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Life After Juliet



Synopsis

Becca Hanson is a reader—a voracious reader. She’d rather hang out with Harry and Ron than go on a date or surf the internet. But Becca’s also seen a Thestral. Since her best—and only—real friend Charlotte’s death, Becca’s read 108,023 pages, and she’s not about to let anything, or anyone, keep her from reading 108,023 more. Until she meets Max. He’s experienced loss, too, and his gorgeous, dark eyes see Becca the way no one else in school can. But Becca’s already lost so much—she’s not about to lose her heart, too. The companion novel to *Love and Other Unknown Variables* is an exploration of loss and regret, and a celebration of hope and discovering a life worth living again.

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Customer Reviews

received in exchange for a honest review Love Max. I love how he is so earnest and kind. He understands what Becca is going through and wanted to be there for her. He was also really crushing on Becca. Becca was a tough cookie to crack. she didn't want to live without her best friend but life was passing her by and she was falling behind. Behind in existing, living, being Becca. She lost her way and didn't think there was anything to herself without her best friend. Max helped her begin to come out of this and the rest of the theatre crew brought her the rest of the way. Becca kept trying to be a fly on the wall. Max had other ideas. He nudged her and was

sweet and kind to her. she would get exasperated but he was persistent and over time he wore her down. Max got her to come to the play auditions and this changed her world. Slowly she began to come out and Max became her friend. Over time they were becoming more but Becca still suffered from guilt and sadness. She didn't know how to reconcile starting to live and losing her friend. She didn't want to let go. With the help of Max and her brother though we see her open up and find her place. Not that Becca doesn't have some back peddling especially when it came to Max. She does try at one point to push him away but it doesn't last long. This is a powerful look at moving on but not forgetting one who was a part of your world. Of how Becca learned to find who she was without someone there to help her. How Becca found herself and still have room for her best friend that was lost to illness. A look at finding friends and grieving. At not letting grief take you completely under. How a boy who is kind, sweet, patient and been through the same ordeal comes to your rescue and befriends you. Helps you grieve and find your way. How he becomes more than a friend and is there for you no matter what. The writing is real and powerful. the story is unique in how it shows high school life. It isn't where boy meets girl. It is more. It is a journey about finding yourself, letting go and becoming more while gaining confidence, friends and love.

Becca Hanson was always pretty much a loner burying herself in her books and living through what she read. That is until she became best friends with her one and only real life friend Charlotte. But now Becca finds herself broken after her only friend has passed away. She's back to burying herself in her books to escape her heartache and loneliness. As Becca's junior year at Sandstone High begins she finds herself with a class project that ends up with her in drama club. Becca begins to make new friends as she finds herself unexpectedly cast as Juliet in the school play. She also finds that she has a lot in common with Max who works behind the scenes in the play. Life After Juliet is a companion book to Love and Other Unknown Variables by Shannon Lee Alexander. The first book was told from Becca's brother's POV and this one now tells Becca's story after the end of the first book. I haven't read Love and Other Unknown Variables myself but I do believe this one worked fine as a standalone novel and reading the first wasn't needed to truly understand this one. This book starts off with a rather somber beginning with Becca dealing with the loss of her best friend. It's highly emotional all the way through as she learns how to deal with her heartache and learn to make new friends and go on with life without Charlotte. The book is set around Becca becoming involved in the play and as a little bit of a twist in the style the author has separated the chapters with different Acts and Scenes as if

the whole story is a play. The characters in here were all enjoyable with their personalities feeling real with each being so different but coming together in this book. Overall, a YA contemporary romance that will tug at your heart strings as the main character tries to find herself after a huge loss in her life. I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Life After Juliet is a young adult novel by Shannon Lee Alexander. It is a companion novel to Love and Other Unknown Variables. I had Love and Other Unknown Variables on my to be read list since before its release, but I never got around to reading it. However, as soon as I read the summary for Life After Juliet I knew I had to read this book. It deals with subject matter that is really speaking to me at the moment. So I figured I would be fine reading it alone. But after looking at some reviews and starting the book, I realized that wasn't really the case. Could I have read Life After Juliet without first having read Love and Other Unknown Variables? Yes, I think I could have. And I think I would have been fine. However, after reading about 20 pages of Life After Juliet, I decided not to chance it and to read Love and Other Unknown Variables first. And I am very, very glad that I did. It really enhanced my experience with Life After Juliet. Life After Juliet is a very emotional read. I think you need to be prepared for it. I flat out ugly cried while reading this book. But I also laughed, and smiled. It is such a real and raw, and heart-warmingly emotional read. And yes, it is sad sometimes too. It has to be. Death is sad. Losing someone you love is sad. And hard to deal with and it affects everyone differently. I really loved that all of these things were explored with the characters in Life After Juliet. Becca and Max are the main characters and they are both reeling from different losses. I appreciated the different perspectives we got with Becca and Max. if you are looking for a book that accurately portrays the stages of grief, Life After Juliet is an amazing book for you. I think anyone who has ever lost someone they care about will relate to what Becca goes through in her story. I think this book is a worthy while read for everyone. This book touched my heart. It meant something to me. If you love books that make you feel the whole range of emotions from happy to utter despair, Life After Juliet is going to be a favorite of yours. *Disclaimer- I got a copy of this book for free in exchange for my honest review. I was not compensated for my thoughts.

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