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Bros before hoes or so the saying goes.

However, Maxwell Sheridan threw that saying out the window the minute he hooked up with his best friend, Alex's, poisonous ex. The moment he slept with her, he was hooked. Sloppy seconds was not his style, but she was a cruel addiction he couldn't overcome. He thought his days of betraying his best friends were behind him. But Max learnt the hard way that history had a way of repeating itself.

That was until one moment on a bridge would change it all.

Josephine Faulkner is struggling. Mentally, physically, and emotionally. Life has caused her to grow up. Gone are the wild days, black hair, and dating men her ambassador father would never approve of. But juggling work and life has meant that university hasn't been high on her priority list.

When Maxwell Sheridan finds her on a bridge, dropping small stones into the lake, a friendship and connection between them blooms.

He offers to tutor her.

She offers him her compassion.

But their undeniable attraction and friendship will be tested.

And her name...

Andrea Wallace.

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## From Reader Review With The First Goodbye for online ebook

### Lily Garcia says

#### One of my top favorite books that was worth the wait!

I waited over a year and a half to get my hands on this baby and it was worth the wait! I'm a picky reader and like to nitpick at things here and there, but not with this book; It met my expectations and so much more. I FLOVED it and didn't want it to end.

*With The First Goodbye* is the sixth book in the *Thirty-Eight* series. Although it could be read as a standalone, I would recommend you start from the beginning to get a better background of all the characters and avoid a lot of spoilers as it's an interconnected series.

If you've read the previous books, then you know **Maxwell Sheridan** harbors guilt, secrets and regrets for not making the best decisions when it came to his love life. He had been pursuing the wrong women, until he met **Josephine Faulkner**.

Josie was used to being disappointed and abandoned, but had a pure heart. Both had insecurities due to having a life full of rejections and they didn't want to get risk getting hurt again, but there was a connection they both couldn't deny.

Although this book is lengthy, it's in no way boring; It is a slow burn type of book filled with sweet love. You get to see both **Max** and **Josie** fall in love and overcome some of their obstacles, but not all because it ends in a cliffy! I'm not mad though ;) I'm actually very excited and dying for the conclusion of Max and Josie's story. Can't wait for *With The Last Goodbye*!

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### Sara Woolston says

I have been a fan of this series since the beginning so I knew how both beautiful and heartbreaking *With The First Goodbye* would be. Max and Josie form a connection from the start. Max is fighting with things that he has done in his past. Josie keeps being disappointed by her father as well as having to be there for her Mom's health battle. Max and Josie become friends and from there become more. The ending is heartbreaking with a cliffhanger. Although *With The First Goodbye* is part of The Thirty Eight Series it can be read as a stand alone. I highly recommend this book!

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### Eunice Lan says

Heart-wrenching, complex, emotional and beautiful love story between two broken people that believe and are looking for true love.

Since he was a little boy Maxwell Sheridan was caring and loving. As he grew up, the only thing he wanted was to love somebody until his very last breath and to this same person to love him bac. He thought he found his true love two times in the past. Not only this women were bad for him but also made him betrayed his best friends. He didn't want to be someone revenge plan or regret, he wanted to be loved. He thought his

love life was destined to be ruined until he met Josie.

“She made him better. She accepted and understood the wrongs of his past.”

On the other hand, Josie is also broken. Problems with her father since she was eight years old change the way she acted as she grew older. Now when tragedy has knock down her door and enter her life, Josie is determined to get her life in order and make things right. She is studying law school and working, but with such little time for her to enjoy, the only thing in her mind is her mother and finishing university. Her grades are not good and everything that surrounds her seems coming downhill, until she meets Max and he offers to tutor her. Together they find a path that will heal their broken past.

“No, Josie. You gotta trust that not every man will let you down. Some will, and some won’t. I’ve done a lot of that. I was that guy. I might still be that guy,” he confessed. Then he reached over and grasped her left hand in his. “I just don’t want to disappoint anyone anymore. And if you’d let me be honest for a single moment, you’d know you’re the person I’m scared to let down the most.”

I really loved this book. I liked how it all started as a friendship. She was the only one that understand him.

“You don’t have to be afraid to be who you are around me. There’s no shame in the man who you are. I quite like Maxwell Sheridan. Nothing I have learnt about you has changed how I look at you. I’m honoured you trust me enough to reveal parts of yourself that you haven’t before.”

