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At sixteen, **Dee Johnson** gambled her heart on her best friend **Jed Brown** – and lost when he disappeared without a trace.

Ten years on, Dee's life is uprooted when Jed turns up on her doorstep, asking for her help.

Dee has been left behind by everyone she's loved: her parents, her close friend Alexia, and a stream of lovers. She moves fast with men and suspects this is why they move on fast. Now that's Jed's back in her life, she's taking no chances. Despite the attraction ripping at her seams, she holds back, knowing she wouldn't recover from being loved and left by him a second time.

A constant traveler, Jed has only felt at home once in his life – with Dee. Now that he's found her again, he's determined to make up for lost time. He'll never leave her again.

Until an unexpectedly royal revelation threatens to strip Jed of his freedom and future – including his place by Dee's side.

## Her Secret Prince Details

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# From Reader Review Her Secret Prince for online ebook

## Christina says

I received this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Her Secret Prince was short but it was nothing short of amazing. The story was well written and I adored the characters. Dee was a quirky female lead who wasn't afraid to express her thoughts and it was very entertaining. I found it hilarious how she asked advice from a stranger in a public bathroom, whilst on a phone call with her best friend. Jeb was the almost-perfect love interest - other than his silly hair bun and cutting contact from Dee for 10 years. His story of finding his father was predictable but still interesting. And what's not to like about a Happily Ever After? This novella will leave you smiling and rethinking the meaning of home.

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## Lady Gabriella of Awesomeness (On Hiatus) says

\*ACR copy for an honest review ! \*

### 4 You-are-my-home-stars

Consisting about roughly 98 pages in total, *Her Secret Prince* is a quick well written read for all reunion-romance lovers out there.

*He hesitated, then shook his head. A smile cut deep into his cheeks. "God Dee, you haven't changed."*

*"Not true." Attraction crackled across Dee's skin as she moved past him saying, "I'm capable of caution now. And I'm not afraid to use it."*

Ok, so I'll admit the plot may not seem quite that original but neither-less, well-written and sweet, the read really did feel fresh. Even though it wasn't as long as my usual reads, *Her Secret Prince* defiantly had a consistent plot and a deep character development. And the book is written in alternative POVs, what's not to like about that ? ;)

*"Do you think it's sad my whole life can fit into a cafe ?"*

*"Not even slightly."*

*"Where's your life ?"*

*He gazed out of the window. "I'm not sure."*

### Is this a stand-alone?

Yes, I'm pretty sure it is.

**Would I recommend it ?**

Yes defiantly...More,if your into the *Royalty romances* series out there.

**Will I be continuation the series. ?**

If I ever do get a chance to,Why not ? :)

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**Sarah says**

(Source: I received a digital copy of this book for free on a read-to-review basis. Thanks to Madeline Ash, Tule Publishing, and NetGalley.)

*“Some people don’t think boys can be just friends with girls.”*

(I love 'When Harry met Sally'!)

This was an okay adult contemporary romance, but I lost interest really.

I didn’t really love either of the characters in this book. I felt sorry for the way they were separated at the start of the book, but I just couldn’t relate to them, and I found that I didn’t really care what happened to them.

The storyline in this felt quite predictable, and the title and prologue totally gave away the only real twist in the story. I likewise found the romance to be quite predictable too, and I wasn’t expecting there to be quite such detailed sex scenes, I kind-of expected there to be maybe closed-door sex, but that wasn’t the case.

The ending was a ‘happily ever after’ as expected, and I found (view spoiler) really unnecessary and sudden.

6 out of 10

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**Carol [Goodreads Addict] says**

Her Secret Prince by Madeline Ash is book two in the Royal Holiday series, each short novella being by a different author.

Dee and Jed first met when they were sixteen years old. They had been best friends for seven months, each keeping their true feelings for one another secret, both inexperienced but both in love. Dee couldn’t hide her feelings any longer so she decided to throw caution to the wind and tell Jed how she felt. No sooner than the moment they both declared their true hearts, fate dealt an unfair blow and Jed disappeared from her life.

