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I was Daysie Flores and I was going to find every reason in the world to live—to stay.

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Jasmina says

Sometimes is hard to find the reason to stay. To live.

Daysie's life is not good. One boy in school bullies her every time he sees her. But she know that if she will remain silent or defend herself he will bully her anyway.

So she decided to leave him alone, be silent (spoke and ask him way here and there) be KIND.

She hoped that kindness will help.

Her friends were here reason to stay. Not family, which was by the way so destroyed, but her friends gave her reason to stay.

Then she meet him. Another reason. But he was related with Jason, and she ask herself if this will last. Well he stay her reason to live.

But in the end, with all this bad stuff that happens in her life, is even worth to stay?

I love this authors books, and i can wait what she will bring out in future.

Amazing book. Leave me heartbroken and with lot to think.

Thank you for another amazing book.

Suzy Baba says

Even thou this book has high ratting.....I thought this book dragged forever and that there were so many parts in this book that I wanted to shake every single character and have them wake up? First of all.... Daysie is 18 years old so she could have stoped the abused by her father by leaving the house... Then there are her friends that knew what was going on and never asked her to leave the house until towards the end when she moved in with Marci. Then there was the boyfriend, Bren, that knew his girlfriend was getting beatings by her father but never did anything to help her, also Bren's cousin Jason had been bulling Daysie for years and Bren never does anything to stop it.... REALLY..... Instead of standing up for his girlfriend Bren needed "time" to "adjust" to what's happening to Daysie by going to a party and getting drunk????? Then there's the whole self pity thing over and over until Daysie finally left town to find her self again..... Which only took 2 MONTHS apparently.... There is sooooooooo many things wrong with this book.

Amanda Katherine says

3.5 Stars.

While I had a difficult time becoming connected to some of the characters, I found this book very thought provoking. Taking on such a dark, heavy topic is no easy task, but Dominique wrote it without pulling any punches. Sometimes it's almost hard to believe that these situations occur in reality but they do. My heart

hurt for Daysie, watching the cycle continue it's course, and not being able to break it.

I do wish her 'support' system had done more, watching once or twice without saying something is one thing but with it being multiple times and allowing doesn't seem like the type of relationship they had. Same with how Bren handled it, even at 18, with how determined he was to be with her I was expecting him to at least step up to the bully, cause I kept waiting for him to turn his back on her.

If you are looking for an eye opening example of the life of those living this reality, definitely a book worth reading.

ROBIN RUIZ says

This book is about a girl named Daysie and the reasons she should stay in her current situation! An abusive father and a mom who doesn't care and a school bully who all abuse her on a daily basis. She has 2 best friends who comfort and help her get through the days. Enter her boyfriend !! A relationship that surprises and uplifts her and helps her realize that home may not be perfect but it is home and that the human heart can hold joy and pain both at the same time! This is the first book by this author for me and her writing is so deeply beautiful I can't wait to read more !

J.A. Miller says

Amazing!

I've read some of Dominique's work before and while those stories have been great, this story is by far my favorite. Daysie is such a strong character and with her best friends backing her up it made me read up because of how strong their friendship is. Then there's Bren. He's amazing inside and out. He made me swoon several times. This book is definitely worth the read. There is always a reason to stay.

Cynthia Carpenter says

Daysie's life is a mess. She has a long time bully at school. Her mother don't like her and her father is mean and nasty every chance he gets. She can't wait to leave but finds a reason everyday to stay. Then she meets Bren and he is another reason she stays. They start at first to hang out and as they progress to more her home life becomes more difficult. Will she finally leave or will she stay.

This book is emotional, heartbreakng and makes you understand in the reasons why. This book will make you laugh, cry and smile in a matter of minutes. I couldn't put this book down. Can't wait to read more from this author.

Cari says

I absolutely loved this book. Daysie was an incredibly strong character. She suffered through being bullied and also a very abusive home life. She had never ending support from her friends, Maci and Sarah. Then she

met Bren he ended up being a constant source of strength to her and what she was going through. This book was beautifully written and broached the tough subject of abuse realistically. Even with everything that Daysie endured she never gave up and constantly fought to live life. I would highly recommend this book.

Denise Anderson says

I give this book 5 solid stars. It was very well written. The author I felt wrote with a lot of emotion in it and drew me in from the very beginning and kept me in to the very end. It touched so many subjects drugs, alcohol, physical and mental abuse and also suicided thoughts. These subjects happen every single day. They should not be ignored. I wish and hope this book along with others like it could land in the hands of people that maybe going through the same thing or know of someone going through it and it could touch them in someway. I very much recommend this book. Well done Dominique.

Mary Kazen *Rabid Readers Book Blog* says

Wow. What a powerful story! This is the story of Daysie who leads a hard life. She is bullied by her parents and kids at school. She finds ways to carry on. That's what she lists in this story, reasons to stay. She does have her amazing friends who support her and love her. But when she meets Bren she discovers another reason to stay. This reason is stronger. He shows her that she can be truly loved and that she isn't the mistake the bullies in her life lead her to believe. She is hesitant at first because he is the cousin of her school bully, Jason. But she learns that not all people are like the bullies in her life. This was an emotional read. Raw emotion. I found myself crying and demanding justice for her a few times. The worst bully in her life was her parents: a father that abused her and a mother that didn't care and made her believe it was her fault. I was very satisfied with how this book ended. I won't give away too much detail. The experience of this story in full is worth it. And I hope this book inspires others that share Daysie's story. I highly recommend this book. But I do warn that if anyone is sensitive to emotional/physical abuse to heed with caution. But again I say what an amazing story.

