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Benelli Youngblood is dedicated to her family. Unlike her unpredictable, selfish siblings, Benelli plans to do what's expected of her: get married to a good, stable man who will help her father save his floundering business. And she's sure her current boyfriend is that man.

When she catches said boyfriend sleeping with his secretary, she hops the first plane to her family's summer house in Hungary armed with a list of eligible men from solid families to go on dates with so she can find the perfect marriage partner. It may sound old-fashioned, but it's what's always worked for her family, and it's how she'll mend her shattered heart.

What she doesn't plan on is falling for Cormac Halstrom. The witty, sexy professor with no interest in business or marriage couldn't be further from the right choice for her. But his hot kisses and sweet words make her feel something she hasn't in years; she finally feels like herself.

When things go too far with Cormac and her family shows up unexpectedly, Benelli will have to decide if she's going to listen to her heart or her head when it comes to finding her perfect match.

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Calia says

Holy Mother of steam! Probably the hottest New Adult book I've read.

Review to come.

Tracey Ramey says

I pretty much read anything Liz Reinhardt writes. Well not pretty much, I do. Right away. When it releases. I see it on fb or twitter and immediately go to Amazon and download. I don't pass go, I don't collect \$200. I just do it. Rightfully so, that woman is a genius.

So that's what I did yesterday as soon as I saw this book was released. I knew I would get little sleep and at some point, very little work would get done but it was worth the sacrifice because yet again, Liz writes a great story. We already know the Youngbloods from "Fall Guy" and I couldn't wait to learn more. Benelli is the oldest girl and she is determined to save her family, be the kid her parents always wanted and needed. She goes off to find the perfect husband for her family and instead finds something she didn't expect. Ok, that story has been told a million times, lets admit that first. However, they didn't have Liz's mind creating the story because this one was different, unique, special. Cormac is the unexpected and boy is he. He's sweet, academic, geeky, poetic and socially awkward. His thoughts and dialogue are hilarious and sweetly awkward. He's honest and self-deprecating but not in that same old story fo the bad guy who thinks he's no good fro the girl. He really believes he's unworthy because she's beautiful and he's a geek and says weird things sometimes. He loves books, stories and sweeping epics. He does Calligraphy on the side. I mean, come on! He's geekishly delicious and it makes this book even more awesome! I simply fell in love with him. Simply, which rarely happens. I fall in love or lust with the heros all the time, but to simply fall in love, sweetly, tenderly, calmly? That has never happened.

"Funny how something that was so gorgeous just a few minutes before can lose its luster when compared to Benelli's beauty."

"I want you, but I said no because you were drunk, and I would never take advantage of you like that. Also, you want a f&*kbuddy, and I don't particularly enjoy heartbreak, so I'm trying to convince myself to sidestep your very appealing offer." Seriously, he talks like this! *SWWWWOOOONNN*

"I read Lala's text twice: Your pet is off his leash. His tears are a buzzkill and hes a cockblocker. Save me" hahahah laugh out loud part!

"Love is hard. It's forgiving your best friend when you want to shove her away. It's admitting you played a hand in ruining your sister's relationship, then accepting her cold shoulder even after you've poured your heart out over and over in tearful apologies. It's fighting to make sure the person you love gets to do the weird thing he loves, even if you know he could have unbelievable power and success doing other things. It's being generous to your brother's girlfriend because you've been forced to admit you laid blame at her feet and his when there was no reason to."

A great read and one I recommend to everyone!

Word ~Heather Halloran says

www.xwordx.blogspot.com

2.5 Stars:

“You run away for freedom. You run away because you can’t be trapped by the people who love you but don’t understand you. You run away because you want to be missed, you want them to start a worried search party combing far and wide for scraps of evidence that you’re going to be back, safe and sound. Running away is a way to play a dirty trick on the perfect fate that will suffocate you if you’re not careful.”

Benelli Youngblood has her whole life mapped out in front of her. She has the perfect boyfriend that will be the perfect man to take over her father’s business when the time comes, alongside Benelli. But when she catches her perfect boyfriend cheating, she must change her gameplan. Benelli goes to her family’s cottage in Hungary, seeking out a husband and business partner her father will approve of. While dating, she meets Cormac, the complete opposite of what she’s looking for, during her quest to find the perfect arranged marriage.

