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**From the author of *Trouble from the Start* and *The Boyfriend League* comes a sweet summer romance, perfect for fans of **Stephanie Perkins, Lauren Barnholdt and Susane Colasanti**.**

Dawn has found the perfect way to forget her cheating boyfriend: leave town for the summer and do something very distracting, like volunteering to help rebuild storm-torn New Orleans. But when she meets handsome, kind Brady, Dawn realizes she could be fixing more than a devastated house—she might also be able to repair her broken heart.

## **Labor of Love Details**

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## From Reader Review Labor of Love for online ebook

### Chincagaoan says

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4stars

I was skeptical at first about reading this, what's with all that psychic powers predicting the future. But of course, the idea brought excitement and questions about what will happen. I actually began to be interested with the psychic and i started thinking whether maybe it's true or what. And what i truly like about this book is that it got me thinking about the future and how one prediction can affect the way we see and act in the future. It's creepy how things started to happen and in predictably unpredictable way. Maybe it's all the mind, maybe it's whether you believe and make it happen or maybe it's not true at all but this story just prove one thing: You make your own future, be it known or unknown.

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### Erin Coffman says

(sorry for spelling)

This book made me laugh. And over stupid things. When the guys start telling them their horrible pick up lines at the restaurant I seriously went into a fit of laughter. It could have been that I was reading it at 2:40 in the morning, who knows! but when a book makes me laugh I consider it at least 4 stars.

Just in general this book was good. Sure there are some parts that are unrealistic. But if I wanted something realistic I wouldn't be reading fiction.

So if you're looking at reviews to see if you should read this book. I sincerely suggest you read it. It's worth it like her other books are!!

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### Natalie says

What a cute summery romance! The main character Dawn and her two friends head to New Orleans for summer vacation to help with rebuilding after a hurricane (presumably Katrina, but the book doesn't specifically say). Dawn is also nursing a broken heart as she and her boyfriend have broken up. She and her two friends meet a group of three guys who are also working on rebuilding and the story continues from there....

I thought the book handled Dawn's feelings about the breakup and wanting to protect her heart very well. She really explored her feelings about her ex and processed them in order to move forward.

I loved the descriptions of New Orleans, and I thought the author captured the spirit of the city well.

I also really liked the love interest. He and Dawn were so sweet together. There was also great continuity that tied the beginning and ending together perfectly.

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### **Karla Mae (Reads and Thoughts) says**

Another cute and easy to read story by Rachel Hawthorne. Though her stories might get very much predictable at times, I still can't help but read them since it easily makes me swoon and smile and they're all very fast and easy to read.

Dawn and her two best friends planned on a new adventure for the summer and it is to help rebuild houses for people who have lost their homes during the hurricane. Dawn just got back from a bad break-up with her boyfriend cheating with her on prom night and now she's ready to start over in a new place, at least for this summer and help others start over too. But their plan never really includes a psychic that seems to be predicting everything a little too perfectly.

Labor of Love is definitely one of my favorite novels by Rachel Hawthorne though it might get very predictable and clichéd, it was very cute. There's really more to it than the romance that happens between its characters. I also like the idea of them helping build a house and help other people and the title already speaks for itself. Though the title '*Labor of Love*' was already overused in some aspects, but that definitely suits this story and it was very catchy I could say.

Overall, it was such a cute and enjoyable read. A novel with a cute mix of comedy, romance and a message of hope. If you're looking for a fast, light and easy read. Check this one out and other Rachel Hawthorne books.

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### **Mirela says**

I enjoyed this book it was a quick read but the story was completed without any loose ends. I enjoyed the sentence structure, it was basic with some variations. I enjoyed the story line romance is always going to have a small section of my heart. The little bit of the paranormal thrown in was perfect.

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### **Laurence R. says**

Hmm... Quite cute, but I wasn't a huge fan of the characters.

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### **XxForeverXx\_XSHERLOCKandSUPERNATURAL says**

This was part of the two books in one paperback edition of One Perfect Summer. This was such a cute and great book. Loved it!! Want to go to New Orleans and help build a house!!!!

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## **Natshane says**

~Funny pick up lines.

Fav: You must be tired, because you've been running through my mind ever since I saw you. Corny, I know. I don't really know how to or where to start, plus I'm not really good at giving reviews, I only praise (okay, occasionally critisize, but still...) so I am sure I am not capable of giving out a bad review. Anyway, I don't have anything bad to say about this book because everything about it had been wonderful and romantic and sweet and funny. I especially loved the scene where they exchanged corny and sucky pick up lines, which I think really is humourous. And the whole psychic reading thing, it has been very inspirational. The metaphors, the riddles and puzzles to be solved, the way how everything is related to one another, and in the end it came back to one conclusion.

Now all that is in my mind is the red Kansas City Chief's cap, and the dragon tattoo, haha! And I thought of visiting New Orleans too, and supposedly it's a haunted city, going on a ghost tour or a vampire tour could really seem fun (of course if you have someone to hold on to, the experience will sort of intensify, LOL, not being cheesy...)

The great deal about this book is that it bears a very similar writing to the previous books, and I loved the word 'Bummer', plus, this book teaches me a lot of being trusting and being able to pick up the pieces.

Broken hearts are the worst, but as two souls which coincidentally (or maybe fatefully) shared the same heart wrenching experience stumbled upon one another, the chances are five million to one (If you read the book you'll probably figure out this joke), and Brady is a very simple guy who simply loves to say 'okay'-meaning that he understands and that he didn't need to proof further, so next time don't be mad if someone told you okay...plenty times. But (here comes the critisizing part), I think Dawn had been a bit over the top about trying to explain how things are just 'friends' as if! But who could've blamed her, she had her heart broken! Another thing about this book, I think Rachel had perfectly potrayed a close-knit group, how they share all their secrets and how spontaneous they could be...One of the best book ever.

