

Miep at The Review Loft says

The book starts out with 4 stars but I feel like it lost some of the angst as the book went on and that is why I'm only giving it 3.5 stars.

I really loved Em and Ryan and I loved how Trey got tossed into the mix. It was the angst with Trey that really made me give it 4 stars. However the angst goes away pretty quickly in the book and that is when the story became another couple going through a really hard time. My heart really broke at some points, and I was in pain with Em and also with Ryan. The author did pull me in with her writing. The story developed well at the start and then I feel like it became rushed at around 75% of the book and details were left out to push the story along.

Christina says

Complimentary copy provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Emogen (Em) is an event planner whom followed her fiancé Ryan to Denver in pursuit of his job. After only six months of living in Colorado, Ryan drops the bombshell that he has accepted a position in San Diego, a move that will set him up for future promotion opportunities. He has made the decision unilaterally, assuming that Em will leave her job to follow him to California. Problem is, Em really likes her job and is quite good at it. She's finally been given her first big solo project and she is eager to make a name for herself in the industry.

When the two decide to try a geographical bachelor arrangement they soon find that long distance relationships are far harder than they had anticipated, especially given that Em's current client is one tall, hot Trey Miller. Em and Ryan had made Trey's acquaintance previously when he'd stepped between Em and

Ryan having an alcohol-fueled dispute one night at the club. Em doesn't come clean to Ryan that Trey is her client and Trey is incredibly open with his attraction to her. Ryan has his own secrets, so between things unspoken and the distance, the two decide to call it quits. How can a couple with four years of history together call it quits so easily? Will they be able to get past the loneliness and heartache that comes with jealousy and distance?

Mine To Lose was a sweet contemporary romantic story of two people trying to find their way back to each other while finding themselves in the process. Through shared loss and sadness, Ryan and Em attempt to rebuild their relationship, to use the love they've shared over the last four years as a reminder of why they fell in love in the first place. Ryan especially learns what the most important priorities should be in life, not only for Em's happiness, but for his as well.

The book was well written and is a quick read, I just didn't really connect with the characters on more than a superficial level. My favorite of the characters was Trey, the other man, and I am eager to read his book, Mine To Steal, which is the next book in the series. The events of the book were a little predictable but it still made for a good read. Like I said, I can't wait to see what Trey has up his sleeve. He was just too sweet in this book and deserves his own happily ever after! Mine To Lose is a standalone with no cliffhanger. It is a good solid four stars.

Erin Spencer says

Geez, I love this book. I read Mine to Lose originally in December, and completely fell in love. I fell in love with the story, with the characters, and with the emotions it brought out. I felt like I needed to reread it in order to write a decent review, so that it's fresh on my mind. I was really worried it wouldn't be the same the second time around, but I couldn't have been more wrong. If anything, it was better the second time.

I completely adore these characters. Ryan and Emogen are two of my very favorites...ever. Ryan is everything you want him to be – Loving, caring, swoonworthy. He has his flaws, sure (they both do), but in the end, it all comes down to just being with Em. He is without a doubt a new book boyfriend. He's just dreamy. And Emogen! So strong, in so many different ways. That girl powers through so many different obstacles throughout this book, and keeps her head up through them all. I love that she stands up to Ryan in the beginning, even with the consequences of that decision. I say that I love this or love that ALL of the time, but I'm not exaggerating this one. I LOVE these characters and their relationship. They're the epitome of a couple in love for me. Even with the lies and heartbreak, they just want each other. It's so simple, yet...not? Hmm.

Rapp really pulls out all of the stops as far as emotions go. You feel them all. Think of an emotion – You'll find it here. That weird tummy/heart flip-flop butterfly feeling? Lots of that in Mine to Lose, but for different reasons. There's the good flip-flop that has you swooning when Ryan says just the right thing (or maybe a different character...?) There's the bad flip-flop when you think you know what's about to happen and you want to stop time (I was screaming at my kindle "No no no! Don't you do it!") You'll be completely heartbroken and angered. Giggling, then crying. It covers them all. In the end, I just enjoyed reading their story so much. There were also a couple different touchy subjects covered in the last half of the book, but Rapp handles them with care and I feel like she wrote them in just right. Even with those subjects, it never feels like she added them just for the sake of drama. It all flows and it's never TOO much.

There's also a specific sentence that I still giggle over, even the second time around, but I can't post it because it's very spoilerish. And a certain scene towards the end is one of my new favorite moments in a book ever. Ever ever. You'll know it when you read it. I sorta want to talk hubby into buying a Jeep just so I can have a small tiny bit of their story in my real life.

