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Beau Hale

She said that she was my best friend and then one day she wasn't. Every day I live with the visible scars, but it's the invisible ones that hurt the most. They are a constant reminder of everything I've lost as well as all the things that I'll never have. I should be over this by now, it's been years, but I can't escape the memories that haunt me. Everyone around me is moving on with their life, so now I need to do the same. Tennis brought me to Columbia University, and I am quickly proving that I will not let anyone defeat me, past or present. I am in control now. Life has taught me the hard way to remember that. But after all this time, I'm still searching for an answer to the one question that is constantly burning in the back of my mind...why?

Leila Starling

He said that he was my best friend, and then one day he wasn't. It took one moment to change my entire life. What I thought I knew became a lie and nothing was ever the same. Slowly, I picked up the pieces and focused on what I could control...me. I live in New York City and attend one of the world's most prestigious fashion and design schools. Day after day, I am getting closer and closer to making my dreams come true. I did this all on my own and no one can ever take it from me. I know my future is bright, even if my heart is destined to stay in the dark. The dull ache that still lingers is my daily reminder to rely on no one but myself. Although, after all this time, I still can't help but wonder...why?

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## From Reader Review Starless Nights for online ebook

### CrazyDaisy says

5 Crazy Ass Stars!!!!

I absolutely love this book. I love Kathryn Andrews writing and how easily she makes it to connect with the characters in her stories. A great book to me is one that has you glued to the pages, making you feel every emotion of the story. This book did just that! I ran the emotional gambit with this book and still have after effects as I write this review. I'm so in love the Hale Brothers and can't wait to read Matt's story.

This is a Crazy Ass Must Read and will be featured in CDBW's Crazy Ass Must Read Spotlight!

\*Review is not complete and will be updated after I've had a little time to soak in the story more. .

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### Nance says

Perfect book cover! Magnificent characters! Beautiful love story! Ms. Andrews writes with heart and soul. My heart ached for the trauma and sorrow that Beau endured. No young person should ever have to go through such abuse. And, Leila was such a kind and caring person. She was just so misled by circumstances beyond her control. At such a young age, she never really understood the depth of Beau's loyalty and love towards her until it was apparently too late. I was so happy that these two strong individuals had their story told;)

Leila and Beau were such great friends when they were young. The stars were their saving grace when such destruction and chaos were present in their lives. As long as they had the stars, they would have each other. But, somewhere along the way their friendship disintegrated when their worst fears were assumed and not actually confirmed. Each were living in different locations. But, time passes by, and Leila returns to the island only to be stunningly shunned by her best friend. She has no idea why Beau hates her so much. That's in the past, though, and in the present Leila now lives in New York City near her best friend, Ali. I was happy to get a glimpse now and then of Drew and Ali and kept up-to-date with their present lives. I really enjoyed their story! Now Beau too has moved to NYC to play tennis for Columbia. His first encounter with Leila is uncomfortable and awkward. As time goes by, though, it becomes somewhat easier to deal with when they see each other. Will they ever find themselves able to possess the relationship that they once had? And, when the truth finally comes out as to why Leila just abandoned Beau without saying goodbye, will Beau be able to ever forgive her? Beau is one stubborn guy. He just won't give Leila a fighting chance to redeem herself. He honestly feels that she never believed in them or their friendship if she just walked away so easily. How can he ever trust her again? Leila is heartbroken. She has been in love with Beau for so long. Will he ever see it in his heart to give her another chance?

Oh my word!!! So much drama and destruction! Hearts broken. Trust stripped away. And, all due to other people. Secrets finally revealed. There was so much distress in this novel between family, friends, and lovers. It was a painful one to read. Ms. Andrews writes this novel with intensity and brilliance. The characters were strong but yet emotionally sensitive. I can't wait to read younger brother, Matt's story! That will be the finale to this deeply moving series portraying three courageous and scarred brothers finding the love of their lives.

