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Love, life, and happily ever after? It's all relative.

Marine biology student Emma Pierce lives in paradise—geographically speaking, anyway. Stranded on Sanibel Island, Florida, she works at a nursing home by day and spends her nights dodging the island's infamous bad boy, Jackson Taylor, at her favorite karaoke bar. Trying to heal from the loss of her sister and a failed relationship she rerouted her life for, she's ready to graduate and finally leave Florida behind.

When a run-in with Jackson and his rowdy crew goes sour at the bar one night, sparks fly and irreversible damage is done. It's no secret that Jackson loves to get underneath her skin, but this time he's gone too far. Now all he wants is to earn her forgiveness before she's gone for good, but their ideas of closure—and the future—are enough to keep them worlds apart.

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Preservation (Book One, Available Now)

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Jamie says

Sweet, sexy, FRUSTRATING romance.. I really enjoyed it.. The chemistry between Jackson and Emma was scorching..and when they got together.. whew! wow! This was a good love story with a sweet HEA. It was very frustrating along the way..typical back and forth --will they make it or not (of course they will.. its a ROMANCE..) but the journey was fun!

Jody says

I loved this story! I would definitely put this one in the more realistic New Adult Category. Love and Relativity introduces you to Emma Pierce who is suffering guilt and grief from the loss of her sister from a Drunk Driver. She is in a rut but desperately reaching toward her dream to become a marine biologist and get off of the island (Sanibel, FL). She has a strange love/hate relationship with the small town bad boy Jackson Taylor. Jackson and Emma are like magnets that are pulled by an electrifying attraction. Emma feels that in order to achieve her dreams she has to stay as far away from Jackson as possible because he a playboy with a string of hearts broken all over the island. She doesn't want to be another notch on his bedpost despite the similarities and true understanding she feels from him.

After a disastrous weekend to Orlando, Emma ends up leaving early with Jackson. On that truck ride home, Emma begins to open herself up to the possibilities that Jackson might not be what he appears. Jackson has a determination and loyalty to show Emma how he really feels no matter what happens. This is a roller coaster of emotions and misunderstandings that continue to keep two stubborn people apart. But the passion and chemistry between Jackson and Emma is flammable and ignites the reader by literally keeping a slow burn that you can't put down. I read this in one setting and didn't want to put it down. I had to know what would happen between them.

Jackson is one hot book boyfriend and will stay with you long after you put the book down. Everyone needs a little passion and loyalty like Jackson in their life. This is a must read and will be up there with the likes of Beautiful Disaster by Jaime McQuire, Pushing the Limits by Katie McGarrity, and Taking Chances by Molly McAdams. A must read for anyone who loves their bad boys with a heart of passion.

Lissa Smith Reads'~Bookaholics Bookshelf Reviews says

Star stats:

Jaded Adult: 5 Stars

Forever Young: 5 Stars

Over All: 5 Stars

Genre: Mature Young Adult, New Adult, Adults, Woman's Fiction, Chic-lit, Realistic, Contemporary, Romance

My Book Boyfriend : Toss-up between Jackson and Carter!

Most Like Me or who I want to be: Whitney. She a great friend!

I'll admit that most time I pass over Author's Notes and the like because I'm in such a rush to start the book

I'm reading and find my escape deep in the pages. But this time I was stopped dead in my tracks by the inspiration of this book - "**The Story**" by **Brandi Carlile**. If you haven't heard this song before, I agree with the author; "**LISTEN TO IT NOW**" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYyn2r...> I first fell in love with this song when Callie played by **Sara Ramirez** sang it on **Grey's Anatomy**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJmOU6...>

When I looked the book up on Goodreads I thought it was a single, and for the record; for the part it can be read as one. After all with it being a full length novel it would seem silly for Wade to list it as 2.5. However, I think it would cut down on the confusion to call it a "**Companion Novel (Preservation Series, #2.5)**". I can only imagine the flack this fast growing author must be getting over this.

Now having read both **Preservation** and **Reservation** from the **Preservation Series** I could wait to sink my imagination into this installment. I fell in love with the **Preservation Series** from the first word in the first book. But after I read the last word in **Reservation**, I knew this series wasn't over yet. Not by a long shot, Wade couldn't leave Carter hanging in the wind. It just didn't feel over. And luck me and all the fans of this outstanding series... it's not over!

