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Debut author Ella Bordeaux brings you a very heartwarming and emotional first book in her new YA series.

Skylar Woods unknowingly drew Wyatt Smith toward her. He wanted ... needed to learn everything about her. Though he sensed her beauty was more than just skin deep, Wyatt struggled to understand the sadness she attempted to mask with an amazing smile.

When Skylar's eyes met Wyatt's for the first time, her breath caught and she couldn't look away from the new guy standing in the school office smiling at her. The connection only grew when Wyatt sat next to her in English class, allowing Skylar to dare to believe he might actually be interested in getting to know her.

For the first time in months, she felt alive.

The moment Wyatt expressed an interest, the notes started again ... the ones that reminded her of a past she could never move beyond—the event that changed her life forever and robbed her of any chance of happiness.

Never believing the rumors being spread around school about Skylar, Wyatt made sure he went out of his way to prove how much he cared about her.

But when the past resurfaces, will Wyatt stand by her side? Or will he turn against her like everyone else?

For readers 16 years and older due to content.

## **Beautiful Details**

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## From Reader Review Beautiful for online ebook

### **Andrea Fleury says**

#### **Wyatt a very fine gentleman...**

I loved this from the first to the last page. I'm not crazy about a cliffhanger but so it be. Now for book 2. How long till it comes out. Hello lol

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### **Angie says**

Completely captivating, at times I forgot I was reading a YA novel.

Kelly Elliott (under the Pen name Ella Bordeaux) gives us a beautiful story about survival, strength, overcoming tragedy and blossoming young love! Elliott's style of writing and her books have always been phenomenal so her adjusting her style to that of a YA read didn't seem like a stretch at all to this reader! The storyline and characters are given room to blossom and grow as we follow along! The lead characters heartbreaking tragedy is one sadly many today have been a victim of!

*My heart began pounding as the dizziness got worse. I tried to lift my arms, but it felt like dead weight.*

*The only thing I could do was barely whisper, "Why?" My body shut itself down, and everything went black.*

In Beautiful we meet Skylar, a young girl with all her dreams ahead of her. Sadly we see how one night can alter those beautiful dreams and turn those into a living nightmare. How trusting a friend can lead to the ultimate of betrayals. How friends turn to enemies, whispers and taunts can shred a person straight to their soul! To say high school has been tough for Skylar is quite the understatement! She has endured so much at the hands of "friends". She must stay focused, get thru high school, get outta this town....far away from all the talk, the lies!

Wyatt, an All American kid with his stars aligned and the world at his feet. Transferring to a new high school in Texas, he has no worries. Ready to take on what's ahead on this new venture! Everything changes once he sees her!!!

*I tried to pull my eyes away from her, but I couldn't stop staring. Her smile was breathtaking, and her eyes sparkled each time she looked over at me.*

He had to meet her, who was she...how could one simple smile, glance make him feel this way? After all Skylar has endured she is very apprehensive to befriend Wyatt. However, Wyatt wouldn't allow others or their comments to sway him. He was determined to know Skylar, not the stories he was told but the REAL Skylar. Skylar has always had a very supportive family but seems to blossom under the support, friendship and love shown by Wyatt. Can others allow that love to grow? Will others do all they can to destroy Skylar and any chance of happiness she is searching for?

We watch and as in most relationships we see them have their ups, downs....their happy, their sad. We watch as the truth finally is revealed about that night that forever changed Skylar. How she finds the strength to

face that head on!

Can those demons stay buried for Skylar? Can she ever truly put her complete trust in another, in Wyatt. Is he worthy of that trust?

Yes, this does end in quite the cliffhanger but never fear the second book will be released later this year!! Truly you want this book this Beautiful story in your reading library!

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### **Jennifer says**

*\*A review copy was provided by the author for the Blog Tour \**

**~ 4.5 Beautiful Stars ~**

Beautiful is the debut novel for Ella Bordeaux. Well I think we have a winner here!!

I know this book was classified as a Young Adult book, but I have to say that I think it leans more towards a Mature YA book. This is a book I don't believe anyone under the age of 16 or 17 should read. Not because it is loaded down with sex, because it isn't, but the theme of this story is about a very serious topic. Ella also touches on a date rape situation that could be a trigger for some or not appropriate for someone younger.

I do feel I need to give the readers a warning though....this book is NOT a standalone novel. It ends with a Cliffhanger and it wasn't a very nice one :( That is why I personally took off a 1/2 star from this rating. I really don't like cliffhangers, but I will read them if I am aware of them. There is nothing worse than going into a book and being completely shocked at the end of the story....that's not the end, but you have to wait to get the ending you were hoping for. So if you aren't a fan of Clifffy's then I would wait until the second book comes out in the fall.

