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"Forever Is Over" is an equilateral love triangle focusing on life, love and precious time.

Richie Billingham, a married father of two in his early thirties, is attending a party held in his honour and organised by his wife, Jemma. He has terminal cancer.

Through the eyes of several characters, we are taken back through the lives of Richie and Jemma.

Richie is from a large middle class family. His father is a gambler, his younger brother Jim, a constant irritant and his older sister Caroline provides an unusual insight into her romantic world.

Jemma is from a working class, one parent family. As her mother, who she refers to as "Vomit Breath," is far more interested in partying than parenthood, Jemma establishes a strong bond with her sister, Kelly, until one day their worlds are torn apart.

Kelly was Richie's first love. The idyllic, countryside setting where Richie and Kelly used to escape they called their "Sunny Road." When Kelly disappears, Richie is forced to move on, but several years later, not knowing that Richie is now married to her sister, Jemma, Kelly writes a letter to Richie, stating her intention to return and suggests they rekindle their romance .

The novel was initially inspired by the song "Sunny Road" by Emiliana Torrini.

Forever Is Over Details

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Sammy Jackson says

Quite a big read this one, but I absolutely loved every minute of it, a truly lovely read, the characters were great and easy to love and get to know, this is a big fat recommend to my usual ladies and of course my Auntie Lyn x

Lynne McCartney says

Wow! This was such a wonderful book. Pretty long (618 pages) but even then I didn't find it a struggle, I wanted to keep reading and I'm sad that it's over.

Great story telling, great characters, and I loved the way in which it was written, from each character's perspective, with new perspectives introduced along the way. All of the references to the 1980s in the first few chapters really resonated with me personally, having been a teenager then also.

A criticism, which is no fault of the author's, are the issues with the spacing in the Kindle edition, which can be somewhat off putting to start with but you learn to live with it as the story progresses, as it's so good.

To me, the genre is not quite chick lit, I would describe it more as great storytelling about characters you can believe in and invest in. Definitely worth a read.

Jenny says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. The constant change of character perspective makes the book a very good read and at times I couldn't put it down as I was desperate to know what happened next. The book, apart from being funny and exciting, does have a more serious side to it; cancer and its effects on the lives of the sufferer and their family. This element of the story made the book even more touching and likable as, behind the slightly far fetched story lines of the various characters and the funny parts there is a serious side to the novel which is very much part of many families reality. It is this aspect of the novel (along with the subtle details and information about British culture throughout the different decades) which truly allows the reader to be able to relate - and for many people also on a personal level. This is by no means a joyous novel with a fairy tale ending but it is a great read. Finally I feel that the novel is not dissimilar to 'Me Before You' by Jojo Moyes so if that book caught your attention with its heartbreakingly touching story line, this one may just do the same.

Tracy Fenton says

My Review: OMG, although this book is pretty big (628 pages) and in places it seemed to take "forever" to read, it was simply beautiful. I read it over a couple of days on holiday and sobbed into my sunbed. I experienced so many emotions during this book but above all it will stay with me for years to come. I

recommend this book to everyone I know and it would definitely be in my top 10 reads of 2013.

Kirstie says

Loved it.

Written from many different people's views this grabbed me straight away. I felt I knew all the characters, just brilliant

Misfits farm says

This is one of those stories that stays with you. If you enjoyed "Edward" and "Ove" then this may be your sort of story. The story of a group of youngsters mainly focussed around Richie his girlfriend Jemma and her sister Kelly. An emotional tale taking them from primary school through to married life. Characters that come to life through the pages with events that are traumatic for those involved and those around them. Some very wise words: "It's the weak that bully because they're scared. Something scares them, something they don't know how to cope with. They lack the intellect to adapt so they resort to physical force. The physically weak though, may not be weak minded and they start thinking about things- about how in the end they will triumph over physical force". Wow, I am reeling from reading this. I knew how it was going to end and like all those good films it still made me cry but so worth it. A wonderful, brilliant book.

Gail says

This is a magnificent book. Roller coaster of emotions but I can honestly say this is one of the best books I have ever read. I cried so much at the end, partly because it was a very emotional ending but also because the wonderful Richie Billingham and Miss Jemma Watkinson are no longer in my life. I read this 600 page book within 3 days as I literally couldn't put it down. I cannot recommend this book highly enough. 5 stars is not enough.

Jane L. says

Wow, where do I start?

I thought I knew a thing or two about writing, but Calvin Wades sensational book makes me look like a complete novice.

I don't usually "do" love stories, but this one intrigued me, so I thought I'd take a look. I'm so happy I did, I read books all the time, but I was totally gripped by this story, I kept carrying the book around with me in order to read a bit at every given opportunity!

It's not just a love story, if you were ever a teenager (and I suspect you were once) and you've ever suffered the nightmare of teenage angst, dates that went wrong, or parties that got a little out of hand, the beginning of the book is going to take you back there with a vengeance.