*"But what I am most thankful for and the thing that I'm most certain about is with you by my side, no*

*matter what life throws at us, or where we end up...I will never again have another starless night."* ~ Beau (Epilogue)

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### **Raven says**

Damn it!!! It was as good as I thought it would be and I am really upset it is over... There are some books that makes me wish I had the same disease as the woman in 50 first dates so I could read it again without knowing what's gonna happen... This is on that list!

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### **Janja says**

One lie, which lead to the divide between Leila and Beau. (I knew it that mother is one selfish person) .So much grief and longing and tears for two souls which should be already together forever from the beginning Both characters have been completed, the only thing that bother me is constantly jumping into the past and into the future without some sort of accurate boundaries.

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### **gabby says**

Very disappointed with this book. I was so annoyed with Beau and Leila!! They have characters issues ughh it was so hard to read since all i want them to do is fucking COMMUNICATE. They always assume and assume and assume shit. Why dont they just talk right away so their questions can be answered? No. All they do is assume this assume that. It was so annoying. Didn't really like this book at all. I was very pissed at the both of them. I think out of all the characters in this book (besides ali and drew) I really enjoyed Charlie.

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### **Asia says**

to w ogole nie bylo to czego sie spodziewa?am... juz abstrahuj?c od mamuski i tego co zrobila, albo raczej nie zrobi?a i zrobi?a.... ale spodziewalam sie ksi??ki o mlodym zawadiace, ?obuzie , weso?ku który kryje w sobie naprawde wiele bólu- i nie dziwota po tym co przeszed?... a dosta?am ksi??ke o z?amanym , powa?nym, cierpi?cym z powodu z?amanego serca, z powodu niespe?nionej pierwszej miło?ci, miło?ci któr? si? spotyka raz w ?yciu ... to nie by? tamten Beau którego zna?am z pierwszej cz??ci i dlatego jest to bardziej poruszaj?ce.

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### **Lisa says**

Wow.

I don't even know where to start.

Kathryn Andrew has already blown my mind away with Drops of Rain, the first novel in the Hale Brothers

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Series. She did one helluva job with her debut novel. Hold on to y'all's chairs because Kathryn just came back with a sequel that will not just blow your mind, it will blow your head away!

I believe that all authors have magic in their fingers. Kathryn sure does, as she has proved by giving us light as to what has happened between the secondary characters from Drops of Rain. Honestly, when I read Drops of Rain, I didn't know that there will be a sequel. As soon as I was done, I kept going back to Beau and Leila and what their story is. Alone the 24-hr truce after a certain scene did my mind want more. Well here I am, I got more! But my mind is still not satisfied.

Starless Nights was a beautiful insight, teaching you how important communication actually is. So many things wouldn't have happened, and there certainly wouldn't have been a sequel if these two love birds asked the question that needed to be asked. We all make mistakes though. This novel though helped me realize this, and I plan on bringing in more communication where it's needed because as much as I loved Beau and Leila's story, I don't want to go through what these two have - even if it has an HEA.

I love HEA's. They're beautiful and full of life. I love it when finally every little detail and trouble lines up, regardless of the mistakes made and words said. I'm a hopeless romantic! Can you blame me?

Beau and Leila went through a lot, from when they first met until the very end. I'm quite certain their journey won't be easy just because they got the HEA I wished for them to have. Life's not fair like that, but hey you never know.

What really got to me in this book is the truth Beau's mom tells him towards the end - I won't go into that here, because I don't want to spoil the fun for the readers that haven't read Starless Nights yet (shame on y'all!). Also another thing that had me gasping was the very last chapter. It was a tiny look into what the third book of the series will about. Yes, it will be about Matt, the youngest of the three brothers. It will be another emotional roller coaster, I bet, just like Starless Nights was. It easily became one of my favorite books, slightly kicking Drops of Rain down from the throne.

Just one more thing for Kathryn Andrews, DO NOT STOP WRITING. Like ever, okay?  
I admire your work, your talent, and your skill to create a whole new universe within pages, I really do. Especially after your help with the gruesome college search. Thank you so much!