Now for my honest thoughts. I wanted to like this story, but it didn’t make a whole lot of sense to me. Why can’t Benelli run her family business herself? It was because she is a woman, and women cannot run a business. This is 2013, women run companies just as well as men do. Cormac was everything Benelli needs in a husband. But for some reason, she took most of the book to see that her happiness is more important than her families outdated views on business and life. Then there is her best friend Lala, who gives Cormac an ultimatum. She has sway with Benelli, and will be an alibi for them to be together for the summer, but he will have to let her go when she finds a husband. He either agrees to this, or she thinks Benelli will listen to her and be done with him.

Cormac is the redeeming character in this story, he is not the typical hero. He was so likeable, nerdy, smart, adorable, and willing to fight for the girl he loved.

What do you want? “To hold you. To smell your hair and hope you don’t notice and think I’m some sort of psychotic. To watch the way the light moves over your skin. I want you to get chilly and sleepy and need to press your body tight to mine, and I want to wrap my arms around you. I want whatever you write in that secret book of yours about me to be worth all the other rotten shit you’re going to wind up accepting down the line.” That’s, um, that’s incredibly romantic.”

Benelli was a strong-minded, educated woman, whom was treated as a child by all of the people surrounding her. The love story was enjoyable, but the supporting cast brought my views down significantly. I truly believe this could be a fun, easy read for many readers, it just wasn’t the one for me.

“If you never listen to a word I say for the rest of our lives, listen now. Choose love. Don’t take the easy way out. Choose someone who will push you and challenge you. Okay? Do that because that’s what you deserve.”

Christina Lyn says

Yup just finished this one this morning. I'm pretty much mixed up of my emotions right now. And yeah I pretty much enjoyed reading this. Their love scenes is soooo freaking HOT and same goes to Cormac Halstrom. I enjoyed every conversation they have especially where Beneli introduced Cormac to her family. Such a fool but I like it.

You did one helluva great job on this Liz Reinhardt.

Allison says

Meh. Maybe I'm spoiled cause I've read so many great love stories, but this one was just okay for me...

The Youngbloods are at it again with pressuring their kids into being who they want them to be for the family's sake, and this time it's Benelli's turn to be the rebel.

Again, I hate to basically give cliff notes on a whole book when writing a review so I'll just point out my pros and cons.

My pro is that I really liked Cormac and I wish I would've learned more about his past and family instead of the brief paragraphs those two topics got.

The cons were that this story took place over such a short time period, and the whole time it's building up to Benelli deciding to be with who she wants to be with despite her parents wishes of arranging her with someone who could help the family business...but here's the kicker...when her family meets him, they love him and it's hardly a fight. So you're like "ok, that was easy" and then you're like "well what the hell were all those pages of nervousness about then?" There is minimal drama, and darn it, I just wanted more.

Maybe Benelli didn't need a book? I dunno. Lala's character is a huge mess so perhaps she'll get a book next. I could see her story being interesting...

Ymastimson says

I don't know what it is about Liz Reinhardt, but she knows how to create characters with depth like no other.

Her leading man in this one is a breath of fresh air. He isn't an angry, controlling, reformed bad boy/borderline psycho path. Can I just say, fina-freaking-ly!!! I have a weak spot when a guy is sharp, witty, funny, nerdy/goofy, humble and down right sexy.

The connection between Benelli and Cormac is pretty dang awesome. First off, they both hold their own. Often times I am bored by the heroine having no spine or being a bit dull or too proper/goody goody. Benelli is the farthest thing from dull. I really liked the battle she went through of choosing being true to her family or true to her self. The way Benelli and Cormac interact is pretty dang awesome to behold. I love how fast

they can switch from intense and emotional to straight up goofy. I loved that they BOTH had a sense of humor, and I actually smiled and laughed out loud at their back and forth banter. It wasn't a straight up brooding romance from start to finish, and that made it all the more appealing to me.

Madison Seidler says

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By now, most people that've followed my blog since the beginning know that I love Liz Reinhardt's writing. Her Brenna Blixen series is one of my favorites. From that series, we met Evan Lennox...and from Evan came the Youngblood crew. *Perfectly Unmatched* is the second book in the Youngblood series and is focused on Benelli, the younger sister to Winch, but eldest daughter of the family.