Now that I got that off my chest....let me tell you how much I actually LOVED this book and these characters. I am a complete sucker for a sweet High School romance book. I love when a story and characters can take me back to my school days and have me reminiscing :) Even though this book touches on a serious topic, there was still a great message behind it and a very sweet love story!!! I believe that this book will touch many readers and for many different reasons. It covers something that we see in schools everyday and it is so sad that it happens. But what I loved was how the author portrayed these characters. Not only Skylar and Wyatt but some of the secondary characters also...like Mitch, Michelle and Skylar and Wyatt's parents. They played an important part in this story as well.

But it was both Skylar and Wyatt who stole my heart in this book. Wyatt is the boy you want your daughter to find while in school. He was sweet, strong and also very patient. I loved that he thought for himself and never let anyone sway his beliefs. Even though he is high schooled age in this story, he still had me swooning ;) As for Skylar....she was phenomenal !!! I loved her character. She was such a strong girl, in amongst such serious heartache. My heart broke for her on so many occasions, but I also felt proud of her for enduring everything she did and coming out stronger in the end.

I would recommend Beautiful to everyone who loves a sweet high school love story, but that touches on your inner most emotions too. I know I am looking forward to the next book to see where Wyatt and Skylar go from here.

### **Tanya says**

Beautiful by Ella Bordeaux wasn't a book that I was prepared for. It took me out of the real world and I was stuck in the book. The story took over and all I could do was keep reading along as all kinds of thoughts ran through my head. This wasn't an easy book to read because it had some really hard parts, but that's what made this book so powerful.

Skylar has suffered a lot and it's something she faces daily. The bullying does not stop and the rumors continue. Then Wyatt shows up, new boy at her school, and he isn't like anyone. He doesn't believe the rumors and he goes straight to the source, straight to Skylar. Skylar can't believe that this handsome boy is going to HER for the truth. Can Skylar accept that Wyatt is there for her in good intentions?

Skylar, I just want to wrap you up in a big hug and shield you from the world but you do an amazing job at handling everything yourself. Except I was pretty mad that you don't believe Wyatt. That boy is crazy about you! I understand though. All that bullying is hard. I think this is a great book to teach people just how hard a toll bullying takes on a person. I think Skylar was a beautiful character.

Wyatt, I have nothing but good things to say about you. Wyatt is a character that is strong and I love that he doesn't go with the crowd or peer pressure. He is his own person and he follows his own path. He really knows what he wants and I am so glad that he doesn't let others influence his decisions. I am so happy that he pursues Skylar. He is just her perfect guy for her. And he melted my heart every time he called Skylar Angel. Talk about swoon!

Beautiful is a book that you will devour in one sitting because there is no way that you can stop. As I was reading I was feeling the growth of Skylar and Wyatt. The book is written in a long time span and I love it. It was easy to follow along and as the book was moving forward in time I didn't notice the time gap because it was written well, it flowed well. What I was very EMOTIONAL about was that ending! I was not expecting that at all. This book left me shocked at the end. I am still reeling right now. Because SERIOUSLY, I did not even see that coming! But yeah, enough of my small outburst there. Just go read this book.

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### **Julie Reveles (ILST BLOG) says**

#### **5 Stars!**

Oh man... *really*? Watch out for the cliffhanger at the end because it totally just left me yelling at my kindle! I can't believe it, and I don't want to believe it! There is no way my all consuming, heart warming, smile splitting, hot as heck Wyatt could do such a thing. Man... I fell in love with him, and I hope to still be in love with him after I get my needy hands on book 2. Hmm... I wonder how long I have to wait? As you can tell, I really liked this story. It started off in high school and ended in college. It's crazy to think how mean girls can be in high school. It really makes me happy I don't have any! My heart broke for Skyler and everything that she endured during her senior year. The filth she had to deal with was so sad. I'm so happy that Wyatt came around and was able to bring her happiness and tear down her walls. Seeing Skyler let loose

for once and enjoying life again was nice. When the song *Beautiful* came on, at that special moment, it was perfect! So perfect it brought tears to my eyes. Every time I hear that song now, I'm going to be thinking of this book! I also loved her best friend Michelle who was her brother's girlfriend.. Their conversations always had me cracking up. Especially when Michelle would tell her about her sex life! Skyler was constantly gagging, and I was constantly laughing! Skyler's mom also had some funny comments that got my smiling! I am looking forward to reading book 2 because I am *dying* to know what is going to happen with all the characters! I have to admit, I'm a little nervous, but sooo excited at the same time!

~ Juls

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### **Emily Goodman says**

*Beautiful* is the first book in what seems to be a very promising series written by Ella Bordeaux. Although this is the first book under Kelly Elliott's pen name Bordeaux, it's not this author's first rodeo in the book world. Elliott has been wowing fans for sometime in the new adult and contemporary romance genres. So, it wasn't a far fetch to scale it back and deliver a YA novel to add to her reader fan base. But could she still deliver her trademark reads minus the steamy sex scenes?