Their connection is undeniable. Both of them are heartbreaking beautiful. You can feel the raw emotions every time they spoke to each other. You can feel the emotions all through your body as you read each word. But not everything in this love story is color of roses. Max has someone in his past that will put their relationship in perspective and maybe turn them.

If you have read a book by Len Webster before or maybe not you need to know that her books are filled with heartbreaking and emotional moments. The book are filled with angst but at the very end everything is beautiful, the path is rocky but as you climb to the top you can see the real true meaning a magnificent love story. Max and Josie are far from perfect but together they are amazing. He is not your typical alpha male and she is not the damsel in distress but their story is unique and worth reading.

This is the first book in the story. Even though this is the fifth book in the series you can read the story even if you haven’t read the previous books. Every previous book tells the story of a different couple. You have to keep in mind this book is left in a cliffhanger. I can’t wait for the next one.

I really recommend this book to everyone that is looking for a emotional but profound. This also has references to the Gilmore Girls and the Vie en Rose which made the read even more perfect. I hope you enjoyed it like I did. When you read it this lyrics will make more sense and love this precious song even more than you did.

“Hold me close and hold me fast  
The magic spell you cast  
This is la vie en rose  
When you kiss me, Heaven sighs  
And though I close my eyes  
I see la vie en rose

When you press me to your heart  
I’m in a world apart  
A world where roses bloom

And when you speak  
Angels sing from above

Every day words  
Seem to turn into love songs  
Give your heart and soul to me  
And life will always be  
La vie en rose”

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### **Anne Milne says**

The book title should have been a clue that I would cry and I did a lot I really wasn't prepared for all the feels this book would give me.

I haven't read the previous books in the series but I managed to follow the story but I will be going back to read them.

Maxwell made a mistake and he can't let go of the guilt. Josephine has so much on her shoulders she's struggling to live her life, family college friends there's no time left for herself.

I really enjoyed this story but both main characters infuriated me no joke if they'd been in front of me I think I would have slapped them. They don't talk to each other there are huge things going on and they don't tell each other. aaaahhh  
She didn't tell him about .....  
He just .....

I need book two ASAP

reviewed by Sweet Spot Sisterhood

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### **Angela says**

What a story! This was my first Len Webster book and it will certainly not be my last. With that being said p, again I played Russian Roulette with starting in the middle of a series and won! This for sure can be read as a stand alone, but I recommend reading this before the next installment.

The first Goodbye is a story two people that have found each other when they needed someone the most. This story grabs you from word one. It's an amazing tale of how you can always escape your past, but sometimes you must conquer it in order to gain control of your future.

Max Sheridan has been looking for love in all the wrong place, but when he came across Joe one night during his friends wedding he instantly knew he found exactly what he was looking for, his everything. Unfortunately for him his past has a way of come back to haunt him. Will he be able to correct the wrongs he has done in life to ensure he is able to get his happily ever after?

Joe isn't looking for love when she begins talking to Max. She knows he is need of something, a friend. However as time goes on she begins to understand that what Max needs most in the world is her unconditional love. When she is finally able to let all her walls down and let him in, he heart is shattered. His

past transgressions come to destroy any chance they have at happily ever after.

Although the book does begin to slow down for me in the middle, it is a great story of two people that are able to find themselves by being friends with the other. I love that Webster doesn't have these two jump directly into a relationship, but ensures they both have a solid foundation as individuals before they become a couple. I personally cannot wait for the next installment to see what Webster has in store for this couple.

\*\*\* I have received this ARC in exchange for an honest review \*\*\*

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### **1-Click Addict Support Group says**

LOVE, it makes us do and say things that will ultimately affect the rest of our lives as well as others close to us.

Max and Josie's story had me consuming more chocolate and popcorn than I usually do. One moment I'm cringing, laughing and bawling then smiling like a fool.

I wanted Max to finally feel what it meant to be free of secrets and regrets. And Josie, how I wanted her to feel for once happy and not be afraid of what the future held for her.

Len Webster, you had my emotions all over the place and they were getting whiplashed!! Len you have a way of bringing words out to life that truly felt like I was right there with Max & Josie. That ending!!! Arghhhhh, I just can't!!!

