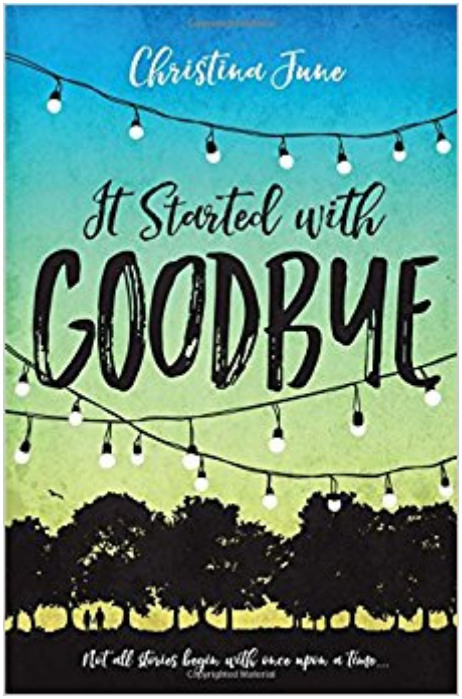
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Christina June writes young adult contemporary fiction when she's not writing college recommendation letters during her day job as a school counselor. She loves the little moments in life that help someone discover who they're meant to become--whether it's her students or her characters. Christina is a voracious reader, loves to travel, eats too many cupcakes, and hopes to one day be bicoastal--the east coast of the US and the east coast of Scotland. She lives just outside Washington, D.C., with her husband and daughter.

I’m a HUGE fan of Cinderella stories and this was no disappointment, in the least. I enjoyed the differences, as this was not a straight up retelling, but loved the Cinderella-ness down to the core. The romance was sweet, 100% clean, and had me grinning like a fool throughout all of it- whether it be the emails or when they’re actually together. I’d highly recommend this story for anyone who loves a funny and lovable teenage heroine who just needs a break once in awhile... and an awesome grandma who plays as her fairy godmother! I couldn’t put this book down and that’s the best review I can leave. *No cuss words and it’s still an amazing book! Other authors should take note.

Rating 4.5 out of 5IT STARTED WITH GOODBYE is a wonderful summer read. It’s charming and heartwarming and funny. It was a fast, enjoyable read, and left me with a giant smile on my face.Before starting IT STARTED WITH GOODBYE, I didn’t realize how much I would have in common with Tatum. I once found myself in a similar situation of being an unknowing participant) and could completely understand her feelings of injustice, but also shame. I often felt that Tatum was given a raw deal, so I was happy to cheer for her when something went her way.What I liked: *Abby - She was a good friend to Tatum and came into her life at just the right time - when she needed a friend, someone who hand her back, the most. One of my favorite lines ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“YouÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢re good people, Tatum,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• she said. *The wise "feisty step-abuela-slash-fairy-godmother" Blanche. She offered insight, perspective, and love to Tatum. She made the unbearable moments more bearable. *The online friendship/flirtation with SK. It was fun to read their cute back and forth emails and also witness their vulnerability. Their connection was sweet. *Seeing the growth of the family and all of the amazing things that can happen when they finally take the time to have the difficult conversations and try to understand each otherAND JUST LOOK THIS COVER! I LOVE IT. It is so pretty and it is what drew me to the book in the first place.Favorite Quotes:It was AbbyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s turn to grasp my shoulder in solidarity. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“We should start a club.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“The loser club?ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“How about the Missed Opportunities Club?ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•-I love the camaraderie between Tatum and Abby.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Nothing is immovable, Tatum. Everything is negotiable.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•I smirked and nodded at the TV. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Did you learn that from The Golden Girls?ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•She smiled back. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“It might have been The Facts of Life.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•-The connection to The Golden Girls was a nice touch (I love that show) and then to mention The Facts of Life (another favorite from back in the day) made it even better.IT STARTED WITH GOODBYE is a fun summer read. If you like stories about blended

families, friendships, and want a happily ever after, then this book may be for you!

I must admit that I was at first hesitant about the book because the book description did not seem that appealing. But after reading the first two chapters, I found myself not being able to put the book down. I found Tatum to be witty and understandable with her own version of teenage angst, which thankfully was not overdone or drawn out to such an extent that I would find her annoying. I enjoyed seeing her relationships flourish with her step-sister and new friends (and a romantic interest!). Also, as a lover of the arts, I was delighted by all the music, art, and dance information.If you enjoy young adult literature, give this book a try.

This is a sweet and thoughtful YA romance you need for summer reading! Tatum takes on her "evil-stepmother" and a summer of house arrest and still wins the day. She's thoughtful with just the right amount of sass. I loved that Tatum's Cinderella story is not just a romance. She uses her brains and has great girlfriends - and can find time to flirt with a mysterious boy!

Simply put, I adored this book. Tatum's struggles are believable and not too easily solved. Her relationship with her family is complicated and beautifully emotional. And Shay. Oh, Shay. He's the perfect combo of swoony and sweet!Highly recommend.

A sweet modern Cinderella story. A light read for when you want to feel good at the end of your book. The romance had the sweetness of innocent teenage love while building a stronger basis for why the characters like each other-- as opposed to Disney's love-at-first-sight-I'll-marry-whovever-fits-these-shoes. Really? Shoe size? But the romance here is believable and sweet.

I loved this book! In her debut novel, Christina June presents a beautiful storyline with the complexities of family and peer relationships and teenage angst and uncertainty woven into a modern retelling of Cinderella. I can't wait to share it with students in the school division where I work. It is with great anticipation that I await her next book! Ben fatto! (A job well done!)

Very sweet book. I read it very quickly. Very well written and nice character development.

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