After finding out her boyfriend, whom she thought would be the perfect guy to bring into the family business, was cheating on her, Benelli flees to Hungary for an earlier summer vacation with her extended family. While it's a vacation, it's also her time to try and find the guy that's going to help save the Youngblood family, whose businesses are crumbling under the surmounting pressure felt by her father. She knows she won't find love, but she hopes that come later. But, in an attempt to escape an awkward acquaintance one day, she stumbles upon (quite literally) Cormac Halstrom.

I loved Cormac almost immediately. He was a little nerdy, but still had this studious sexiness to him, which I totally found attractive. As much as I love the bad boy rockers and all that jazz, my real life romance is with a web designer, who I swear gets turned on talking about HTML and logos and analytics and Google rankings. So for me, I could relate to the attraction that Benelli felt for him. And he made me laugh. He was honest about his goofiness, and made me laugh. I love that.

"Also, my Hungarian is fairly limited, so we got all this by the grace of some complicated sign language and something resembling a rain dance on my part. Not very pretty."

Now – here's where she drove me crazy a bit. But for good reason. She was naive. And a princess. She's spent her life sheltered, and while she's tough as nails, and thinks she's doing something selfless by marrying for business, she doesn't have much regard for Cormac's feelings in the beginning. Luckily, though, he stood his ground with her, and she did grow and come around. I particularly loved seeing a bit of Winch and Evan too – and the advice he had for Benelli.

"If you never listen to a word I say for the rest of our lives, listen now. Choose love. Don't take the easy way out. Choose someone who will push you and challenge you. Okay? Do that because that's what you deserve."

Liz has the crazy talent for creating dynamic characters that you fall in love with, as well as stories that can seem so far off from your life, but you somehow end up relating to. This was no exception. Oh – and wanna know what else she's great at? STEAM IN THE NA GENRE! HOLY HOTNESS. I think this was her hottest

one yet, and it was not gratuitous or trashy. It was perfect and fitting given the age and circumstances for the characters. And I loved every second of it. Oh my god, did I ever.

So anyways, Cormac and Benelli, they have soooo many hurdles to jump. So many. Like the fact that he's not at all the cookie cutter guy she needs to fill the hole in her family, but more than that, she can't stop thinking about him, even while going on dates with other potential suitors. Oh, and then when her family gets involved, there's a whole other set of issues for them. In the end, though, I was happy to see how it all came together. It wasn't an easy journey, and for a decent chunk of the story, I thought 'there's no way in hell this can work, especially without Cormac sacrificing himself completely.' Thankfully, however, both characters made the necessary changes to make the relationship work for them. Oh and they were sexy while doing that. Did I mention that?

"You could call anytime and I'd come running. There isn't a chance in hell you'd need, and I wouldn't come to you."

I give this story 4 stars (if I'm being honest, which, let's face it, I must), it could have used some proofing and editing clean up, but really, it always amazes me how Liz continues to top her stories. I haven't read something of hers yet that wasn't poetic, moving, sexy, relatable and just awesome. I cannot recommend her books enough, and as always when finishing a book of hers, cannot wait for the next to come out. And knowing how fast she pumps books out, it won't be that long of a wait. :)

I had to include this passage – perfect example of her amazing way with words!

I ask, wanting her to weave this story and make it intimate for me. I don't want to be Pan at the window, looking in on what I desire. I want to accept the thimble from my Wendy, and fly away with her on foreign adventures, then stay by her side when I bring her back home.

Christy says

"If you never listen to a word I say for the rest of our lives, listen now. Choose love. Don't take the easy way out. Choose someone who will push you and challenge you. Okay? Do that because thats what you deserve."

Benelli Youngblood's family is falling apart. Her oldest brother Remi is in rehab, Winch has left the family with his girlfriend Evan and is on a career path of his own, and her younger brother Colt is planning on going to college on a football scholarship, and Ithaca is still upset over her family interfering with her relationship. Her parents are stressed out, and her father believes Benelli marrying a man to help with the business is the only thing that will save them. So thats what Benelli is prepared to do. Benelli goes to Hungary to stay with her aunt while she dates appropriate suitors. She has a list. She has a plan to find a man that can fit into her family.