This was such a breathtaking emotional book that has stayed with me. Be prepared to be blown away and fall in love wit Max & Josie! 5 Breathtaking Stars

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### **AnessaRenee Reviews says**

I didn't even notice this was a part of a series and honestly the author did a great job and making it a stand alone. Well actually I can't say that because I'm dying for the book that comes after this. This story ripped me up. I don't know what I was expecting but it wasn't for my heart to hurt so badly. The chapters definitely needed to have some sense knocked into them and part of my emotional distress was over not being able to yell at them. But it was definitely a story that completely had my full attention. I can't wait for the next part of this story and will go back to read the first four books.

reviewed for Sweet Spot Sisterhood

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### **Samantha P says**

Oh My Stars! This was my very first Len Webster book and it was beautiful and emotional perfection. I've been in a reading funk lately and this story just spoke to my soul. I'm at a serious loss as to how to explain my love of this story and no words I choose will do it justice. I cannot wait for the next book that cliff

hanger, oh man!

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## **Lu Bielefeld \*read.laugh.love\* says**

I loved the references to the Gilmore Girls series.

I loved the heroine's roommate.

Our hero betrayed the trust of two of his best friends, first having sex with one's girlfriend and then kissing the girlfriend of another. How shameful of him.

He can not resist Sarah's advances and is still very attracted to Andrea. He looks like a disoriented cockroach who does not know where he's going! And the guilt for his behavior is consuming his soul.

Our heroine is facing her mother's terminal cancer, studying law school and being in love with a complicated guy. She also has abandonment and daddy issues. It's a very volatile mix.

Max professes eternal love for our heroine but shortly afterwards he is already scheduled to travel to Boston along with Andrea leaving our heroine behind. He put everything and everyone first than our heroine.

Our hero makes a bad decision that breaks the heart of our heroine and puts in check all the confidence she had in him.

I confess that I lost interest in the next book and I think two books are unnecessary. It's too much drama that ends up tiring the reader.

Another unfinished series for my list.

If anyone wants to tell me how the second book ends, feel free.

Until one drunken night when Sarah had told him that she and Alex were over. It had been a lie. And for almost seven years, he had kept his deep, dark secret from seeing the light. Alex still didn't know.

Until I met Andrea. The thought had Max wincing. Andrea Wallace had been the woman Noel had dated to try to get over Clara. It had been a stupid bet.

Having kept Sarah a secret all these years hurt, but keeping what he had with Andrea a secret was killing him alive.

He had betrayed Alex when he slept with his girlfriend, Sarah. And he had betrayed Noel when he had kissed Andrea.

Max had done a lot of bad things in his life, but sleeping with Sarah had been the worst. Trying to hook up with Andrea came close.

“Say it. Say you want me. Like you’ve always wanted me.” His heart thudded violently. Inside him, all his resolve broke into sharp fragments that embedded within him. “Fuck you, Sarah,” he growled. Then he grabbed her hips and slammed her back into the wall behind her. Sarah let

out a moan at his forcefulness. “There you are,” she breathed and unzipped his pants.

“Have a great life, Sarah. You will never find someone who loves you as I did,” Max revealed and grasped the door handle. With a twist, he pulled it open and walked out of her apartment.

Sarah. Memories of when they were kids collided with the struggling beats of his heart. He thought he was clean of her. But the emerging pain that intensified throughout him was proof he wasn't.

Sarah understood his personal life. Andrea understood his career. But Josie? Josie understood both.

“I watched the start of season four. I don't want to be the Max to your Lorelai. I want to be Luke,” Max revealed. “Your Luke.”

The hope that radiated from seeing an email from her sickened him. She played and toyed with his emotions. She had left him a wreck.

he saw Andrea's email waiting for him. Max's breathing heaved as he noticed it was an email from her personal account and not her work address. A cold sweat blanketed him as he hovered the cursor over her name. His head told him to delete it. To forget her completely. But a small piece of his heart wanted closure.

“There's not,” he said. Suddenly, his heart clenched in a pain he had never known. He had lied to her. It was the first. There was a but. And her name ... Andrea Wallace.

Andrea. I made the mistake of letting you go. He was tempted. For a single moment, he fell back into his old ways and was tempted.

“What?” He shook his head. “Go and get closure, Max. She's emailed you more than once in the past month, and you've kept that from me. Obviously, there are things left unsaid, and you deserve closure. And I don't deserve just parts of your heart when I gave you all mine last night. So go.”

“I’m sorry,” he whispered. She didn’t believe him. He was selfish. So selfish. He had no idea what sorry was. “I have to go with her.” He was choosing Andrea. She hated him. So much.