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## **Abbie says**

### **Actual rating - 3.5**

Starless Nights was a decent read, but i didn't enjoy it as much as book one.

I liked the characters in this one again, but at times, Beau and Leila drove me nuts. I just wanted them to sort everything out!

Again, my interest started to waver in the middle, but the second half bought it back.

Overall, A decent sequel.

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## Alison says

Book Excursions Book Reviews

5 Stars!!!

I was given this book to read in turn for an honest review!!!

Beau has only ever loved Leila; she was his best friend, then one day she gone. His heart and soul are broken and beaten. Can he and Leila find their way back to each other? Can they mend the past and move towards the future? Or is the hurt just too much to bear?

Kathryn Andrews sure knows how to deliver a story; I was hooked from the first chapter. Kathryn sends both the reader and her characters on a roller coaster ride of emotion; she pulls at every emotion possible. Beau and Leila's story is one of love, betrayal, misunderstandings and hurt. I can't wait to read Matt's story!

If you have read Drops of Rain book #1 in the Hale Brothers series you will want to read Beau's story. This can be read as a standalone but I would highly recommend you read Drew's story first. If you love contemporary romances full of emotion you will absolutely love the Hale Brothers series.

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## StacyFace says

I don't understand how we got here. I was *so* excited for this book. So excited that I re-read Drops of Rain in preparation. But in reality, nothing could prepare me for how disappointing this story turned out to be.

Every reader has their hard limits; some avoid adultery, or kink, or love triangles. Me? I have a zero tolerance policy for misunderstandings.

Sure, sometime misunderstandings can be funny - when done right. But misunderstandings that encompass the ***ENTIRE*** story? You know, the kind of misunderstanding stemmed from egregious miscommunication that could be squashed easily if the characters just *talked* to each other. Not to other people about each other, not in riddles, quips, and jaded remarks to each other. But a simple conversation letting the other person know how you're feeling and why.

I just. Can't. Deal.

The story is about Beau & Leila and the friendship they once shared. The book is told from both their pov and transitions from past to present continually.

Beau and Leila are both reeling from something that happened in their childhood, something that left them both angry and bitter towards each other, and a little jaded in general.

In the beginning I was down for the ride, but as I hit the quarter mark, and the story became murkier rather than clearer, I began to get restless.

Each character hinting at this awful thing that the other did to them. Refusing to talk it out with their respective friends and walking off in a huff every time they were confronted about it. Avoiding each other at all costs, only to seek the other out every minute of every day. It was just too much of too little.

At the 50% mark I damn near lost it as 2 things became obvious: this was yet another case of an epic misunderstanding, and the author was gonna drag this out until the bitter end.

Mind you, the book unfolds over the span of 6 years, which means this misunderstanding festered for *S-I-X YEARS*. By the time it got to the "good part" I was utterly exhausted and disinterested.

So we get dragged through the better part of the book in the dark. We watch Beau and Leila push, pull, and shove each other (past and present) with random bits of love thrown into the mix.

*They were so infuriating.*

And when the big mystery is uncovered, around 73%, the book continues to drag on for over a 100 pages. It was like the super villain that never dies!

So, just to recap, the first 3 quarters of the book was a non-stop wink/wink, nudge/nudge fest, riddled with insinuations and foreshadowing, and the last quarter of the book rushed to put festive wrapping paper and a bow on the story before laying it to rest.

I'm going to read Matt's story for one reason only, (view spoiler)

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## **Jayjaycakez says**

I can't explain how much I loved this book.. I was a bit frustrated because I wanted to know what happened quickly.. but it was so worth the wait.. beautiful story.. can't wait for Matts!

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## **Jennifer says**

Any review given for Beau Hale must start with useless knowledge. Did you know that writing with words was invented by the Sumerians about 5 thousand years ago (c.2100BC).

Kathryn Andrews, Drops of Rain was a wonderful book and within Drew's story we met his funny brother Beau whom has an over abundance of useless knowledge.

