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Adam and Sophia were best friends but when tragedy strikes it's more than Adam can handle and he leaves Sophia alone in the dark.

Four years later, Adam and Sophia are reunited and the sparks between them return but is it too late?

Sophia is happy again and has let go of the darkness. She has great friends and a sweet boyfriend name Kyle. Now that Adam is back how will she be able to balance her boyfriend and her best friend?

The darkness always finds you again but will Adam be able to save her or leave her again?

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Valerie says

The character Sophia had so much happen in her life.. tragedy .. heartache...losing her best friend...and a boyfriend. Lot for anyone to take on. This story is about being able to move on and a rocky road goes flat at some point. She gets into a relationship that is so disheartening it makes you want to scream. Its a tough life.. definitely a book to read if you think your life is bad.. you may want to rethink it.

Jennifer says

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RATING CLARIFICATION : 4.5 STARS

This book was AMAZING. I truly enjoyed this whole book from beginning to end. When I read the synopsis I was totally sucked in. Something just stuck with me and I couldn't get it out of my mind so I knew I had to read this book and I am so glad I did. This was a wonderful second chance love story but it was also so much more then that. The author actually created a love story that also touched on a very tough subject and added some suspense to go with it. I felt the author gave a very real feel to the touchy subject of abuse. This book had my emotions all over the place....I smiled, swooned, laughed, cried and screamed. Now in a normal situation that would be an automatic 5 star rating for me, but the only reason I couldn't give it a full 5 stars was because I really couldn't accept some of the stupid decisions made by Sophia. Some of the things she did really didn't seem believable to me.

Now with that said I also still loved Sophia as a character. She was a strong woman in her own right, but you could also tell that she lacked a mother figure in her life. She lost her mother at a younger age and I think had she had the mother figure around she wouldn't have made some of those mistakes, when it came to Kyle. I was glad to see her grow as a person as the story went on. I loved her and Adam's relationship. I was so glad to see things come together for them. I will say that Adam truly had the patience of a saint when it came to Sophia....she really put him through some tough times. Adam was fabulous. I could totally feel his love for Sophia from the beginning. He will definitely make my bbf list.

The secondary characters were also amazing in this story with the exception of Kyle. Erin (Sophia's BFF) was such a great best friend. She was Sophia's rock and truly stuck by her in thick and thin. I loved how she supported Sophia even if she didn't agree with her. I also loved that she wasn't afraid to call Sophia out when she did something stupid. I can't wait to read hers and Connor's story next. They make a sweet couple. Connor was also a great bff to both Adam and Sophia. His support was also unwavering. I could totally feel his love for Sophia and Adam and he was willing to do anything for them. I refuse to spend any time talking about Kyle in this review, because all I can say about him was I didn't like him at all. He was the absolute douche. I understand why he was in this story but that doesn't mean I have to like him. I don't know of one person who would end up liking him by the end of this book.

I think my only negative when it comes to the story/book would be that there was a little piece of drama that was added towards the end of the book that I didn't really think needed to be in there. Adam and Sophia had

been through so much already that I don't think Olivia's character needed to be in there. Plus it kind of seemed more like an after thought because it wasn't really developed. It was sort of glossed over and was over pretty quick. I did on the other hand really like the Epilogue.....I felt it finished the story really nicely. I am hoping that we will still see Sophia and Adam in Connor and Erin's book. Since they are all such close friends.

Would I recommend this book? Yes I would. I thought it was a great love story with some nail biting suspense. It will keep you on the edge of your seat, just waiting to see what will happen next. This is a book that I will for sure read again in the future.

Favorite Lines :

"I loved you yesterday. I love you still. I always have. I always will."....Sophia (a gift to Adam)

It takes a strong person to overcome darkness who is able to see past it and reach for the light. The light can be anyone or anything.....prologue

" Sophia, never forget the ones who touched your life and who you keep in your heart."....Sophia's dad

"Baby, I want it too, but I want to make it special because you're special to me, You aren't some random hook up. You're my forever."....Adam

Reviewed for www.bookbitchesblog.com

Glenna Maynard says

I am not the greatest at writing reviews because I am always afraid of saying something that will spoil it for someone else. But here it goes. S. Moose has written a beautiful story of love and loss and rekindling that love again. My heart broke as I was reading what Sophia endures during her relationship with Kyle. There were many times however that I wanted to reach through my kindle and smack her. Kyle is a jerk, ugh the things I would do if I got my hands on that boy let me tell you! Then there is Adam the picture of perfection! The love and perseverance he has touched my heart. For those who need to know this is not a cliffhanger.