Part 1

The book starts off with a road trip to Disney to escape the harsh reality of what this time of year will bring, heartache and buried memories. I couldn't help but feel for Emma and the loss of her sister she is still struggling to deal with a year later. To compound her loss her boyfriend (Chris) cheated on her the day her sister died and dumped her the day her sister was buried. Then to add insult to injury he show up on the while she's dealing the best she can with the first anniversary all of all her misery breaks into her apartment then insults Jackson.

Jackson, Jackson, Jackson... The obvious bad boy for some reason we will come to love. First off, he share a secret with Emma about the night her sister died at the hands of a drunk driver. He confesses his love for Emma. But can his bad boy can't keep it in his pants way be too much for Emma to confess in turn the feeling she has been hiding for him? I'm tied up in utter knots riding the fence between love and hate for Jackson and if I think these two will be able to pull it together.

Part 2

Wow! Really what can you expect me to say. If I thought I was on the fence before now I'm dangling on a cliffs edge. Part two blew my mind. After Emma pretty much told Jackson she couldn't be with a man whore. Weeks later she decides that it no longer matters if he is a man whore because she loves him. Then has the audacity to trip because he moved on thinking she couldn't love him because of his past and runs again.

Once Emma gets over herself and Jackson has found himself in a heap of depression everything turns around for the couple and the sex between them is explosive. Only Emma has real trust issues with Jackson. After all, his past indicates to Emma she's on borrowed time Jackson. But I can't put all the blame of their relationship ending on Jackson no matter what huge ass he made of himself sharing Emma's secrets with the whole bar. I was Jackson after all who chose in the end to break up with Emma. Even Jackson knew he was a man whore and his sly sneaking around planning a future without Emma's knowledge would cause her to think he cheated. Hell, I would assume the same if a half dressed stripper showed up in the middle of our lovemaking beating on the door like a crazed mad woman.

On the flip side this is where my beloved "**Carter**" makes his appearance. YEAH! I know Emma has her

damaged baggage going on and not much focus is being placed on **Carter** but from between the line you get this feeling that more is going on between Whitney and Carter than the story tells. Which leads me to hoping that Carter will have his HEA in book three (3) of the series.

Part 3

Heartache and disbelief surrounded me in the final chapters of Jackson and Emma's tale. Jackson's desperate attempts Emma's forgiveness is met by slammed doors, and ignored calls. Crushed by Jackson's public admission of Emma demons and vivid memories of Jackson, Emma finds herself in the same state as Jackson. A chance encounter in the bathroom brings Emma to her knees and Jackson on the run.

I can't say much more because I fear I have already let too much out of the bag already. However I loved the ending with tears in my eyes. My hope is that all these characters will have a follow up and wish for many many more books in this series!

Recommended for: Ages 17 and up

Margaret (Margot) says

This is the first novel I've read in a long time that could have actually been told about real people. The characters aren't mega-millionaires, they aren't CEO's of a successful business. They are dreamers, even though they may not realize it at the beginning. Souls who have experienced the hardest life has to offer and still carry on with their lives. They deal with their grief differently, but learn through their friendship more about themselves. It's a little sugary sweet, but I think it's needed because there are times when you get really pissed at one character or another. I thought the pace of the story was nicely done. I get tired of books that throw characters together after 20 pages and then try to convince the readers that they are soul mates. This is the kind of book that makes you wish there was a sequel, or 300 more pages because you like the characters so much you don't want them to leave you while at the same time you're grateful there aren't because that would mean they had to experience some other difficult situation. That being said, I read it in one day and neglected pretty much everything I should have been doing. To me, that is a good book :)

Farrah says

Sweet, steamy, and a great New Adult romance, Love and Relativity was an enjoyable read. I didn't completely love it, but I definitely liked it.

Emma was a good heroine. She knew what she wanted and nothing was going to keep her from achieving it. She was strong and likable. I thought she was great.

Jackson was a sweetheart. He had a crush on Emma for a while and didn't have the nerve to do anything about it. He truly cared about her and was devoted to making her dreams come true, which I thought was adorable. I really liked him.

The romance was lovely. It was both sweet and steamy. Emma and Jackson were a perfect match, though no

one would think that at first. They seem very different, but they were perfect together. And, the spicy moments were super hot. Their chemistry was off the charts and the sparks were flying. Definitely a ton of hotness going on here.