Sara says

Emotes (Em) and Ryan met in college. 3 years later they are happily engaged living in Denver. One day Ryan says in order to move ranks in his job, he is taking a job in California for a year. It wasn't presented in question form.

Em moved to Denver in the first place because of Ryan and his job. They've only been living there for 9 months and she has a job she really enjoys. They are at a standstill. Ryan is moving, he has to be seen as a team player in his firm. He wants her to go, but if not, he still is. She puts her foot down, she's not following him again. And it really was frustrating that he didn't consider her or ask her. Sometimes I felt she was being overly stubborn, but she had a point. They decide that Ryan will move, Em will stay and they will make it work for a year. They can make it right?

At work Em is busy with her attractive client Trey who happens to be attracted to her and let's her know it. While Ryan works hard at his job alongside Alex. This was the hard part of the book. I hated the unraveling of the relationship. It was so hard to read. They were keeping things from each other under the preface that it was no big deal and no reason to get the other person alarmed. But the secrets and omissions were wrecking them. Then phone calls faded, visits cancelled. Until Em decides to surprise visit Ryan in Cali. Nope, no cliche there. No cheating scandal. But the visit does not go as she could've imagined. Ryan calls her out on Trey, she calls him out on a very female Alex and Ryan completely shocks me, er, I mean Em. He says they need time apart to think about this and getting married. He fucking broke my heart!!

Weeks later Em is wreck but she keeps going. Trey let's his intentions be known. There's a couple of great girlfriends Cam and Joss. Em had a great sister Langley. But nothing could help her broken heart. I liked seeing Em feel more independent. But Em knows where her heart is, she just can't make him feel the same so she does the best she can to move on.

Ryan, you so aggravated me. Couldn't you see how much SHE meant to you? I liked that Ryan wasn't a cliche male character. He was flawed, but sweet and loyal. There were a couple of things I didn't care for, spoilers of course, but overall a quick good read.

I am happy to say that there is a HEA. This is a couple that got lost in the wrong priorities. A couple who stopped putting the relationship first. But also one that was always meant to last. The guy in the red jeep and the girl in the black car.

Uniquely Jenn Life & Books says

4.5/5

From the start this book had my emotions going. I was instantly relating to the situation presented from the start of this book, having had moved all around with my husband. The idea that he would take a job that would move him without consulting me had me pissed as I read about Em and Ryan in this situation. So as I

read this I became Em, I was shouting you go girl! and thinking who cares if you are irrational because he did a jerk move! I love when a book has me feeling what the characters are feeling and identifying with them.

I have to admit there is a tiny little love triangle in this story but it is perfectly written that I don't think anyone can be mad. I thought I was going to be mad because I was all for one guy and then it became clear that no it was not going that direction. So I was sitting there reading getting a bit frustrated when the remarkable happened, I was happy with who gets the girl! I sat there stunned at this because normally when I root for a person I lock on and don't let go. T.K. writes this perfectly though that I move with the story and become one with Em's decision, perhaps because from the start she had me wrapped up in Em.

This is a beautiful story of love and heartache showing the trials and tribulations relationships go through, even when you would think the honeymoon should still be going on. This story shows a reality many relationships swim in and executes those hardships beautifully. With all of this there is also the element of shock that was weaved in. Seriously, there was a moment when I sat there and went "WTF!?!? No WAY!!"

For anyone looking for a contemporary romance that strikes at the heart of relationships and leaves you questioning whether love is enough, and if not, what is, then this is the book for you.

Daiana says

I loved this book!

It's about an engaged couple and it starts with a fight about Ryan deciding to work in another state without discussing it with Em. I completely understood her and I would have reacted the same way. Honesty is very important in a relationship and a big decision should be discussed together.

I don't believe in long distance relationships but I know lots of people who make it work. Throughout the story, they test their love and see how distance, work and temptations can affect them. They will find out if they still love each other or maybe what happened makes them realize it's over.

True love is never easy to find and we can't accept something or someone because that is the way it's supposed to be. We choose what and who we want. This is the story of Em finding her true love and deciding what she really wants in her life. The ending is very romantic and I loved it.

Zandra says

Omg! I didn't expect it to be this good because when I was about half way through it I kinda guessed it will be bad. That the heroine's gonna cheat or the other way around. But hallelujah! No one did! yay!

Kizzy says

I was given an ARC for a honest review :)

When I started this book, I was drawn in from the beginning and finished hours later :) That's how good it was!