Michelle Tikal says

2.5 Stars

I have had *Reaching Out For You* and *Holding Onto You* by S. Moose on my to-be-read list for quite some time so with the release of *Next to Forever* I was excited to finally get started on the series. Unfortunately *Reaching Out For You* fell a little flat for me. What I found was that while it certainly had tons of potential there was just something that kept me from truly connecting with both the characters and their story.

I am, without a doubt, an emotional reader and there is nothing I enjoy more than to really feel and experience the story along with the characters but that was missing in this book leaving a giant void of feeling that was hard to get around. There was plenty of depth plot wise with a few twists and turns that were enjoyable but there were also countless times when we were told more than shown what Sophia was feeling creating a lack of emotional depth and a feeling of things being very one note and dull.

Adam I liked as a character although I feel like I should have, and possibly could have, loved him if there was more of a connection. Connor and Erin were great. They were both wonderful sources of strength and support while also providing a fun, light atmosphere when they are around.

Sophia was hard to wrap my head around. There were many times where she seemed like two different people. The past Sophia seemed to be fun loving, bold and self-assured whereas the Sophia in the story was extremely meek and scared always blaming herself for everything that happens in her life and really just hoping for the best instead of doing what she can to make something good happen for herself. I understand how some of that could definitely be a product of her relationship with Kyle but then even further down the road with Adam she is very insecure and unsure of herself most of the time but then there are a few rare occurrences when she becomes assertive and confident but not in a learning and growing way more in a back and forth, not really being true to the character way. Not only this, but her actions leave a little to be desired. I can't quite comprehend why it is so hard for her to turn her back on Kyle yet any time something happens with Adam she seems willing to walk away at the drop of a hat.

The characters also seemed extremely immature for their age and stage of life. We are talking about 21 year old college seniors and even working professionals and for the majority of the book it seemed more like the characters were 17 year old high school seniors. Sophia also keeps bringing up an incident where she saved Adam. First of all this seems very childish for her to hold this over his head repeatedly and secondly this incident is never delved into and the significance is lost when it is never brought to light.

All in all, I enjoyed the storyline. I enjoyed the turbulence that Kyle embodied in the story and I definitely thought there was great potential to the story. In the end though, I was left with an overall feeling of detachment where not even the highest highs or the lowest lows could reach me.

Chu says

When tragedy struck Sophia's life, she didn't only lose her mother but she lost her best friends as well. She and Adam had become best of friends since they were young, and almost fell in love. But when Sophia needed him the most, he was not there.

After four years, Sophia has a new life. She was still best friends with Erin, she has a sweet and good looking boyfriend named Kyle, and was trying to get on with her life. Her past was still haunting her, but with the help of a therapist, she manages well. Adam came into the picture once again, enrolling himself in the same university Sophia is. And just like in the past – the chemistry, the butterflies in her stomach and the instant connection was still there. But she's with Kyle right now – and she has a fear that Adam would leave her again when she needed him most.

Sophia is a smart girl – but when it comes to love and relationship, she could flunk. Kyle was an epitome of a perfect boyfriend and then he changed when she could not give him what he wants. He became someone

else, and no matter how painful their relationship might be for Sophia, she manages to be with him still. How can she possibly stay in a relationship that no longer makes her feel safe and happy? And when she finally got out of the situation - I could not understand why she still wanted to see him or why she insist on doing things that aren't safe! Okay, granting that she has a good heart, but it was not safe. And she should think about the efforts people put through to protect her.

Adam - he was an amazing guy (except for the fact that he left her when he was needed most), but perhaps age made him mature. He loves Sophia a lot and is willing to do anything for her - including keeping her safe from anything or anyone that will bring her harm. He's willing to wait for her to be ready.

Reaching Out For You touches a sensitive topic that most of us failed to address. Perhaps, we don't like to feel involve or we grew tired of reminding our friends who are experiencing these types of situation - but these people needed our help, not only to survive their ordeal but to finally stop the denial and get out of the situation. S. Moose had made a book, not only to entertain readers with a nice love story, but as well as an eye-opener, threading carefully to some topics that can be sensitive to a lot of us.