My problem with the book was how the characters acted. By that, I mean Emma and Jackson did some really stupid things and it got frustrating. They tended to jump to conclusions, assume things about each other, do things without thinking, have the worst timing in the history of the world, and be their own obstacle to a happily ever after. It was frustrating and inhibited by enjoyment of the book. I still liked it, but this issue kept me from loving it.

The plot was okay. Because of the character issues, the plot was slow in some places. But, for the most part, I was kept interested. I enjoyed the story and I thought the ending was a perfect conclusion.

Love and Relativity was a great New Adult romance. I enjoyed reading it. Lovers of romance, if you want a lovely read to pass the time, you might want to check this book out.

*I received a free copy in exchange for an honest review

Kate Givans says

I laughed. I cried. I read until I needed toothpicks to keep my eyes open! In short, *Love and Relativity* made my very short “epic love story” list. But in more depth:

“My problem is, I can’t do this shit anymore, Emma. The girl I fucking love is sitting across from me, and I can’t have her. I can never have her because all I seem to do is hurt her, and it’s killing me, alright? Seeing you like that last week...it tore me open and ripped out my insides. It feels worse than the three years I couldn’t touch you combined. There’s nothing left of me, because you have it all. You were right. I am no good for you—not now, and not in the future. I’m done with this back and forth bullshit, so please, just say what you came to say and be done with it, because I can’t fucking take it anymore.”

That. Right there. And so much more is why *Love and Relativity* is currently my favorite Rachael Wade novel, and probably one of my favorite reads this year.

Jackson is totally bad-boy-with-a-good-heart yummy. He tries his damndest to stay away from Emma, to do what’s right by her. He wants more for her than him, but their love is fueled by sheer magnetism and Jackson isn’t the bad boy he thinks he is. He’s caged himself in, simply put up walls because of the things he’s been through, which really just makes him all the more desirable in the end.

Emma is struggling with her own issues: a jerk of an ex-boyfriend, her own walls and inhibitions, the grief and loss of her sister and the secret that binds her and Jackson together – the one thing that tells her that there’s more to Jackson than meets the eye. But figuring it all out is easier said than done.

Be prepared for some serious swooning and steamy scenes. And don’t be surprised if you spend half the book wanting to ring either Jackson’s or Emma’s necks because we, the readers, can see they are perfect for each other but one or the other seems to think that they’re better off sabotaging the entire thing.

My favorite character from Preservation also plays a pretty big role in Love and Relativity. I got to know him better and I got to see him happy, which I totally loved. He's the sweet, pure hearted guy who most girls overlook because he lacks that bad boy edge. But to me, he's beyond yummy and totally the kind of guy I would marry (and yes, I did marry the total sweetheart and I've never looked back! =)). So for me, Love and Relativity also righted and the wrongs I'd felt at the end of Preservation, making Love and Relativity all the more enjoyable.

Tessamari ♥Many Waters...♥ ~ Sweet Spot Book Blog says

4.25-4.5 Stars

My torso spasmed and heated beneath his touch, and my eyes fell shut. "Open your eyes, baby. Look at me." He pressed his forehead down to meet mine, my eyelids fluttering open at his command. "Look at me and tell me you don't want it."

Smirks Nice teaser line, eh? I was privileged enough to beta read this for the awesome Ms. Wade. This was whole lot fun to read, too, especially when I would vent out my frustrations, bang the palm of my hand to my forehead and vent my frustrations regarding Jackson to her. You know what? Now that I think about it, this isn't the first Hero that she created that made me want to both reach out and strangle the asshat, but at the same time kiss the fucking shit out of him. **coughs** Ryan. Preservation. **coughs** Ugh! You're a wicked, wicked person Ms. Wade. lol

That smile lit up a room. Always wide, always perfect, always accenting his plump lips. Jackson Taylor was the whole tempting, sexy, albeit frustrating package: Playful, charming, and rebellious. All together, it made for one delicious dish.

Jackson Taylor has got one heck of a reputation on Sanibel Island: Resident bad boy and well known womanizer. Emma and he have been good friends for the past three years. Jackson wants more from Emma and has made his intentions clear, but Emma's not having any of it. She does not want to be another notch on his bedpost. Besides, if she gets in to her chosen University in Seattle, she'll be leaving the island soon anyway. She has no time for the complications of romance. However, things start to snowball between the two and before Jackson even knows what's happening between them, he confesses his true feelings for Emma. How much longer can she deny her feelings as well?

"Yes." I braced myself against the stovetop, his carnal appraisal sending me into hot flash overdrive, and holy hell, did it feel too good to deny. Why was I here again? Why were we fighting? What was my name? "Then what are we waiting for?"