First it will make you cry, then it will make you laugh, and it might make you squirm a bit in parts, but one

things for certain, you won't want to put it down, I certainly didn't!
So I recommend you get yourself a copy asap, and then tell all your friends.
No-one wants to miss out on "the next big thing".
Hope Calvin's got more where this came from![[ASIN:0956827306 Ancestors & Angels]][[ASIN:1456770098 Forever Is Over]]

Michelle Sibley says

I had never read anything of this author but id been told good things so decided to give it a bash, it is a long my read but it's perfect if your looking for a book that is going to take you on a journey. This is the story of two people, from beginning to end. I laughed and cried. It's not the best written book out there and there was some formatting issues on my kindle version but it's definitely worth a read.

Rick Blanks says

A brilliantly written story. The author's frequent use of analogies were both clever and helpful in bringing the reader closer to the subject he was conveying. I found it most comforting in the fact that like Calvin, I share a passion for sports, particularly English football, and popular music, in which he refers to both disciplines on several occasions. Also, I am of the romantic persuasion and this love story certainly tugs at the heartstrings. In British speak, it ticks all the right boxes!

Colette Lamberth says

I really enjoyed this book but I think I might have loved it if it had been a third shorter. It was nice to take a trip down memory lane and I could relate to all the 70s and 80s storylines but ultimately it just took too long to reach the conclusion, particularly knowing from the first chapter where we were headed. The details say it was re-formatted in June 2015 but it is riddled with typos and formatting issues which were the reason I didn't finish it at my first attempt to read it. I read it this time after a strong recommendation from a friend and I'm glad I did. I liked the author's style so I may read his other books.

Bookworm says

When I first started reading this book I wasn't sure if I wanted to continue, but it been such a roller coaster of a ride. At times I laughed out loud at Richie, and Kelly's antics. Then there was Jemma and her story. What a mix, this was a sorry of Richie's illness, and a serious one at that.
Even though I am from down South, we still used some of these terms. This is more of an awareness book, but it is quite long.
At the end i cried you cannot read it in public.

I would recommend it to everybody. I have already downloaded the next book, can't wait to read it.

Neats says

Forever Is Over is one of those books that begins at the end.

We find out right from the outset that Richie has cancer and he's dying but rewind back to his childhood and that's where the story starts.

Told in an almost journal like way, we follow Richie from his teenage years through to adulthood and we meet a wide variety of characters. Each chapter is a story within the main story from a different character and this a great way to get to know each of them and find out more about their lives and share their thoughts.

Despite the fact that the ending is known to the reader, the story in the middle is a wonderful and meandering one that will bring back memories if you were growing up in the 70's and 80's. A simple story that is many-faceted and will have you laughing out loud one minute and crying the next.

This book has it all. There's murder, gambling addiction, first-love, sibling rivalry and even football! What more could you possibly want?

Calvin Wade is a gifted writer who has a great ability to make all of his characters so believable you could almost touch them, which for me meant that I was fully immersed in their lives and was living every high and low with them. My only criticism, and it really is a small one, is that I felt it was just a little bit too long and wordy in parts. There were a few places where less could have been more. That said I still enjoyed this book immensely and I would highly recommend it to everyone who likes to lose themselves in an excellent, well written and thought provoking book.

Sheryl says

Teenage angst, murder, sibling rivalry, terminal cancer ... the story line had real potential, but the execution was dreadful. There are some glimmers of capturing real emotion, but ultimately, all the characters showed little dimension, and in truth the book read like it was written by an adolescent. Not only does the writing need a lot of work, but it seemed clear that no editing was done at all. In fact, I was rather convinced at first that the proliferation of exclamation points was a literary device to illustrate character, based on the high GoodReads rating. Alas, it was not, nor were the poorly formed sentences or curious phrasing. It was incredibly difficult to get through, and I might have abandoned it entirely had I not been curious about the outcome. Unfortunately, while the characters did experience growth, it seemed to happen overnight, just before the book ended, and I felt terribly cheated out of their journey. It wasn't worth the time I invested.

Mrs.H. says

Cried buckets - really enjoyed this book, would recommend highly :)

Splage says

Big potential with story, but started so sad- so I am going to halt 1/2 way through. (Although I did cheat and read the last chapter and it is a big time sobber) The story is based in England and I really struggled with all the inside jokes and slang. Every chapter was from different characters point of view, therefore it jumped around a lot on the timeline.

I think if I read this when I was in a different mood I might have been able to finish, but it was sort of depressing knowing the ending in the first chapter.

It has received very good reviews on Amazon.

Holly says

A love story that goes beyond a simple boy meets girl, which normally has me rolling my eyes. A real and honest story of love between husband and wife, between friends and between family. And the best thing? It's not a short book!

Carol Sandford says

Deeply touching

I'm so glad this book was recommended by the Facebook book group. I loved that it took you through every moment of the trios lives until literally the end, and those end words will stay with me for a long time, if not forever. Fab read

Vanessa says

Fantastic read..can't wait for his next book..!!

Glen Downie says

Brilliant! Loved reading a book from my obscure home town of Ormskirk! Characters were warm and familiar, one of my fave reads of 2012. Dont read in public, this book does cause emotional distress!!!