Ryan(I love him) and Emogen (Em) have that love that all young couples have, but of course a new opportunity for Ryan threatens their relationship. I was rooting for them and I felt the emotions they were both having. Long distance relationships can either make or break the relationship. Add in his crazy work hours and barely having time to visit and her new client Trey, you start to see changes in the both of them. Don't get me wrong the love is there but is it strong enough to survive? (That's something you have to find out). One thing with Em is I wish she talked to Ryan more. There are some things that he needed to know and they way she handled it could have been better.

Her sister Lang, as well as her friends Joss and Cam were great in this story too. Em's mom finally got it together which I was happy for :)

You will love their story. One minute I am happy, next I am screaming at her and then I am back to happy again..talk about emotions all over the place but I loved every minute of it :)

and Trey? such a sweetheart :)

This is the first book I've read by this author and I know for a fact that I will be reading more from her! :)

Gwen ~the Book Diva says

4-4.5 "Oh how the angst hurts so good!" stars.

I really, really enjoyed this book! At 5% in I was already completely in love with Ryan and their relationship. And my heart ached terribly for them because I knew things were going to go bad. Ryan and Em met in college and connected instantly. The note on the car thing took a lot of guts and I loved that Em did that!

Get your man, girl!

Unfortunately they also met at a time when life for them was about to change. They were graduating from college and choosing careers. Ambitions were high for them both however their willingness to compromise was low. What they both could agree on was that they were completely in love with each other. This book was about the choices their ambitions lead them to and the consequences and most importantly, how sometimes love is enough to change everything.

Why not 5 stars?

My mind has been corrupted by smut and I have high expectations especially when the story involves a guy

as hot as Ryan. I wanted their sex scenes to have a bit of detail. For this story not much was needed because the emotional connection between them was strong but just a little description instead of fade to black would have made my heart happy. But don't go by me, it's just my hang up. The story is still totally enjoyable just as it is. I just had no idea it would be like that.

Also, I did want to smack Em...a lot! She reminded me of Kiera from Thoughtless at times. Plus, the whole deal with what's his face annoyed me to the highest!

Worth the read! I definitely recommend!

Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

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Review

I didn't know what to expect going into this book but it wasn't what I got out of it. Part way through I thought I had all the answers and this was going to be another one of "finding one true love" after being hurt.

Nope, I thought I had it right and I braced myself for being torn apart by grief and yes, there were times I felt like I was going to lose some salty tears. This book is more about the discovery of what may happen when a healthy relationship is suddenly hit with a roadblock full of miles apart and secrets held tight.

It was a journey of self-discovery for Emogen and how to deal with a broken heart while being apart from the only person who was always there for her. Emogen and Ryan must discover what the most important things in life are instead of the priorities they have already set in place.

This is a book full of ups and downs – happiness and tears – truths and lies – it is a journey through love, break up, new friends, new careers, heartbreak, questions, fights, and finally a future.

Re-Cap

Ryan and Emogen are getting married in a year but there is a bit of a problem. In order for Ryan's career to progress, he must move to another state for a year. Emogen is finally settled in Denver and her career is

taking off.

They agree to give living thousands of miles apart a chance since their relationship and love is so strong. At first, Emogen is heartbroken but Ryan is dedicated to texting, calling and visiting whenever he gets a chance....but as time goes on this starts to disappear.

At the same time, Emogen is working her first event with a handsome client who is attracted to her.

What will happen when Ryan discovers this “client” is none other than a man who stood between him and Emogen when they were fighting? What will happen when Emogen discovers who Ryan’s work partner is....the one he’s been spending so much time with? Can their love survive a long distance relationship, even after being together for 3 years?

Wrap Up

If you are looking for a “clean” story where discovering what love really is....then this is a read for you.

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Romance Between The Sheets says

Please note this review may contain spoilers.

Ryan and Emogen have been together for three years, are engaged to be married and love each other very much. Emogen left her family, friends and home-town behind to follow Ryan’s job to Denver. Nine months later, he takes a job transfer in San Diego without consulting with Emogen first. He says it’s best for his career to take the job, without any real consideration regarding Emogen. She’s finally comfortable in a job she likes and she isn’t in a rush to move, especially considering she’s already moved her entire life for him less than a year ago and she doesn’t understand why he feels he needs to go. Standing her ground, she refuses to move with him. Thinking their relationship is strong enough to withstand a year-long long distance relationship, Ryan heads to San Diego while Emogen stays in Denver. But it doesn’t take long for the cracks to appear and the relationship to start falling apart.