"Jackson." I arched a brow.

"Emma." He arched one back.

"I'm still mad at you. Don't come any closer," I said feebly attempting to peel his fingers away from my waist.

"Or what?"

Smirks I'm telling you, Jackson really knows how to push Emma's buttons (and mine, if I can be truly honest). Unfortunately, Emma is a tough chick to crack. She's recently gone through some tough times. First

the break up with her ex, Chris. The second and biggest change, being the loss of her beloved sister; a loss that she feels is her fault. Plus, Jackson was there that fateful night, too. Is he a constant reminder of that night? She carries some serious baggage, but Jackson somehow manages to crack her shell and they start a relationship. Unfortunately we do not get to enjoy their relationship before shit starts to hit the fan fast. The next thing you know, they're fighting and Jackson forces decisions without Emma's consult. I know Jackson wants what's best for her, but the way he goes about it drove me crazy. The things he says and does to force Emma away made me so angry. At this point, I was unsure if Jackson was even redeemable.

"I hope you can forgive me someday, Emma. I really do. I'm begging you, forgive me for all of it."

If I can be honest, the relationship between Jackson and Emma drove me insane. Both were stubborn in their own right, but I know they had nothing but good intentions. The ending just made me smile :)

In addition, the secondary cast of characters were nothing short of awesome. I LOVED Emma's best friend Whitney. She is my girl! She's just full of awesome. Quirky and fun, thy name is Whitney. However, she is very unlucky in love. However, her luck is about to change. Carter from Preservation joins the cast. This is a HUGE PLUS in its own right. I adored him in Preservation and just fell in love with him some more in this book. He's such a sweet guy and he's just delicious with his glasses and tattoos **SWOON!!** Seriously, my heart melts for this man. AND! There's something brewing between he and Whitney. Gahhh!!! I LOVE IT! Did you know that they're going to have their own book? Oh yea. I'm all over that. Anyway, just do me a favor and pick this up. The story has a lot of drama and a lot of heart. Great overall and I can't wait for more.

Candy says

Wow! I liked this one so much I read it twice in a row! The author's note in the beginning of Love and Relativity instructs readers to first listen to the song "The Story" by Brandi Carlile before continuing further (the song being the inspiration for this story). I'm glad I was obedient! Not only was I introduced to a very talented musician (love the song!), I was able to understand the motives of the characters and why they did the things they did.

Emma Pierce and Jackson Taylor are one of my new favorite couples (I should make a list...). There are couples like Katy and Daemon (are mentioned in this story since some characters are reading JLA books...so cool!,) who bicker all the time and light each other (and readers) on fire. Then you have couples like Angel and Sara (Forever Mine-Moreno Brothers) who are so stinkin cute and sweet to each other you *know* they will be together forever. Emma and Jackson are a blend of both which made for a very sweet and moving story- dramatic but not unrealistic. The events and actions of the characters were believable and tasteful. There were a few times tho that I really wanted to smack Jackson upside the head for some decisions he made. I made allowances for Emma considering what she was dealing with but yeah, she could be a bit slow at times. Still, I love them both and if there was a possibility of their story continuing, I would read it in a heartbeat!

Full of love and heartbreak, betrayal and loyalty, and wrongs and forgiveness, Love and Relativity is a beautiful read that any New Adult lover is sure to enjoy. Happy reading!^.^

CJ says

I downloaded this book as I read and enjoyed Preservation, and as it was a freebie what was there to lose. I know what I lost and it was patience. I know that angst filled romances are popular and that complications always occur in contemporary romance, but this story has enough for several novels. There were just so many complications that the drama became too much for me. There was just complication after complication after complication, leading to more angst on top of more angst. The actual time Jackson and Emma were actually together and happy was such a small part of the book that I never felt like I got respite from the angst. I'm not joking about that either, they were only together and happy for about 15% of the book, in the middle.

I also have to say I had issues with both Emma and Jackson. Let's start with Jackson. Jackson is a bad boy sleep with anything who makes Travis Maddox (Beautiful Disaster) look like a saint. He is such a jerk at numerous points throughout the book that I found it impossible to like him a lot of the time. But then he could be super sweet. But my biggest issue, for those of you who don't like it when the Hero can't keep it in his pants you will hate Jackson. Jackson declares his undying love for Emma, saying he has been in love with her for 3 years. Emma doesn't know what to make of this and asks for time. Two weeks later he is banging another girl because (his reason when she finds out) 'I didn't think you wanted me'. Two weeks. Come on. Some undying love.