Now it is ten years later. Dee is a screen writer for indie films. She has had lots of short flings over the years but Dee tends to jump in head first, giving the guy the impression she just wants a fun fling. The truth is, no-

one has ever made her feel the way Jed did. She never knew what happened to him, if he was okay, or even alive. That is until the day he just showed up on her door step, suit case in hand!

Jed's mother was always moving, never giving Jed the chance to settle anywhere. The months he spent with Dee when they were sixteen was the closest he ever felt to really being 'home.' But then he was ripped away from there as well. He never knew who his father was. His mother always gave him the impression it was someone he should fear. But now he needs answers. A man has contacted him claiming that he is his father. He needs to find Dee, to get more information about the last night he saw her. About what really happened. As soon as their eyes met, though, that same feeling came back, that feeling that he was home.

***“Their first kiss had been clumsy. A new experience for them both. This time, freed of innocence and fumbling, they knew what their bodies wanted and how to get it.”***

Dee is committed to go slower this time, to make this last. But as soon as the man claiming to be Jed's father asked them to come to his country of Leguarday to meet, she didn't hesitate a second to go along and be there for Jed. She just found him, she wasn't letting him go already.

***“He wanted her. All of her. Always. There'd be no moving on from her this time. If she'd have him, she would be his last move.”***

As soon as Dee and Jed travel to Leguarday, secrets are revealed as to the true identity of his father and to the heritage that is his for the taking, if he wants it. Suddenly, the huge void that has been present his entire life is filled. But he just got the love of his life back. Can he ask her to give up everything and stay with him or will he walk away and go back to Los Angeles with her?

This is a short and sweet tale of young love lost and lasting love found. But of course there has to be a twist, decisions to be made, lives that will be forever changed. Will Dee and Jed get their Happily Ever After? I look forward to the third book in this series, His Defiant Princess by Kathleen O'Brien. All of the books in the series are truly tales of princes and princesses, fairy tales and happily ever afters, every girl's dream come true.

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**Patty says**

***4.5 stars!!***

I LOVED IT!!! Dee and Jed are just so...swoon<3. This was my first read by Madeline Ash and I loved her writing style, every emotion from Dee and Jed felt so real! The only thing I wish there was more of was the

Prologue, I wish it was a little bit longer. It was kind of hard to really see how close they were from that one mini chapter. But other than for that I absolutely loved *Her Secret Prince*.

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### **-y.a says**

This is a well-written, stand-alone short CR with likable characters and fairy tale storyline. Like some of Madeline Ash's books I have read, genuinity and sense of humor are two things I can count on in her writing.

*What is Dee like?*

*Jed: Lively and unnervingly direct...she took life in her stride. Forgave easily, but not foolishly. Chose humor over darkness, but when ill moods struck, she embraced the storm and then let it pass. She was a strong friend. A best friend.*

*Dee: Where's your life?"*

*Jed: I'm not sure...I feel like I am waiting for the real thing. Like it hasn't started yet and I'm just biding my time.*

It is a nice pick for those who are game for a second-chance romance and light easy read.

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### **Nila says**

Adorable romance story of young love. Dee and Jeb fell in love at 16 but Jeb up and leaves without explanation leaving Dee heartbroken. When several years go by and Jeb suddenly appears at Dee's apartment one day, she quickly must decide if she can risk her heart again! Meanwhile the reason Jeb up and leaves throughout his life comes news even he wasn't ready to accept, and will she be able to without fear that he will leave her again?

Not what I thought the book was going to be about at first by reading the title alone. Very good contemporary romance story! I enjoyed it!

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### **Angie says**

Madeline Ash has been such a golden find this year. I first discovered her through her latest novel *Love and Other Lies*, which I utterly enjoyed. Ash writes emotional, heartfelt romances with such a light hand that they are a pleasure to read in every sense of the word. So when I saw her novella *The Secret Prince* pop up, it took me no time at all to dive in.