He had insulted her. He had insulted her mother. But most importantly ... He had insulted her love for him.

He left. Just like her father had done many times before. And just like her mother had. Her mother. Her warm, loving mother had left her.

“You ended us the morning I found out my mother’s cancer was terminal and she was put on life support,” she revealed.

Kiss me like you miss me when I’m with you.”

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## **Isha Coleman says**

What four letter word is associated with both weakness and strength and can empower as easily as it can destroy? That tricky dichotomy known as LOVE! When it comes to love there is no logic, because love is based on emotion, not state of mind. With the First Goodbye takes a look at both sides of the scenario. Len Webster turns a tragic chain of events into an inspiring tale of hindsight and heartache. Maxwell has experienced love at it's most toxic and is learning what pure love really feels like. Will his happy ending pay the price for his past indiscretions? Josephine and Max teeter on the the brink of forever and never. Which will they choose?

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## **Liz says**

This was my first read by Len Webster and I loved it. With the First Goodbye is the first book in Maxwell and Josie’s story. And what a story it was! Emotional and heartbreaking.

Max is haunted by his past and decisions he has made. Though he has tried to move forward, his past always seems to catch up to him. He broke my heart. He felt so much guilt over his past.

Josie’s life has not been easy. She is drained, but is a caring and loyal person. Even with disappointment in her life, she remained strong, though careful with her heart.

When Max and Josie meet, they form a strong friendship. But friendship is all they need and want, or so they thought. As their friendship grows, Max begins to see a possible future. But both Josie and Max have been

hurt in the past and were very guarded. When Max's past returns, will they be able to survive or will it be goodbye?

This was a very emotional story that I devoured. That ending just about killed me! I cannot wait to read book two! In the meantime, I am going to go back and read the other books in the series. Though With the First Goodbye is a standalone within the series.

Read and reviewed for Sultry Sirens Book Blog.

Happy reading!

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### **Samantha Jayne Grubey (ABookHaven) says**

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### **Natshane says**

? 5 *La Vie En Rose* Stars! ?

Oh my lord.

This story is perfection and I am pacing a hole in my room for the second part to come out. I usually preferred reading standalone for contemporary romance novels but Len Webster has managed to convert me into a serial romance reader and I'm killing it now!

So many emotions coursing through my heart right now that I'm rendered speechless, therefore I'm going to take the time off to ponder about what to do next in life. Yeap, it was that KIND of book. \*cries in a corner while waiting for book 2\*

Maxwell made a lot of bad decisions when it comes to women but all he ever wanted was to find *true love*, he just didn't know how. Until Josephine Faulkner appeared and did the unthinkable, she brought him back to life. As their relationship grew and Max is moving on with his life, a blast from the past threatens to destroy his future and the one woman he loves. Will love prevail?

The writing was beautiful as the author walked us through each of Max's heartbreak and how each relationship has affected him in more ways than one. I adore Josie for being a big-hearted woman who loved fiercely and passionately. Their romance was a slow burn yet igniting everything that stood in between.

I can't wait for book 2 especially after that cliffhanger ending! I am desperate for more of Max and Josie, and

to know how their story would end.

I am officially a hardcore Len Webster fan.

*I voluntarily read and reviewed an ARC of this book provided by L Woods PR and the author. Thank you so much for the reviewing opportunity!*

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### **Brandy Roberts says**

Wow just wow talk about book hangover With the first goodbye it really drew me in while crushing my heart . There was no sleep for me and then once I got to the end it took me an hour to find a restless sleep just WOW . AHHHH the ending THE ENDING that's all you guys are getting I can't say much more just be prepared . definite must copy provided for honest review .

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### **michelle Shelly says**

Heartbreakingly beautiful....

For most of the book I was kinda in limbo. One hand I was totally loving it and the next hand kinda confused. For a standalone I feel cheated because I haven't read the other books in the series. Is it a standalone? Yes.... I guess but I got lost several times when other characters were brought up and their stories. There was actually a lot of that and yes I am going to go back and read their stories because I loved everything I've learned about these people. It is actually full of great characters and the author has you definitely pulled me in and has me very intrigued. It is part of a duet and with the ending of this first book I'm screaming for more. I have to know what happens next, I didn't get enough and I really did like it. This is my first book by this author, I loved her writing and the way she told her story.

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