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Erotica Book Club says

**** EROTICA BOOK CLUB REVIEW ****

REACHING OUT FOR YOU (Never letting go)

By S. Moose

Sophia, Adam and Conner are all best friends until Sophia's mum dies. She pushes Adam away and he leaves her.

4 years later Sophia is in a relationship with Kyle and is "happy" then Adam walks back into her life. She tries to end things with Kyle but he doesn't take it to well.

He starts stalking her and even beats her up, Sophia and Adam's relationship suffers from this as they try to make a go of things. They have always loved each other.

This was a really emotional read that had me crying a few times, I really liked it and enjoyed reading it. I felt really sorry for Sophia trying to deal with abuse and being really scared of Kyle.

It kept me on tender hooks wondering when Kyle would strike again because I knew he would, he just couldn't accept things were over. I loved Adam he is so protective and tries so hard to keep Sophia safe. Conner is also another great character that I really liked.

I could feel the chemistry between Sophia and Adam and the sex is really hot.

Domestic abuse is such a common thing and I really think the author did a fantastic job getting this story told.

I am looking forward to reading more from this series.

Thank you to S. Moose for giving me a copy of Reaching Out For You in exchange for an honest review.

I am giving it 4 stars for Amazon and 4 stars for Goodreads.

~Jane~

Carey Heywood says

I had the honor of beta reading this book.

I believe the author handled the difficult topics in this book with compassion and respect. While I did not personally always agree with the choices Sophia made I also realize it is easy to play arm chair quarterback when watching a character or even a person in real life make what you believe to be a mistake.

This humanized her for me. I really enjoyed her relationship with Adam and how they were able together to find their way. I was impressed that this is the author's first novel. I look forward to reading her future releases.

Nickie Seidler says

I had the amazing privileged of reading this book before it's release as an ARC/BETA for the author. I gave my utmost and honest opinion.

I loved this book!

I wanted to cry for Sophia on what she had to go through with her relationship with Kyle. I also wanted to smack the strength in her several times since that's just me, a strong willed person. Thankfully, Sophia finally came to do that just took a little pushing and shoving to get her away from hell.

I loved the bond that Sophia and Adam have, it's sweet and it's such a powerful friendship that finally gets rekindled in enough time to prove their love to one another. There were times i wanted to smack them all upside the head but in turn their problems worked themselves out and made my nerves ease up. I loved how they were together and i loved how Adam protected Sophia from her past. At times it was a little overbearing but much needed for the phsco that lived in her life.

The author really puts you into perspective of what the character is going through in her life. You can tell she's depressed but trying her hardest to be happy with what life throws at her. It's suspenseful and dramatic and it's an all around a great love story. I definitely would recommend this to any romance readers and i cant wait for the second book to be released!

Savannah Mae says

Reaching Out For You by S. Moose

4 Stars- This easy read is filled with emotion. Set up with reality, it brought a mist to my eyes. Sophia and Adam were best friends. A tragedy tore them apart. Several years later they reconnect and attempt being friends again. Sophia is a sweet yet insecure girl finding her way. Suffering from depression, she sees a therapist to try to sort out her life. She has an innocent romance with Kyle, unsure she is ready to go all the way. Under pressure, she makes a choice that is daring and could put her in danger. Would Adam be able to save her or will he leave her again?

Early on I became very emotionally attached to Sophia. I seemed to identify with her and things she had been through. As the story progresses, Sophia grows into her adult self. There is a nice mix of terror, love, passion, emotion and romance. S. Moose writes in a way that I could connect pretty quickly. Yes, I have to admit that I shed a couple of tears. I felt Sophia as if I was reading about me.

By the time the book was over, I was pleasantly surprised and I can say I enjoyed the book. I recommend this book to all the girls who love a chick-lit book with something to make them think and even cry. This easy read can be read pretty quickly. Perfectly set up for a day at the beach. Get lost in someone else's romance, time and time again.

Jacqueline's Reads says

Free - <http://www.amazon.com/Reaching-Out-Fo...>

April says

I love that the story has depth and it discusses some major issues with physical abuse in relationships and the situations that arose in the book happens in real life and is often brushed under the rug. This book is so not what I thought it would be but I loved every page of it.