My only complaint is that it is far too short. I fell immediately in love with Dee and Jed and would have followed them much farther than across an ocean from LA to a tiny European principality and back again.

And since my emotions were so definitively engaged, I did wish the reader had a chance to spend more time with them exploring their unfortunate history after their reunion in Los Angeles (this was my favorite section) and then again in Leguarday as they negotiated the unusual terms of what a life together might look like. To say nothing of the miles and miles of potential regarding Jed's father. Everything ties up so neatly and quickly, I presume in order to fit it all into novella form.

But Ash's writing is fully up to the task of delving deeper into the psyches of these two banged up kids and, given the slim page count, I felt that we got a healthy amount of bang for our buck. She doesn't shy away from the painful, complex moments when two hurt individuals are trying and failing and trying again not to make things worse. And she absolutely knows her way around the tentative exploration that follows, with one hand protecting your heart and the other shakily reaching out.

*Her Secret Prince* is a sweet (if too short) contemporary fairy tale, and I look forward to Ash's next full-length novel with much anticipation.

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## Noella says

Dee and Jed were about to take their relationship to the next level but the next day, Jed mysteriously disappears from Dee's life. Fast forward 10 years and Dee and Jed reunite. There are lingering feelings which they come to deal with and together they seek to find the truth about Jed's father, who has been tracking Jed and his mother over the years. It comes as no surprise to us that Jed is a prince who just doesn't know it yet (from the title).

It was not very realistic how Jed only decided to track Dee down after ten whole years when there was so much time in between where he didn't think of her. Once they meet again, there is a lot of lust and a strong physical attraction. From the beginning we are told they had been best friends for 7 months before trying to be something more. I didn't feel like I really got to know their back story or the kindling of their romance. Barely 48 hours after reuniting, they can't keep their hands off each other. I felt like if there were more pages to develop Dee and Jed's history, then I would've enjoyed it a lot more.

The royal aspect to the story seemed like an afterthought to make the love story more interesting and special. (view spoiler) Overall, not a bad story, a quick read with a happy conclusion.

*Note: I received a copy via NetGalley to review. This review is my honest opinion.*

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## Geri Reads says

### 4 stars!

This was such a pleasant surprise for me! Madeline Ash is a new to me author, and since I was pre-approved by her publisher for this title, I was like, "Sure. Why not?"

BEST. DECISION. EVER.

Loved this book. It was on the short side but the author still managed to add depth to a simple story line. The

characters were multi-dimensional and well developed. And she got me invested in their story from the get go.

Dee Johnson fell in love with Jed Brown at 16 years old. The night she bared her soul to him was also the night he just went up and leave without even saying goodbye. Ten years later, Jed is back looking for Dee to help him piece together the missing puzzle pieces of his life. It wasn't his intention to pursue a relationship with her again, but the feelings they had for each other never waned. But now Jed has to make a decision that could again, alter the course of not only his life but Dee's life as well, leaving her broken the second time around.

I think you can guess what kind of decision Jed was about to make based on the title alone. I wish that this book went by a different and more attractive title since this one is kinda dated, to be honest and a bit spoilerish. Dee and Jed are both great characters. Dee is the type of heroine I liked reading about. She's open and honest about her feelings. She doesn't play coy nor does she play games with Jed. Her forthrightness was endearing. Jed was a sensitive hero, which I found fascinating. He's quiet and calm but his passion for Dee was amazing.

So don't be fooled by the title and the cover, this is nothing like the Princess Diaries, which is what I was thinking about when I read the title and saw the cover. This book was quite good especially when you consider its length. This is one of those times where I really wanted a book to be longer. Still, it was good and I would definitely recommend it.

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## **PBW says**

Unique book worth reading!

This book was well written in the third person's view, the characters were well developed and the story line was unique, Dee's personality was interesting and it complemented Jed's well, however the novel was short! i loved how Dee was optimistic and thought about everyone else before herself, or how Jed was collected. The fact that Jed looked for her after ten years left the hopeless romantic in me sighing out loud! At times I felt that the book was rushed and the emotions weren't exposed well(maybe this is just me?!) but i felt as though everything was happening too fast, otherwise, the book was good.