She doesn't plan on running into Cormac. Cormac is a graduate student working on his thesis and translation

of the Odyssey. He is a gentleman, he is smart, sexy, and witty. They become friends fast and as their relationship grows, they develop strong feelings for each other. Benelli realizes that she can be herself with Cormac, not who her family expects her to be. Benelli has a huge decision to make. Do what she has to do for her family's sake, or finally do something for herself.

Now, the best part of the book: Cormac!

“Mr. Hotass Professor?”

I straight up love this stupid, crazy, funny, sweet, perfect guy.

I liked Benelli, I did... but she aggravated me a times. The chemistry between Benelli and Cormac was smoking hot! Loved them together! Cormac was perfect. The way he looked, the way he spoke, his attitude. Everything! He was geeky, but sexy at the same time! And the sweetest! Not the typical alpha male, but he stood up for himself and Benelli when he needed to. My favorite Cormac lines:

“I choose you right now. You go in the book in my heart, and you’re the only name there.”

“Yes. And I enjoy calligraphy and don’t want to have meaningless sex with you. If they ever bothered to issue me a man card, I would surrender it to you right about now.”

“You could call anytime and I’d come running. There isn’t a chance in hell you’d need me, and I wouldn’t come to you.”

“So, I’m thinking we can safely categorize you as a screamer?”

“You really need to stop watching so many movies. Books, love. Books will open up new worlds for you.”

“I love studying this crazy stuff. But I don’t love it more than you. I don’t love anything more than you... These books, these papers, aren’t my life. You are. You are my life.”

Overall a really good read, I personally liked it just as much as Fall Guy, if not a tiny bit more! Looking forward to the next one!

Trinity (A Love Affair with Books) says

We were first introduced to Benelli in Fall Guy the first in the Youngblood series (which I loved.) Benelli came off as very straight laced and not all that likable in Fall Guy so I was curious to see where her book would go.

Benelli is very much entrenched in her family and trying very hard to succeed where her siblings failed. She understands that to fulfill her role as dutiful daughter she must marry the right guy and soon. When her secret romance with a “perfect on paper” guy fails she decides to take matters in her own hands. She sends herself to Hungary where she is determined to find the perfect husband and protégé to her father’s business.

“I think about my family every single minute of every single day. Sometimes I think I’m the only one of my siblings, who cares about our parents at all, and it weighs on me to have no one to share my worry with, no one to help me lift the cement bag of our family’s complicated problems.”

In Hungary she proceeds to date all the eligible bachelors from good families that she can find. With only a checklist of qualities she hopes she can find her future husband by the end of the summer. After a series of boring and lackluster dates she meets Cormac.

Cormac is everything she is NOT looking for. He is a very sweet but geeky professor. Cormac was such a breath of fresh air from the usual male leads in books. He was a sweet and earnest character with a quick wit and hilarious sense of humor. He brought out all the qualities that Benelli has been trying so hard to hide. Will she do what is expected of her or take a chance and follow her heart?

I loved the alternating POV between the two characters because they were so very different. Cormac is the sweet, romantic, witty guy that many girls overlook. He wasn’t afraid to fight for her and convince her to believe in him and in love. He definitely made the book for me. I loved that he wasn’t this self-assured alpha male but instead he was someone who wanted to prove his worth in her eyes.

“You run away for freedom. You run away because you can’t be trapped by the people who love you but don’t understand you. You run away because you want to be missed, you want them to start a worried search party combing far and wide for any scrap of evidence that you’re going to be back, safe and sound. Running away is a way to play a dirty trick on the perfect fate that will suffocate you if you’re not careful.”

“He’s kissing like he doesn’t have a minute to waste, like I’ll evaporate under his hands if he doesn’t keep pace.”

“He smells like the pages of books, ink, and tea leaves. And, under all those comforting smells, he also smells like guy. It’s a salty, clean smell mixed with the tingling pang of aftershave that makes my girly hormones spin in excited pirouettes,”

“To hold you. To smell your hair and hope you don’t notice and think I’m some sort of psychotic. To watch the way the light moves over your skin. I want you to get chilly and sleepy and need to press your body tight to mine, and I want to wrap my arms around you. I want whatever you write in that secret book of yours about me to be worth all the other rotten shit you’re going to wind up accepting down the line.”