And this is where I have issues with Emma. Emma accepts this way too easily. She is at times a doormat to him, and yet at other times is super strong, and tells it like it is. I have to say because of this I found it hard to get a real read on her character as she flipped from one to the other too much. At times I really liked her and other times I wanted to knock some sense into her.

Not all of it annoyed me. There were no annoying editing issues, the book was written well, and it has an ending. I really liked the supporting characters. I just personally felt that with a little less drama and angst, and with some more happy parts, this could have made a good read. The final issue I have though is that although you get your happy ever after, due to Jackson's sleeping with anything ways and all the past angst, it felt more like a 'happy for now', and what we all want from a romance is a happy ever after.

I would only recommend this is if you like REALLY angst filled complication after complication contemporary romance reads and don't have a problem with hero's who can't keep it in their pants you will love it.

Will I read it again? No

Renee ❤️?My heroes are ordinary says

Love and Relativity is kind of a spin-off of Preservation--well, not really a spin-off but an accompanying book in that Carter, Kate's bff from Preservation, has moved to Florida and is one of the side characters in this story.

This book features Emma, the tortured 20 year old who is trying to pick up the pieces and move on with her life, and Jackson, the bad boy womanizer who might be the only one who can save her. I enjoyed both the

characters who were both vulnerable at times and aggressive at times. Jackson was sexy and domineering in the bedroom, although I don't think they usually used a bedroom ;) but he also had his times of asshatishness that provided much of the angst of the storyline.

This was very well written and EDITED (Yay!), so I didn't find anything in the writing to distract my enjoyment of the story. And I think I actually enjoyed this more than Preservation. All in all I give it 4 stars and recommend it to those who like New Adult angsty storylines with lots of steam!

Note: I just read that Reservation, the follow-up to Preservation, is coming out in 2013. From reading its blurb, I believe the events in Reservation actually happen before the events in this book, but I don't think reading one before the other will spoil anything in either of the storylines except *possibly* something to do with Kate and Ryan's engagement and pending nuptials. (view spoiler)

Alyssa says

Review posted on The Eater of Books! blog

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Summary (from Goodreads):

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What I Liked:

I love the tie-in between Preservation and Love and Relativity. Carter, from Preservation, is the key connector. Emma and Jackson's story is very different from Kate and Ryan's story. I believe this book is considered New Adult, and it definitely had the New Adult feel. Their relationship is not quite as serious as Kate and Ryan's, and yet there are so many complexities, just like Kate and Ryan's. I compared these two books a lot, as you can see.

As in Preservation, there is a good amount of depth in each leading character. Even the secondary characters are fleshed out. Emma and Jackson have their own problems, some worse than others, and they have to work through them in order to have a good relationship, and a foreseeable future.

The romance and relationship-building in this book was once again, pretty nicely done! Ms. Wade definitely knows how to have a relationship progress pretty well, and she knows her way around a steamy scene. But I had many problems with it though, as with Preservation.

What I Did Not Like:

Sighs

Remember my Preservation review? No? Read it [HERE](#). The same problems I had with Preservation, I had with Love and Relativity, and then some. The whole I-am-woman-here-me-roar and I-am-independent-don't-try-and-take-care-of-me things are RIDICULOUS.

Again. I understand wanting to be independent, a man's equal. I get it. But then there is trying to control the man, consciously or unknowingly. Emma is so wishy-washy! She wants Jackson, she doesn't want Jackson. She pushes him away, but then she expects him to give her "time", and "space", and not see or TALK TO other women.

Really?

Emma doesn't want to give up her life for Jackson (understandable), because she thinks that her dead sister would want her to go far, far away, and study. WHAT? REALLY? Are you basing your decisions on what a dead person MIGHT have thought? I'm sorry, does that person tell you what to do, alive AND dead? I mean no disrespect to the dead. But this is something that I universally hate about grieving people, and not just Rachael Wade's character. Are you really going to sit there and figure out what a dead person might have wanted for you? What do YOU want for you?

I think I hit the trust thing. I also hit the independence thing too. With Kate in Preservation, it was her trying to push Ryan away, and then keep him close, but on HER leash. With Emma? It's her trying to be in a relationship with Jackson, but then not, and then she wants him to come with her to Seattle (I believe it's Seattle) when she goes to school. She wants HIM to give up his life for HER, even telling him that he is "standing still", which basically is telling him that he should be the one to come with her, because he doesn't try and change his current lifestyle.