I'm happy to tell you yes. Whether Elliott writes as Bordeaux or herself, her story is every bit as captivating as it has always been, her characters as loveable, and her writing style just as addictive.

In *Beautiful*, Elliott gives us the story of a young girl traumatized by a family friend living in small town Texas. To say Skyler has it rough in high school would be an understatement. It isn't until Wyatt moves to town that Skyler is worthy of love.

My only criticism of this book would be that Wyatt is too good to be true. High School quarterback, hot new kid in school who never glances at another girl and is utterly romantic, patient to the core might be a bit more than your average boy in high school. But that's why we love our book boyfriends right? Elliott gives us yet another man to swoon over with Wyatt. His patience and love make not only Skyler but the reader fall in love with yet another one of Elliott's men.

With all that said, Elliott or Bordeaux rather, is well on her way to another successful venture this time as a YA novelist. I can only dream of what she will conquer next.

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### **Sarah says**

A high school romance that follows onto college , but don't for one second think that's all there is to the story .

This book has sensitive issues ranging from bullying to rape so be warned.

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### **Eshita Dey says**

The book was a bit unrealistic and much cliched.

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## **Cora Tea Party Princess says**

### **5 Words: Judgement, school, friendship, trauma, family.**

Mixed feelings with this one - if I hadn't have read it so soon after books with similar themes I probably would have rated it higher.

That said, it was a good book.

I loved the portrayal of high school. I loved how these teens were teens, even if it made me angry that rape culture had become so prevalent, how victim blaming and slut shaming was OK. I also loved the strong friendship between Skylar and Michelle, how Michelle just *knew*.

The only bad point was the creepy vibes I got from Wyatt at the start, but this is probably because those creepy vibes echoed Edward from Twilight. Not my cup of tea.

I liked how the ending has left me wanting more! I don't know if it was done purposefully to leave the story hanging pending another installment, or if it was a very very clever way to end everything

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## **Autumn Breier says**

4.5 out of 5 Stars

Re-Read in June 2017

Beautiful is the first book in the Beautiful Duet. I really enjoyed Beautiful and can't wait to continue with the series. I loved Wyatt and Sky.

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## **Lisa Gerkey says**

I have read over the description and info for this book but I can't find anything warning readers that there is a cliffhanger. I don't do well with surprises like this because I read so many books that I pick and choose very carefully when it comes to cliffhangers and multi book series. I would normally wait until all books are available because many times, by the time the next book is released, I feel that I have forgotten too much to care if I read the next one. That's a shame with this one because Beautiful was really just beautiful for the most part.

Skylar is a victim of bullying until the new guy shows up at her school. Wyatt is perfect, at least in the beginning. He doesn't let what the "in crowd" has to say about Skylar stop him from becoming her friend and it doesn't take long before the two have found that their friendship has turned to love. The book is simply amazing, one that I would recommend to everyone, especially older teens and young adults to read. But then Skylar and Wyatt go off to college together and all of a sudden Wyatt seems to be changing and putting their relationship at risk in what appears to be a major way when the book ends...

As a reader, the majority of the book was five stars. It was amazing. However, I was so disappointed in the change in Wyatt and the cliffhanger I ended up mad that I spent so much time with it. I have never been aware that the author did that with her books, but I will for sure wait around to read reviews for the next one

before I preorder or buy it.

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### **Kerri Mirabella says**

Beautiful is the phenomenal debut YA novel by Kelly Elliott, writing under the pen name of Ella Bordeaux. Elliott has been swooning us with her writing abilities since 2012, and her young adult style is just as swoonworthy and fabulous.

From a gut wrenching first chapter to the very last page, Beautiful will have you on a roller coaster ride of emotions. This book touches on on bullying, a growing problem that is far too common amongst teens and young adults. It's a story of hope, of being strong, and being yourself.

Wyatt's character is strong and solid, the ideal "bring home to your parents" kinda guy. He marches to the beat of his drum. He doesn't allow anyone or anything to influence his decisions other than his own observations. A perfect role model. He loves hard and fiercely and he's got his eyes on Skylar.

After a tragedy changes Skylar's life, she kind of prefers to stay in the shadows and not bother with many people. She is a true example of strength. When Wyatt comes walking into her life, she becomes the center of attention again.

Will Skylar be able to handle to mounting attention? Will Wyatt's love and support be enough to get her through the challenging times headed her way? And can their relationship overcome the hardest battle of all?

I adored this book and absolutely can't wait for the conclusion, Forever Beautiful, which is expected to be released later this year. So yes, Beautiful does end on a bit of a cliffy, but its not horrible. Go forth and 1 click...you wont be disappointed.