Lauren says

First off, I want to apologize to Liz Reinhardt for having the tiniest sliver of a doubt when I started this book. I didn’t connect to Benelli right away and I got nervous. I’ve learned my lesson to absolutely trust this woman with ANY story ever. Like, ever. Seriously, write the phonebook and I’ll love it.

Benelli, Winch’s younger sister (from Fall Guy), is the glue to the Youngblood family. She takes pride in that fact but it restricts her. When she’s sent to Hungary to find a suitable man to help her father run the company

and one who will make an acceptable husband (in that order), she meets Cormac.

I didn't connect with Benelli until she was away from the Youngbloods and finally able to be herself. We got a glimpse of this family in Fall Guy but the extent of their insanity is revealed through their treatment of Benelli. It's an emotional manipulation that I struggled to wrap my head around. But when she's in Hungary, away from her parents and the expectations they hold her to, she reveals how amazing she is.

"They let you think you were a woman without treating you with the respect a woman deserves. They gave you all the shallow trappings but didn't fortify you with the foundation you needed."

Cormac is the sweet, nerdy, overly-intelligent guy Benelli starts hanging out with. One amazing thing about the writing is the distinctiveness of the language used for each POV. Cormac thinks like a PhD student. You could tell how much research and attention to detail went into this book and it was worth every second.

Cormac is a seriously romantic guy and he had me swooning. Can I keep him? I was rooting for him to just sweep Benelli off her feet the entire time. (view spoiler)

Thank you for Perfectly Unmatched and I can't wait to see what's next!!

Francesca says

Alas, I've come to the conclusion that Liz Reinhardt's books and I do **not** get along. I've read books Liz has co-authored with Steph Campbell and have liked them. However, every time I try to read one that just Liz has written, I can't get into them.

Long story short, I find them pretty boring. I read the first book in the Youngblood series and didn't particularly enjoy it (Fall Guy). So why did I decide to buy this book? Maybe I'm a glutton for punishment. Either way it's time for my self-inflicted punishment to end because unlike the first book, I've decided to not finish this one.

Alexis *Reality Bites* says

So excited to see more of the Youngbloods!!!

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Sofia Lazaridou says

Look at the cover first. Isn't it nice? Yes it is. Look at the synopsis. Doesn't it seem like the book is going to be worth 6 stars? Yes it is. Now take a look inside the book. Is it what you expected? No it wasn't. <--- This is what I said to myself. I was disappointed from this one. I would find acceptable Benelli's behaviour and way of thinking only if she was in high school. 1 hour after reading it and it's a miracle I remember 2 scenes from the book. The plot and the main idea seemed wonderful... Dammit! I wanted things to work out between me and Perfectly Unmatched! I pushed so many books behind in my to-read list to make room for this one. And I

got that. I have some books from Reinhardt on my to-read list and I hope that they would be better than this one.

Corinne says

Another great read! Benelli is definitely a strong-headed woman, and I really wish I could be like her. Strong and sexy. (All women's dream right?) and then comes Cormac, a nerdy as hell yet sexy classics professor. Did I mention I love to have a partner who can recite poetry to me all day, quoting Shakespeare and all the other great romantic poets of all times. Well ladies, this book can realize your fantasies!

Loved it!

Laura's Book Addiction says

"One simple word that my brain will tell me to ignore, but my body and my heart will be unable to resist. One word that will forever change this summer and all the summers after it along with the springs and winters and autumns. One word that will make it impossible for me to just walk away."

Before reading Perfectly Unmatched this was my pre-review

"I'm going to sound like a two year old having a tantrum but I WANT IT NOW *stamps feet and falls to the floor crying" and boy was it worth my waiting. I loved it from start to finish Benelli and Cormac pulled me in there love story.

Benelli and Cormac shouldn't work as a couple together on paper but boy do they work and they are soo freaking adorable together. Cormac just one word WOW!!! I'm in love with him. I love that he's a bit of a geek but hot as well and smart. Benelli has such a strong sense of family that I love and how she fights to be with Cormac.

All in all a great 2nd book in the Younbloods series and a amazing New Adult novel. I want the 3rd book NOW please!!!!

My favourite quotes

"I don't want epic. I want everyday" Benelli

"He looks nerdy. But kind of adorable" Benelli

"The wish morphs into an ache"

"She and I draw identically sharp breathes in and our eyes nail down twin looks of blatant want" Cormac