Ridiculous.

Ugh. If this is how ALL of Rachael Wade's heroines act, I... I don't know what to say.

Would I Recommend It:

Not really. In this book, as with Preservation, the romance and chemistry saves it. I definitely enjoyed some parts of the book, like the first half. But this is not the best example of "New Adult". There are more enjoyable ones out there.

Rating:

2.5 stars - rounded up to 3 stars. Am I going to keep up with this series? Yes. But I am most likely not going to start reading Ms. Wade's other series, even though I have the entire set on Kindle. I have fun when Ms. Wade has freebie days! I may come back to them. Maybe not.

Fathima says

“I’m not asking to get back together right now. I’m going to walk out of here, and you never have to see me again if you don’t want to. I’m only asking you to remember this—” he leaned down to bite and tug on my lip, “the way I can make you feel, and to ask yourself, when the first new fucker puts his hands on you, whether or not he’ll be able to love you like I do. Because I guarantee you, his cock will never feel as good as mine, his arms will never hold you the way mine can, and he’ll never adore you inside and out the way I do. And when you answer those questions and see that I’m right, come find me. When you’re ready, give me a second chance, and I’ll do whatever you want to make this work, no matter where you live. I’ll wait for you.” Circling his fingers faster, he started to pump them back and forth, driving me closer and closer to the edge, continuing to grind himself into my core. “That’s right,” he peered down to watch my hips as they matched his hand’s rhythm. “Come on, baby. Just like that.”

Oh my Holus Mulus !!! Hold that thought :

Ahhhhhhh * wipes mouth with the back of my hand * I needed that !!!!

Jackson Taylor , you crazy motherfreaker ! You make me love you and hate you ... at the same time !!!!

Anyways Cue * Sublime - What I got ... Coz lets face it , in the end love is all we got ! Nothin else matters bro !

Welcome to the Sanibel Islands

Its only here that you will find yourself some really interesting specimens ...

First up , Emma Pierce . Emma I didn't know what my feeling were for you in this book doll ... A part of me was saddened by what you've been through , but another **REALLY** agitated , irritated part was all like , " Girlfriend , it ain't your fault !!!! Snap out of it already ! " .. And then her relationship with Jackson . Good lord , I was sure they were gonna drive me bat shit crazy ! I don't understand , why cant two people talk to each other ! Oh for the love of everything nice and good ,when trouble comes knocking , its always a good idea to sit and talk to each other rather than packing up your bag pack , putting on your running shoes and running off to god-knows-where ! And thats exactly what Emma kept doing .. Shit got worse with Jackson ,

and Emma decided to run up the hill ! At times I wanted to throw my laptop at her just so she stopped running away from him and her past !

And then there is Jackson fucking Taylor . The notorious , infamous Jackson Taylor ! Like I mentioned earlier , he made me difficult to choose whether I should love him or hate him ! Things have never been easy for him too , **BUT** , believing and having faith in someone you claim to love is rule numero uno while in love !

Life is never simple .. If it was , then all of us would've been sipping pina colada and partying our ass out ! But that's not how it is , is it ? We meet people , we learn things , we lose people . We learn to love and then get our hearts broken . We trust people , some are worth trusting , some aren't . That's life . People change , so does plans . Nothing is constant . And Rachael Wade paints the exact picture through Emma and Jackson . They met each other when things went haywire for Emma . He was the only one who was her constant source of comfort . To hell with what everyone else thought about him . For him , it was always what Emma thought ! Perfect right ? But life intervenes . Life and its twisted sense of humor . Will it tear them apart or will it bring them even closer .. You know what you have to do to find out :)

OMG !!! Lets not forget the steamy romantic bits !!!

“Open your eyes, baby. Look at me.” He pressed his forehead down to meet mine, my eyelids fluttering open at his command. “Look at me and tell me you don’t want it.”
I peered up at him with unsteady breaths, hearing his throat work when I tilted my lips to graze his. The contact was feather light, my heart hammering through my chest at the feel of it. “I’m looking,” I breathed against him.

“Good. Because right now, all I want to do is rip your clothes off and make you come until you can’t stand, and I want your eyes on me the whole time, are we clear?