Sadly, Mine To Lose didn’t do anything for me. If I could only use one word to describe how I felt reading this book, that word would be “bored”. The relationship falls apart because they’re keeping secrets from each other, and maybe it’s because of my age (the characters are in their early 20s), but I felt those secrets were petty and blown totally out of proportion. Both are very stubborn and like to use things against the other (I didn’t tell you about “this” because you didn’t tell me about “that”). Again, I use the word petty. Ryan’s attempts at trying to get Emogen back were lame and he really didn’t put in much of an effort. There’s no sex, except for behind the scenes, so if you’re after a book that gets your juices flowing, this isn’t it. If you’re after a slow read about a couple that thinks they’re indestructible while watching them break apart and trying

to come back together, then this is for you.

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Lustful Literature says

****JOSIE'S REVIEW****

Ryan and Em met in College and fell in love. Emogen left her family and friends behind to move to Denver with Ryan. They are now engaged to be married in a year when all of a sudden Ryan drops a bomb of his finance. As part of a career move, he was offered to transfer for a year in California. It took E, 9 months to find a job she loves and new friends. Her career is finally picking up and she just can't pick up a leave again.

This is where the problem arises. They both fail to talk to one another and things get out of hand. Ryan does not want to end things with Em and neither does she. The problem is that Em feels that he made the decision without discussing things with her.

“I love you, Em. There’s nothing that I wouldn’t do for you, and despite what you think, I am thinking of us. This position is temporary, you and me, we’re forever.”

Ryan and Em decide to give this temporary blimp in their relationship a try. They both love each other and are committed to one another (which is a good thing, right? Wrong! We all know the drill.) Now there are missed calls, missed trips and eager people wanting to take a chance with both of them. In comes Trey...OMG I loved him! He knows what he wants and that is Em. After all Ryan is in California and they are not married yet. Ryan makes a mistake and decides to end their relationship because he feels it is not working and it not fair for the both of them.

“Em, you’re trying to hurt me, and it’s working. But you’re going to see that I’m right. Maybe you won’t hate me as much, maybe you will, but I’m letting you go, and I’ll probably regret it for the rest of my life.”

“You don’t know what I want because you’ve never asked. You didn’t give me a chance, because apparently you think you know what’s best. I was planning to quit my job to be with you out there, because I wanted you more than I wanted my career.”

I loved this part because Trey was waiting for his chance and he is no longer going to be in the friend zone. He going after Em and he is going to get what he wants.

“If it’s too soon, just let me know. Okay? But now that I’m no longer your client and you are single, how about letting me take you out? Em there’s no rush; I know that you’re still coming to terms with what happened with you and Ryan, just give me chance.”

Ryan comes back because he realizes he made a mistake. This is the part that pissed me off. He broke up with her and Em is one tough cookie. She has the ring packed up in a box labeled junk and is giving back to Ryan who is shocked.

“I hurt her Joss. I don’t blame her for hating me; you should have seen the way she looked at me when

she gave me the ring back. What am I supposed to say to that? No, Em's moved on."

Two men both the same woman, one let her go and the other is willing be whatever she needs him to be and give her time, but her heart belongs to one, which one will Em choose? I honestly did not know which one, I wanted Em to choose. They are both swoon worthy and I wanted them both. Was I happy with the outcome? Yes I was! Do we get a HEA? HECK TO THE YES WE DO!!!!

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Cynthia says

This was a cute read about having love, losing it and trying to get over just to come about face. You live, learn and become stronger then you ever thought you would. The author handles serious issues of abuse that not only hurt one but the whole family. You learn to grow as a person, find out little things just aren't important, sometimes life gets in the way and you have to make hard choice that could make you lose the love you thought was strong.

Emogen and Ryan must discover the important things in life, sometimes going the money route isn't always the best choice. Each of them have love and each will lose it, when a new member is bought into play things get complicated and they are about to lose everything that is important to time. Will their love hold or will they find someone new?

At first I didn't care to much for this story, all they did was fight. Emogen like so many women expect him to read her mind. Don't do as I say do as I want you to. They spent to much time fighting, as the author writes on the story takes on a new life, you watch Emogen grow, learn and lose only to grow more and find what she truly wants in life.

Ryan like most men does what he feels is important for his soon to be family. Only to find out it might be his biggest mistake. He soon learns that communication is the best skill he can learn when dealing with a women.

Here you have two people who love but lack communication skills they need to make this relationship last. Then you have the other man who would give anything to call Emogen his. I honestly love Trey and I would have been totally happy with her picking either of these men. Trey is honest, caring and loving, he is one of the good guys.

At first I thought this would end in a cliffhanger, I was happy to see it did not. I do hope the man who lost will have his own story. I do look forward to reading the next book up in this series.