When reading this book you get so involved with the characters and want to jump into the book and have a chat with Lelia and Beau. Slap some sense into them!! During the entire book Mrs. Andrews brings out many emotions and you find out how important communication really is in relationships with loved ones and family members.

Mrs. Andrews has a divine gift of telling you a story, getting you emotionally involved in the story all while subconsciously teaching you a lesson. Well played Mrs. Andrews.

I would highly recommend not only Starless Nights but Drops of Rain as well. These are two fantastic books that should really be on your TBR list.

Here is some useless knowledge for you Beau: Did you know that in the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty he never said he was an egg!! Think about it!! (You know you are saying the nursery rhyme in your head right now!)

#TeamBEAU

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## **Chelsie says**

Did you know that all polar bears are left-handed?

Did you also know that elephants use the folds of skin on their backs to crush mosquitos AND that cats can't taste sweet thing?

Starless Nights....there are not enough good things that I could ever say about this book. I never imagined that Kathryn could top Drops of Rain, but she blew it out of the water with this one!

Beau Hale is absolutely the best guy in the world because he's real. He's damaged, he's flawed, and he's still so perfect. I love his silly little facts. I literally smiled to myself after every one that he stated. It killed me to see all the hurt and regret Beau had, but I loved watching his growth.

Leila is definitely the girl for Beau, and every time they got close to one another to only have 10 steps backwards I wanted to scream and pull my hair out. If two people in a book were meant to be together, it's them! Kathryn amazes me. Drops of Rain brought out so many emotions in me, and Starless Nights did that and more! I loved getting to read Beau and Leila's story. Thank you for sharing them with us. Starless Nights is a definite 5 star read!

also....I am so intrigued by the Matt book sneak peek. I can't wait to get my hands on his book!! I can tell it's going to be so so epic!

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## **Megan ~The Never Ending Book Basket says**

Kathryn Andrews continues to blow me away more and more with her phenomenally crafted writing that is beyond emotionally driven in such a way that is guaranteed to take your breath away from its sheer beauty.

You just don't read her books. You feel her books.

When reading her first book, Drops of Rain, I was immediately taken in by the unforgettable characters, the highly emotional and feeling events, and their story that I literally could not get enough of. So I have to say I wasn't surprised in the least to find that Starless Nights blew me away just as much, if not more than Drops of Rain did.

Beau and Leila made my heart hurt, they made it race, and they made it fall head over heels in love with them from the very first pages I met them. Their story is one that I felt and connected with on such a deeply magnificent level, and I cannot even begin to describe to you how much I felt for these exceptional two.

I don't know if I have the right words to describe how beautiful and emotional and heart tugging this book

was, but I am sure as hell going to try, because Kathryn Andrews phenomenal writing, story, and characters deserve that.

Leila is such a vibrant, colorful, and fierce female character. She literally lights up the page she's on, and the spark and determination that she has within herself leaps off the page. She is the color to all the black and white, and you will love her for that unique vibrancy. That girl also feels with all she has, and you will love her for it greatly. All that spirit and tenacity she has will have you understanding her, feeling for her, and loving her instantly. That fire and spark sets her apart in the best and most memorable ways.

I fell in love with the charming Beau Hale when I met him in Drops of Rain. He won my heart over, again and again, and he never failed to bring a smile to my face. Stepping into his head was beyond thrilling, and it allowed me to just get him and love him more. Beau is so heartwarming, and he's one of the most engaging character's you'll find. His character has so many varying and well developed thoughts and feelings that you'll want to reach in and care for him and protect him from all the darkness of his world, all while falling under his magical spell that'll have you loving him immensely. He is a serious gem of a male character.

This book is all about the why, the past, and how things came to be. Kathryn Andrews beautifully and thoughtfully weaves that past into the present tense of Beau and Leila's story. The more and more you read, the more you find out what led them to their present. With each new chapter you get another piece to the puzzle, and I can't rave enough about how intricately placed those answers to all those why questions are. Those pieces explain it all, and in the end when you have the whole picture and all the answers, you will just be blown away.