Kelly Kline says

Between her home life and her bully at school Daysie has not had an easy life. Her friends Maci and Sarah are all she has until Brenton comes along. This book is Daysie's journey into finding reasons to stay in this world. I think it has issues in it that many people suffer through at some point in their life.

I love how there are many reasons that Daysie finds to stay even though there are many reasons not too. Her will and strength to keep going is amazing after everything she has suffered. I was hooked on it from page one. Its a very emotional story so it will make you smile but you might also shed a tear, at least I did lol. Everyone should read this book and reflect on how they've treated others and maybe realize someone you know could be struggling with something. I truly loved this story so so much! I will definitely recommend this book to others! This author absolutely outdone herself again!!

Karon says

Caution: Physical abuse. May trigger some people. Daysie Flores best friends, Maci & Sarah, are all she has. Her father abuses her and her mother tells her it's her fault. She doesn't try hard enough to get along with her father. When she is not at home being abused, she is being bullied at school. Her friends stick up for her but the bullying doesn't stop. Then one day Brenton walks into her life. Brenton is everything she has ever dreamed of, but he is also the bully's cousin. Maci & Sarah help her hide the abuse from her father until one day it gets out of control. Daysie moves in with her friend until she graduates. Then she skips town. She is tired of being a "burden" to her friends. Unbeknownst to her, the place she lands is Brenton's relative. After a few months, Brenton finds her there and convinces her to come back home to her friends and to him. Will they have a future together or are the bad memories in that town too much for Daysie to handle?

Great story. Well written. Strong characters. I would highly recommend this story of strength and survival.

Diane plourde says

This was quite an intense and raw 5 star story that had me reading it in just a few hours. I just couldn't seem to want to put it down.

Daysie is a senior in high school and can't wait to go off to college. Her reasons are way different from the rest of her friends. That's all I'm saying.

This was more than a story because those things actually happen on a daily basis. It was an emotionally packed, beautifully written story. Daysie was a courageous young woman with friends that really helped her through it. Bottomline is that this is a must read.

Standalone told in Daysie's POV with an HEA.

BookWormYami says

3.5 out of 5 stars.

I'm going to start this review with the downside to this book, for me. I don't know if it was the writing, the pacing of the story or just the combination of both, but there was something about it that wasn't pulling me into the book. It's really hard for me to explain.

But with that said, this book does really have a positive message. I think anyone who had a physical abusive childhood or is still going through it, should definitely read this. I think this book would help those to remember to keep fighting, never give up and to remember you are not alone!

I definitely would recommend this book to people who loves YA books with a great message about never give up!

Astrid Pizarro (Book Lover's Book Reviews) says

"As many times as that one sentence floated around, I knew I needed to change it. I needed to escape it. And so, I made sure that a new phrase took its place. It was the same phrase with one less word and a whole lot of meaning - one stronger than the one before it. And there's another reason why you should stay."

I found myself connected to the main character Daysie as I understand why she is guarded towards bringing new people in her life. Due to her abusive father, absentee mother and her school bully, she has kept a closer relationship with her childhood friends but is hesitant to include and open herself to Bren when he decides to express himself to her.

She wants to take a chance but she is afraid of how having her in her life will affect her since she has already been negatively affected by her father's actions. Her friends have encouraged her to take the opportunity and experience something new and exciting and also a new relationship.

Bren's approach scares Daysie at first but she learns that he just wants the opportunity to know her. Bren and her friends also help her escape her abusive father and realize she deserves more than what she is getting in life. Bren loves her and also wants to help her deal with her life situation. After Daysie has been able to leave her parents behind, she leaves town wanting to experience life instead of what she has been through so far. In the new town, she finds a job at a local book store and learns about life from the owner as well as expressing herself through writing. The bookstore's owner assists Bren to reconnect with Daysie, making her realize her love for her and how he wants to be a part of life even when Daysie feels broken inside due to her past. Daysie realizes she does not need to escape any longer as Bren and her friends have helped her find joy and positive even through her past and experience.

"It was moments like these that made me happy that I stayed. It sucked sometimes, this life of mine, but it was worth everything I had gone through. I was stronger because of it, and I had people in my life who would always be there. That was a gift. Life was a gift, and I had a whole lot more of it to live. I had wasted enough time worrying about stuff that wouldn't matter days, weeks, months, or years from now, and I was learning to take each day as it came - one day at a time."

I could relate to Daysie as I went through situations that made me question life but just like that I decided to stay thinking of a better future and better, new experiences that I find memorable and have had a great effect on my life. Dominique's writing was so smooth, the characters were so raw and real. I recommend it to anyone reflecting on past experiences and wanting a better future for themselves so they can realize how having a great support system such as Daysie's friends and Bren as well.

Ashlee Turf *Rabid Readers Book Blog* says

"Here I'll Stay", is a book about a girl named Daysie Flores, who grows up in a hard situation. It took me a couple chapters but the book chapter names have a reason being there. They are the reasons she has to live.

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Those powerful and intriguing words on the back of the book, are exactly what got me sucked into this book. I started the book and the very next day finished it. It was just that good. It is a book about friendship, hope, love, life, pain and change. It is more than just a love story, yes you find love in this story but that is on the back burner. It is a fictional story but it might as well be real. It’s not something that is impossible, it so happens that something like this story is very possible and if you can’t relate to the whole thing, I am sure you can relate to a part of it.

Reading this book was amazing to me. Brought me to tears in some spots, had me on the edge of my seat in others, and most importantly had me rooting for someone that would be considered the underdog.