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## **Shreya Kalyan says**

The Book Labor of Love by Rachel Hawthorne is a very interesting book that will keep everybody hanging onto every word that is being said by the author.

Everyone has two best friends, same in this book there are three girls. In the book they are juniors going into senior year that are in need of volunteer hours. As a part of a group they go from Texas to New Orleans to rebuild an area that was broken down in an accident. People from all over the country of different ages are there to help. While they were there they went to a physic reading that scared and shocked them with the results. There the lady many things that at first the girls did not believe. Thinking that none of those ideas could be true they went on with their lives but slowly after that reading everyday something from the reading came true one by one. Overall, it was a great book that had to do with romance and mystery. Rate: 8/10

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## **Lindsey says**

Light, easy read. Nothing special.

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## **Kamae Acejo says**

This book is actually an “okay” (just how Bradey says ‘okay’) chic-flick book. I give it 3 stars because despite it’s ordinary plot, it is still quite entertaining. It had its moments wherein I felt hoity-toity and felt myself blush with Dawn’s and Bradey’s conversations. It is a good read for teens like me. And even though the book is mostly about psychic paranoia, crush denial, and kissing, I would still recommend it to my classmates and high school students like me.

The likable thing about this book is that I was able to relate to what Dawn Danley was feeling. I know the feeling of being hurt, being skeptic to boys and rebuilding again even though I never had a boyfriend myself (but had my heart broken, yes). There’s just so much truth about refusing to open your heart after a break-up or something to that nature. I read this book in such the right time when I can relate to it the most. I also found the little things that Dawn sees about Bradley (his chest, his hand, how he puts his sunglasses two seconds before going under the sun). While others may find it irritating, I found it rather funny for the reason that I notice those little things in a certain guy myself. There’s just something about noticing a lot when you fancy a guy that makes everything about him cute. THAT, I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND. Well at least, now I know, that I am still sane and whatever goes around my head is completely normal for teens like me to feel about boys. Phew. I actually am starting to think that what I am feeling is getting out of the norm and I am suffering from guy obsession insanity that I ought to consult a psychiatrist soon before it gets out of control. Okay, before my review gets too personal, I should state my general opinion about this book:

‘Labor of Love’ is not the best chic-flick book nor does it even have interest on being one. All I could say is that this is a good airplane book if you want something light or you’re set on a trip to rebuild a broken heart.

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## **Hannah says**

I really don't know what I was expecting going into reading this book. I'm don't normally read romance novels, but I was in the mood, and it's been on my bookshelf for a while, so I thought why not?

I have a tendency to run into the same problem every time I read a romance novel, particularly one that's YA, and that is that I get bored. I really just tend to not have any interest in them. Mainly because it's always the same story. Girl meets boy, Girl has crush on boy, they hook up, there is an obstacle, they break up, they get back together. That was the basic plot line for this story.

I'm not saying this was bad. I didn't mind the characters, well, you know scratch that, I thought that the characters were annoying and unrelatable. They seemed very plastic to me. I knew nothing about any of them. Take the main character for example, Dawn. Dawn has a twelve year old brother, she lives in Texas, and her boyfriend cheated on her during Prom so she will never trust a boy again. That is all I know about her. I can't recall any physical descriptions about her. She felt like more of a background character than the main protagonist.

Group dates, and house building were the only events that took place in the story. I was waiting for something to happen, ANYTHING! But, nothing occurred.

Now that I am reviewing this, I see that the main flaw that this book had was it's lack of detail. If there were descriptions other than the ones about what each character was wearing (I personally hate clothing descriptions because it doesn't contribute anything to the story) then I probably would have given an extra star. Especially about Brady and Dawns kisses. They just happened, she didn't feel anything, which kind of made me sad.

It was a very meh book. I wasn't in agony while reading it, like when reading the Twilight Saga or Selection series, I simply just didn't care. Which in a way is worse. Because I felt something with those characters, even if it was anger or hatred. I didn't care what happened to these girls and it's a horrid feeling to have, not being able to connect to people, even if they are fictional.

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### **Andi (Andi's ABCs) says**

This book did such a great job of describing what it feels like to have a broken heart and to be afraid to trust again. I was on the end of my seat to see how it would all work out. You really felt like you were part of the story. And the description of New Orleans made me want to plan a trip for sure. Read! Read! Read!

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### **Valerie says**

This book does a good job of exploring the pain and angry of breaking up with someone you care about deeply as well as the repair work that is needed to move on.

Dawn caught her boyfriend (first kiss boyfriend) making out with another girl at prom her junior year. She spends the next summer volunteering to clean-up after hurricane Katrina and plans for no boys. But fate had a different idea.

I love Racel Hawthornes books. She gets a lot of things about teenage hearts right and writes fun books.

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### **Jennifer Wardrip says**

Reviewed by Jennifer Rummel for TeensReadToo.com

How do you get over your first boyfriend - especially when he cheated on you?

A summer away rebuilding houses in New Orleans is Dawn's plan. But that was before she, Jenna, and Amber went to a psychic.

Now, there's a stranger with a red baseball hat in Dawn's future.

Later that day, she and her friends are in a bakery when an attractive boy with a great smile catches her eye. He also happens to be wearing a red baseball cap. The girls talk briefly with him and his friends and exit the bakery to explore the city more, but end up running into them again in a restaurant.

Could it be fate?

Rachel Hawthorne pens another delightful novel about interpreting life's signs and romance.

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