Beau and Leila's feelings for one another are magnificently deep. This is very much a second or third chance romance for them. With each chance they're given you feel the depth of love and care they have for one another. You feel it in their thoughts, in the way they look at each other, in the inner feelings they have. Even when they make it hard as hell and even when they continue to get it wrong, that depth will have you believing in them with all you've got. It'll have you deeply connecting with them and what they have, and it'll just exemplify all they share together.

This book is very much about the fight for the happy that both these characters rightfully deserve. This author creates such exceptional ways for these characters to fight for what they want and need. These two go through so much, and the events of this book challenge both Beau and Leila to realize what it is they're willing to fight for. Reading and experiencing that allows you the chance to understand them and their fight on a whole new level, and it will undoubtedly make you want to fight right along with them for that happy.

These two also have passions that just make them who they are. Beau has tennis and Leila has designing. They both have such well-developed passions that really illuminate a lot about their characters. These passions brought them both to life, and showed a truly authentic and passionate side to them both. These passions were such an integral part to Beau and Leila, and Kathryn Andrews creates a world and a book where you get to experience those passions right along with them.

Kathryn Andrews knows how to write emotions. She knows how to create a world and characters that have you feeling everything they're feeling. You have the same emotions they're experiencing, and you just feel it all with them. You will emotionally connect to these characters on a remarkable level, and you'll fully understand all of their varied emotions. This is an emotionally driven read at its core, and that is what hit this book out of the damn park.

Starless Nights allows you the unique chance to see how these characters and their relationship changes over the course of years. You get to see them at multiple distinct times in their lives, and it's an exceptional opportunity to see exactly how far they've come from where they started. This book gives you the chance to fully feel that powerful evolution with Beau and Leila, and their relationships with others. That evolution

makes this book what it is, and I am in awe of the evolution Kathryn Andrews takes these characters on. It is simply superb.

This book is seriously bursting with supporting characters that you'll instantly be taken away with. Drew, Ali, Charlie, Nate, Camille, and everyone else will win over your heart with their unique and very distinct little selves. They bring everything together in such a wonderful way, and they are part of the sheer magic and beauty that is this book. And I promise you'll love every single second you get to spend with every single one of them.

This book is chalk full of little things that really add up to be big things. The little things added in so wonderfully to Starless Nights make the whole big picture that much brighter. These little things are incorporated in such subtle and beautiful ways, and they add up to something breathtaking. The star theme that permeates this book in a literally amazing way is beyond beautiful. The fantastic nuances of the characters that you see over and over again truly define their uniqueness. The vivid images and feelings that burst from the page. All of these little things and more combine in such an outstanding way that helps make this book truly unforgettable.

Starless Nights does an outstanding job of balancing every aspect, but especially the different times of moments that so fantastically come to the page. There are moments that will literally pull at your heart while bringing tears to your eyes, moments that will speed up your heart rate, and moments that'll make your breath catch in an instant because of the level of emotion and vulnerability they contain. Other's will bring a smile to your face, or a blush to your cheeks in the next instant. While some will have you feeling all the happiness and joy that'll have you beyond thrilled at the warmth you feel. This book balances all of that exceptionally, and it allows you the chance to wholly experience it all.

Starless Nights was a beyond beautiful and breathtaking book that I absolutely loved reading with everything I had. Kathryn Andrews blew me away yet again with her emotionally driven and thoughtfully crafted words.

I really don't have enough positive words for this book. This book was so, so very good. And magnificent. And breathtaking. And beautiful. And emotional. And fantastic. And just beyond exceptional.

It was everything. It had everything. It made me feel everything right along with Beau and Leila.

Beau and Leila's story was everything I wanted it to be, and I couldn't love those two more. Their story is full of ups and downs, twists and turns, but I guarantee that it'll take your breath away with all of its magnificence. It'll also have you knowing and believing in the sheer power and spirit of feeling and love.

This book gets my highest recommendation because it truly has it all. It is an exceptional book, with extraordinary characters, and I for one am completely sold on it all.

And you will be too.