Hottest kitchen sex scene ever In a sailboat .. [image error] .. Change that to a sailboat !!! ;)

This could've easily been me :

Rachael Wade can definitely steam up some sexy scenes !!! * Fans self *

On the whole , Love and Relativity is a well written story about how two broken individuals meet , share their sorrows only to find solace and complete each other ..

Like I said earlier ... **LOVE IS ALL WE GOT !**

Rachael Wade says

A Note from the Author

*****Clearing a Few Things Up About Characters in L&R and the Preservation Series*****

Since Love and Relativity released, I've been getting some questions about which characters will be getting their own book, who from L&R shows up in the Preservation Series, etc. At the very beginning of L&R, there is an author's note that explains this briefly, but I figured I should clarify it all here in a little more detail for those who are confused. :)

Love and Relativity **IS** a stand-alone novel. You do **NOT** need to read the Preservation Series to understand L&R. However, it does tie in with the Preservation Series for 3 reasons:

- 1.) Carter, Kate's best friend from Preservation, is an important character in Love and Relativity.**
- 2.) Emma and Jackson from Love and Relativity WILL make appearances in books 2 and 3 of The Preservation Series.**
- 3.) Whitney from Love and Relativity will be Carter's leading lady in the 3rd Preservation book (book 3 of the Preservation Series is from Carter's POV).**

It might sound confusing, but the bottom line is that all of these characters cross paths or intertwine in some way, so if you like some of these characters, you'll probably enjoy reading each book to discover more of their story. Regardless, Love and Relativity **can** be read by itself. I just wanted to put the author's note about it coordinating with the Preservation Series in the beginning of the book so that new readers would know about Emma, Jackson, and Carter popping up in the Preservation series.

Hopefully that clears things up!

Much love and happy reading,

Rachael

xo

A. Bookzilla. says

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I just want to say that I haven't read Preservation, and I can vouch that you don't need to read it to get this. Carter, which is the character from the other book, offers you a little of his back story, but either way it's irrelevant to what happens here because it has nothing to do with Jackson and Emma. Just wanted to point that out.

Oh, I loved this! Unlike most of romance books out there, it was different than what the usual is today. Yeah, Jackson's a playboy, and Emma completely changes him. But that's about the only thing that makes this sound the same as every other romance out there. Trust me, it's not. Rachael Wade handles it completely different and I was thrilled at the direction of the story and where it ended.

That boy is like a bad rash. He spreads.

I can't really talk about this without giving anything away, so I just won't go into detail *too much*. Let's just say there's more to Jackson than Emma thinks. And ultimately she doesn't give everything up for him, which is very important because I needed this in my romance - a strong-willed heroine that knows when to put herself and her dreams first.

I was bummed for the most part of this, Jackson kept making mistake after mistake after mistake, but see, that's why he's a believable character. Nobody changes overnight, I'd like to think the-power-of-love is that strong, but it's not. I was so sad for him, life sure dealt him a shitty card, but at the same time he was so frustrating, it's no excuse for him to still act like a child at his age. I even hated him at one point. I'm glad with where his story went because he needed to get his sh*t together for himself, not someone else.

There's nothing left of me, because you have it all.

The romance is actually believable! It's not out of the blue, BAM "I Love You", insta-love crap. These two have some serious history together, and it makes a lot of sense that there were intense feelings between them.

I loved the way it was written too. Great chemistry between Jackson and Emma, I loved Carter and Whitney, I hated Jeff and stupid Chris. They all felt real to me. Amazing character development. There's some humor thrown in there, too. And the obligatory graphic sex scenes that I just have to mention because one - they were hot, and two - people like to know about this before they read things.

Anyways, read it, I really loved it. I just wish I could have talked more about it without giving all the twists and turns away.

I also need to take a moment and talk about the cover. If I **never** see these two (or those two from Easy cover, either) on another cover again, it will be *too soon*. I know they are popular and everything, but I feel like I'm being stalked by them at this point.

Lindsey says

Words... Can't find the words....

LOVED LOVED LOVED this book, Emma and Jackson are AMAZING together. What they go through is so real. Jackson is absolutely on top of the "Maybe if I wish really hard, he will leap out of the book and show up at my front door" fictional boyfriend list. Again their story is so realistic, and I really felt like I was on the journey with them.

Now I know everyone is questioning the correlation with the Preservation series. Love and Relativity can be read as a standalone, but does mention and have some of the same characters. Rachel Wade does give an explanation on this, but in my opinion, Read Preservation first, its a good book so what's the harm :)