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## **Wendy'sThoughts says**

**Congratulations to the 2016 RITA Finalist Romance Novella**

**4 You Are My Home Stars**

**\* \* \* \* Spoiler Free**

**Parents think they are always doing what is best for their kids...at least, that is the line they tell themselves... when in reality, they sometimes make selfish decisions in the name of this parental love.**

**This is the main thrust of this surprisingly deep and compelling second installment of the Royal Holiday series by Tule Publishing. Madeline Ash has taken a concept we know is happening and made**



**it very fresh and capturing...it feels intense and actually real.**

It starts with two 16 year teenagers...they have been "friends" for the past seven months. Dee is quirky; loves film, is direct to a fault and has parents who save the world... putting it before her at every opportunity. They are devoted to the hospitals and needs of others, leaving our gal to be an only child. She has learned how to be alone...figuring out her coping skills. With her new friend Jeb...she was just as direct when first meeting him. She asked him if he was staying for the long haul...because if she became his friend and allowed herself to expect him around...if he left..it would be hard for her to remember how to be satisfied alone once again.

Jeb, this handsome, smart boy looks at Dee and tells her he wants to be there for her but has no way of knowing if he will. For Jeb has been living in different cities all over the world, moving when his mother insisted...claiming his father was a dangerous man and they needed to hide from him. This left Jeb with this hole in his heart and soul...never feeling like he had a place where he belonged.

Meeting Dee was a turning point and with this friendship... both of them were fighting the feelings they had for each other... knowing it could destroy everything if they acted on it. But Dee was her direct and pushing the limits self...making the first move one night when Jeb's mom worked late. She came over and as they talked and moved closer to each other, flames of passion erupted... feelings and words were shared... and they were about to be as they wanted when the mother came home unexpectedly.

Jeb looking to figure out away to save face for Dee... left through the window of his room as a way to distract his mom outside. What happened instead was epic...Dee hidden in Jeb's room overhears his mother talking to some man insisting he see "the Child". The mother denies having a son. The man refuses to believe her and opens the door to where Dee is hiding...The mother states... "There, you see I have a daughter!" Dee goes with it because she doesn't know what else to do. The man leaves and the mother kicks Dee out. She tells her to leave and closes the door. Jeb is no where to be found and Dee knowing the mother, figures he will be grounded with no phone for the weekend... she will see him on Monday.

Monday comes and goes... no Jeb; Tuesday she goes to his apartment building and is told they left the night of the confrontation. Dee is devastated... he promised to be there ...and he is gone with no note or goodbye. Alone once again....the pain and hurt lays the foundation for the woman she becomes...

A pattern develops; Dee allows her parents to go to Hatti once she graduated from school...for others needed them more than her. She meets men; quickly becoming physical with them and then they leave... thinking she is not interested in the long term...when all she really wants is to be loved, held and taken seriously. Yet even her best friend is leaving her for the love she found... to live thousands miles away from Los Angeles...

As Dee has her last hours with her friend and new man in her apartment, they discuss her screenplays and other things which occupy Dee's life. Coffee factors in as it is her fuel. She goes to buy more for her friends before they leave and while she is gone, there is a knock at the door. The friends open it and see this beautiful man there asking if this is where Dee Johnson lives. They ask questions and allow him to wait for Dee. Upon seeing Jeb for the first time in 10 years, coffee and muffins crash to the floor with her rushing into her bedroom to collect her self.

For years she dreamed of this moment; she worried he was hurt, lost or worse... yet here he was here in her living room...

These two take a journey which we are allowed to experience through their eyes... each has a perspective and we pray they can meld and become one. The reasons Jeb is here is confusing for both... she hopes to fight

this attraction...and he, just as attracted, is holding back...because there is much to talk about...a mysterious email from a man who says he is his long lost father.