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## **Donna ~ The Romance Cover says**

Starless Nights (Hale Brothers Series #2) by Kathryn Andrews  
4.5 stars!!

“Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight, I wish I may, I wish I might, have this wish I wish

tonight.”

This is the second book in the Hale Brothers series and this book centres round Beau Hale. I knew that Beau's story was going to be emotionally brutal and Kathryn Andrews delivered in spades. My heart broke time and time again for our Beau Hale, he truly has suffered, yet he tries to put on such a brave front, but even the strongest men have to have a breakdown at some point. His journal and his inner thoughts brought me to my knees at times but Beau is a fighter and to see him slowly but surely come through was beautiful to watch. It is a hard journey and one fraught with a distinct lack of communication that had me angry at times, but this is the journey that they needed to take and actually I think made them both stronger at the end.

“Every night, I wondered if she was looking at them too. Did they remind her of me? Did she ever think about me?”

Kathryn Andrews destroyed me with Drops of Rain; it was such an emotionally charged book, so much so I already had a deep connection with the characters. We have heard Drew's story but Beau was always present being the little brother. My first initial thoughts with Beau were that he used his wise ass humour as a distraction, by being funny; he hid the true Beau Hale. The real Beau Hale was empty, a shell, he had very little self-belief, always felt that he wasn't enough, always living in Drew's shadow and taking the punishment for it. His home life as we know was non-existent, he suffered immensely but he tries his hardest not to let it determine the man he is today, but sometimes trying just isn't enough. He needs help. Throughout this book, I wanted to give Beau cuddles, I wanted to protect him, I wanted to give him those pep talks that told him he was a great man, he did deserve happiness and most of all he deserved a shot at life. It is testament to Kathryn Andrew's writing that she managed to bring out the tigress, who just wanted to protect her cub.

Leila was a great character and was just what Beau Hale needed. She was full of life, vibrant, easy going, yet she was a little pocket rocket. She knew what she wanted in life and was fighting tooth and nail to get it. Professionally she was sorted, she had her path and she was walking it, actually running it, she was determined. Her personal life however was a totally different story. Beau Hale had already left his mark, a scar in fact, she never really understood and in fact had giving up trying to, however, she couldn't shake her feelings for him. He was a true love for her, but she just couldn't understand what had gone so horribly wrong.

I must admit, when these two reconnected I was ecstatic, second chance love is one of my favourite reads. However, these two were infuriating at times, as I said in my opening paragraph, these two just did not talk. I admit, circumstances beyond their control had kind of overtaken their lives and people got in the way or just even consider certain things, but once the whole sorry tale is revealed you couldn't help but mourn the time that they had lost. Misunderstandings a plenty determined the route their lives have taken thus far, but now it is up to them to put it right. Do they both have the inclination to make it work? Are they prepared to fight for what and who they want? Or are they just too emotionally scarred to take that step? These two have a lot to work through and a lot to understand. Most of all they need to open their lines of communication and confide in each other and be there for each other. These two have a lot of emotional baggage and it all needs to be unpacked if they want a future, to even have a chance at a future.

“You were never a responsibility or an obligation. You were mine and I thought I was yours.”

Kathryn Andrews totally engages you throughout this book; from the first to last page I was riveted. As I have come to expect this book was emotional, it was heart-breaking but it was beautiful. This is a book that you will live, experience and breathe; it is that intense pull on your emotions that builds that character connection, to the point where the words fade into images. I found myself looking in as an outsider, I felt as if I was there and I was championing these two along. It may be second chance or even third chance love for these two, but you could tell they were soul mates, you could feel their deep emotional connection, their love for each other radiated off the page, they just needed to work through the past for them to have a chance at a future.

“On bad days when I turn around and see what has become the ugliest part of me, I don’t see the scars, I see the stars.”

To say I have loved this series is an understatement, it is one of my highly recommends and I cannot wait to see what Kathryn Andrews has in store for us next. I love her writing style, fluid and effortless, emotional and all-consuming and I for one cannot wait to read more.

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