<http://amzn.to/22MloYD>

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### **Becky Rendon says**

Nasty cheerleaders  
Bullies of all walks of life  
Mean notes  
Horrid pictures  
Pushing and shoving  
Taunting, name calling

Just a regular day in high school for senior Skylar Woods. She has two allies. One is her brother and the other is her best friend. That is until a new boy moves to town...Wyatt is like a dream come true.

Everything seems perfect until the everyday things overwhelm the dreaming. It's harder to fight for something you don't feel you deserve than believe the lies. Skylar struggles and Wyatt waits. But for how long and will it matter?

My honest opinion is it was good. There are parts that move too fast. Generally speaking though, there's not a solid timeline so it's hard to tell. I think the biggest connection I felt to the whole story was the ending and I'm pissed- or I would be if book two wasn't waiting on my kindle as I type this. Good luck and one click book two, Forever Beautiful ASAP. Trust me you will want it ready and waiting too!

Review for New Chicks On The Blog

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### **J A C I N T A says**

Beautiful is Ella Bordeaux début YA novel...

Meet Skylar Woods who had friends, boyfriend who loved her, brothers who love and protect her, until one night the person who Skylar least expected took something that no woman, teenager or girl should ever experience.

Meet Wyatt Smith all star quarterback moves to a new town, new school and see's the most beautiful girl he has ever seen. She looks like an Angel and has to know everything about Skylar Woods.

Parts of this story will be hard to read as what Skylar experienced and still experiences is something that will rip old wounds open. When Skylar meets Wyatt she starts to feel alive again after so many months of torture from her class mates. The bullying starts up again with the notes and harsh words from other peers but Skylar stays strong. She starts to learn to trust others and Wyatt brings back the old Skylar.

Wyatt ignores the rumours from the other class mates about Skylar and works out the truth. He sticks by Skylar and helps for her to be the person she once was. Both him and Skylar experience a few road blocks but will be able to work it out. Wyatt will not give up on Skylar as he loves her so deeply that she is his soul mate.

Both characters become very mature as what they have to experience and it's good to see but can also be hard as you don't want them to grow up too fast but they will be prepared for whatever life has to throw at them once they are out in the real world.

The story will have you turning the next page after next page and you'll find that you have probably read the whole story in one sitting but who complaining...

Ella has written the tense scenes really well and you'll feel the emotion pouring out of the words. One very emotional read...

In the very beginning some parts felt a bit scripted but very quickly it became one very strong, emotional read.

Ella Bordeaux aka Kelly Elliott has written yet another amazing story especially a YA novel. Being the first novel under her pen name I wouldn't expect anything less from Ella (Kelly).

Be prepared Beautiful will leave you with a cliffhanger and you'll be demanding for the second story ASAP.

Until then get reading this amazing story...

Well Done Ella (Kelly)!!!

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## **Angie Crabtree-Liezel and Angie's Book Blog says**

Wow! I'm so happy I decided to request Beautiful by Ella Bordeaux or as we know her Kelly Elliott. It was a much needed change from everything I have been reading.

Beautiful is exactly what it's name says, it's beautiful, but it's also heartbreak, raw and deep. We are taken on a roller coaster of emotions as we dive into the life of Skylar and Wyatt. Skylar known as the school whore and Wyatt as the hot quarterback.

Skylar, who had everything once before, popularity, the hot boyfriend, tons of friends, her innocence, get's everything taken away in a blink of an eye. Due to rumors that are vicious and not true she is shunned by half the school and bullied by the other half. I felt so bad for her. This is where I connected to her on an emotional level. She only has 2 friends, 1 being her twin brother. No matter what she went through and despite if she wanted to be there or not, there was something in her that wouldn't let people break her completely. No matter how hard they tried. I admire that from her.

Then in walks Wyatt, the hot quarterback from New Mexico everyone wants but he only sees one girl. He heals Skylar's fractured soul. He sees her for who she truly is. Not what everyone else wants him to see.

"I see someone who, if she puts her mind to something, she can do anything she wants. And I see someone very strong who has put up with a lot of bullshit yet still walks with her head held high. You're pretty damn awesome if you ask me."

But the one that we hold closest can also be the one who hurts us the most.

I absolutely love Beautiful! The ending sucked since I didn't know it was a cliff but it still was an amazing, sweet, fast paced read that had me tapping my kindle every few seconds to see what happened next. I don't care if you are a Kelly Elliot fan. This book was different in it's own way. It addresses every issue that teens face, sex, rape, drugs, and bullying. There are quite a bit of cuss words but I recommend this to any high school teen or even young adult and adult.

I was going to give this book 4 stars for the cliff since it wasn't disclosed when I received the arc but the writing is just to phenomenal that I can't justify taking a star away for that reason. It's seriously that good!

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