The style... the way this installment was written for this on going series was perfect. We got to see a woman, who as pained and lost as Dee was, still was strong and able to be who she was...warts and all. She had an open direct way of no BS and it worked. Jeb was this man who had pain wrapped around his heart... from never feeling like he belonged anywhere and wanting to know who his father was. Both of them had parents who thought they did right by their kids... only to have created a no win situation in the long run...

And when they were together....it wasn't explicit...yet moments like his coming up behind her...and her hair on the back of her neck rising...his presence and excitement making itself know against her back...just that alone will get your heart pumping, promise...

This was a very strong entry in this series and there is no need to read the others to enjoy this. They are all stand alone. I will be looking for more from Madeline Ash in the future.

**The Cinderella Princess Royal Holiday #1**

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**Her Secret Prince Royal Holiday #2**

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**His Defiant Princess - Royal Holiday #3**

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**His Forbidden Princess (Royal Holiday #4)**

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## **Didi says**

### **3.5 TO 4 STARS**

I liked this better than the first book... which was good, but this had a bit more emotional angst which I usually love. Dee and Jed loved each other at 16, but when Jed suddenly disappears without so much as a phone call, Dee is distraught and left heartbroken. Fast forward 10 years and Dee is living with the ghosts of the past. When Jed shows up out of the blue Dee's determined to do everything to keep him around, but a new development in Jed's life once again puts Dee's and Jed's newfound relationship at risk.

The title pretty much tells you what the new development is. This was again a short read, but quite emotional. I have mixed feelings towards Dee though. On one hand she was refreshing with her honesty and desire to be loved by someone. I felt her pain and had to hand it to her for keeping her emotions in check when Jed mysteriously shows up again in her life. On the other hand, she was a tad bit irritating with her blunt nature. She seemed to lack a filter most of the time and although this was her characters defining trait it wasn't always an attractive one. So I'm 50/50 with her. I liked Jed and felt he could have handled his news a bit better when it came to Dee, but the guy was dealing with some pretty life changing decisions so it was tough.

Of course this ended perfectly, how couldn't it? Things were cleared up very fast but with a story as short as this it's expected. I just have a thing for royal romance and although I've read other royal books that were incredibly fantastic, this series so far is good enough for a cute, royal fix.

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## **RJ says**

Pros:

- Heroine was extremely likable. She was a ride or die chick and the type to drop everything if you need her.
- Quick, short read.

Cons:

- I don't like how the hero didn't reach out to the heroine for 10 years and only did so when he needed information from her about what happened that one night 10 years ago. Yeah, he said reconnecting with the heroine was another motive but that's hard to believe when you could've reached out years ago but chose not to.
  - He also mentioned he's had some significant others throughout the years and he even loved them. I really don't like reading about the hero being in love before with other women. This was just mentioned once but it stuck with me the whole way through. What made it worse for me was the heroine on the other hand just had casual relationships with guys who never wanted more from her. I guess I should be thankful she's not a virgin!
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## **Dirty Dayna says**

3 Home Stars

This is book 2 in Royal Holidays. Each story is told by a different author. This story had so much positive feelings from me and I thought I would love it but truly the story happens in the last ten pages. This novella is shorter than the first and I think that's why it was such a great story and then BAM quick finish the book happened

Dee and Jed were the outcasts at school and bonded together. Dee is afraid of everyone leaving her and when Jed leaves in the middle of the night the night she tells him she loves him and disappears for 10 years Dee falls into a downward spiral.

I think the characters are greatly built and you can relate to both characters sadness

Dee: **do you think its sad my whole life can fit into a café?**

Jed: *Not even slightly*

Dee: **wheres your life?**

Jed: *Im not sure*

Our characters deep sadness and strength are relevant but I think if this was over 100 pages it would easily be a 4-5 star read.

**Most valued trait in other people**

*Kindness... it excuses a multitude of annoyances and its absence negates all other positive qualities.*

*Kindness would fix the world*

Don't let the title fool you.. because it fooled me!

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