This book starts out with Sophia and Kyle in a relationship while her heart still yearns for her best friend Adam (No this is not a love triangle). Poor Sophia goes through some heartache and loses all connection with Adam for a few years until one day in college he pops back into her life. Sophia and Kyle's relationship is not healthy and is very rocky. Everyone around her can see that he is not right for her. I have seen it happen to many times where men like Kyle never change and they have the same philosophy that "if he can't have her no one will". It's kind of scary. That part alone kept my interest and I wanted to keep reading to see if he was going to reap what he sowed. Once Sophia broke up with Kyle..... we meet good ole Adam and boy does he save the day many times. He loves Sophia with all his heart and I love how he loves her. The only reason I am not rating it 5 stars is because that darn Sophia worked my nerves. I liked her at first and then she started to get on my nerves towards the middle of the book. She stayed with Kyle for so long and for the wrong reasons but yet she was so quick to leave Adam for the stupidist (is that even a word? LOL!) things. At times I didn't know why Adam put up with Erin. Because she was broken, she kinda put him through the ringer for no reason. Her actions and reasons for running from Adam weren't justifiable to me.

But hey, that's love for you. LOL!

Now I loved Erin!!!! She could be my homegirl any day!!! She is what I would call a "Ride or Die" friend. I loved that Erin spoke her mind and wasn't afraid to tell Sophia how she really felt. (view spoiler) I loved it. That is a true friend!! I also enjoyed seeing Erin and Adam's best friend Conner's friendship blossom into a relationship. They were a really cute couple and I would love to read more about them.

The author did a really good job addressing the sensitive subject of physical abuse and I am truly a fan of her work. Oh, and that epilogue was so darn cute!! Awesome, Awesome Book!!

Roseanna McClain says

This book was just ok to me. Losing someone is a hard thing to accept. With that you have the 5 stages of grief. It seems as if Sophia never could get over any of them; denial, bargaining, anger, denial and isolation, and acceptance. Everyone has their way of coping.

Also Sophia was stubborn and always played the victim. It was maddening. I wanted to shake her and tell her to grow up and look around her.

The book also deals with physical abuse. Something that should not be taken lightly. Victims always blame themselves for what took place.

Adam was a sweetie pie from the beginning. He was always there was Sophia even though I thought he should have left her alone. The downfall to that is I couldn't connect with him. There was no description of him to help visualize what I was looking at. It seems that he just appeared and the story went on.

I wanted more of something. I wanted more character connection. It felt I was just reading words on a page with no depth. The book had substance and potential. Just didn't do it for me. I guess I'm a minority here. I just couldn't get into it.

Skye Turner says

I was delighted to receive a copy of Reaching Out For You from S. Moose as a gift.

Reaching Out for you is a novel about a young woman with personal demons and serious life issues and her journey as she learns to place herself first and overcome these issues to find her happily ever after.

It is a wordy novel, but the storyline grabs you and the characters are very well developed, so you can overlook the wordiness.

It is very obvious through the depth of the writing that the "demons" in the book are personal to the author, which really grabs you and involves you in the story.

Adam and Connor are guys any woman would be lucky to have in their life.

Kyle is the guy that everyone prays you never find in your life, but unfortunately all too often ends up there. And Sophia is the girl that we all have inside of us, though in the end she becomes a strong woman.

I rounded up to give Reaching Out For You 4 stars, because even with the repetition, wordiness, and typos/grammatical errors, that could easily be caught by a good editor, the story and characters are great.

With some edits, this could easily be a 5 star read!
I DO recommend the book, though I think it would do a lot better with edits.

Erika says

Wow! This book was amazingly sweet yet heart wrenching at the same time. I found myself on a roller coaster of emotions, at times I was completely irritated with Sophia and her indecisions about what she should do. I just wanted to shake her, slap her or something sometimes, while other times I was scared for her and what she had to deal with, with Kyle. Then there was times I was so happy and excited for Adam and Sophia.

I loved all the characters Adam with his sweet patience and absolute love for Sophia, Erin for being the kind of BFF that every girl needs and Conner for just being there for Adam and Sophia when they needed it. Now despite Sophia being so irritating sometimes I actually really loved her and I could relate to her and understand her side of things on some issues. This book is an absolute must read, it is captivating and will have you on the edge of your seat nervously waiting to see what will happen next. S. Moose did an amazing job bringing this story and these characters to life and I can't wait to read more from her.

Tricia Santos says

10/1/13: DNF at about 85%. Couldn't connect with any of the characters. Dialogue was awkward. Storyline was all over the place.

Well I wanted to read the sequel but I guess I need to read this first? Haha I'll get around to it. I really want it!
