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Synopsis

Moments.Our lives are a collection of moments. Some utterly painful and full of yesterday's hurts. Some beautifully hopeful and full of tomorrow's promises.IÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve had many moments in my lifetime, moments that changed me, challenged me. Moments that scared me and engulfed me. However, the biggest onesÃ¢â ¬â •the most heartbreaking and breathtaking onesÃ¢â ¬â •all included him.I was ten years old when I lost my voice. A piece of me was stolen away, and the only person who could truly hear my silence was Brooks Griffin. He was the light during my dark days, the promise of tomorrow, until tragedy found him. Tragedy that eventually drowned him in a sea of memories.This is the story of a boy and girl who loved each other, but didnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t love themselves. A story of life and death. Of love and broken promises.Of moments.(Book Three in the Elements Series. Complete Standalone.)

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Customer Reviews

I never learn. After having gone through several tissues while reading the first two books (back to back, I might add) in the Elements seriesÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •The Air He Breathes and The Fire

Between High & LoÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •I should have known I was in for another round of tear-swiping, nose-sniffling, and heart-squeezing moments with the third book. Like its predecessors, The Silent Waters can be read as a standalone, having no ties to the stories or characters before it other than the four elements theme. So, feel free to read the books out of their order or publication, but I do hope you'll read each of the three currently available titles. The time you put into them will be more than worth it because Brittainy C. Cherry has proven herself to be one hell of a gifted storyteller. This is only my third read from her and I'm already immensely impressed with what I've read so far. The Elements series is an evocative collection of stories, and as this third book has proven yet again, the author is a master in taking your heart, tearing it apart, and piecing it all back together again.The Silent Waters is the love story of Maggie May Riley and Brooks Tyler Griffin, who meet as six-year-olds. Maggie is Brooks's best friend's new stepsister and while she is more than welcomed into her new home and family, it's Brooks's gesture of kindness that ties them and keeps them tethered, whether as children who can't quite stand each other but later share their first kiss or teenagers discovering first love together and their first true heartbreak. They remain bound to one another even after a horrific event renders Maggie literally speechless, unable to give voice to what happened in the woods, and even after Maggie pushes Brooks towards his dream of making it big along with his best friends that make up their band. She has stayed behind, moored by the trauma that continues to dictate her life, while he has floated from one place to another, sharing his music with the world. As their lives change, one thing has always stayed the sameÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •their loveÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •but will that be enough for Maggie and Brooks to weather storms and keep them anchored to each other, or will they end up drifting further away and drowning in deafening silence?Maggie and Brooks's story could have gone in a myriad of different ways, and yet the author weaved together a tale that was all their own. I honestly can't recall if I've ever read anything that followed in the exact same vein. Maybe a part or two, but not in its entirety. The main characters had a connection from the time they were six and even when things got difficult and they ventured away, they stayed connected. Brooks's love for and devotion to Maggie may seem fantastical to some, but there's an honesty and purity to it that's become a rarity in the romance novels I've read over the past few years, with eroticism and overt sexuality being at the forefront. Don't get me wrong. This book does contain sex, but even at their most passionate, these two share an intimacy that made them and their story feel even more worthy of my emotional investment. There are the anticipated complexities that make this such an engrossing read, with a twist I didn't see coming until it was nearly right there in front of me and with challenges thrown Maggie's and Brooks's ways but always, always, meeting them together. The Silent Waters shows that life may

lead us in different directions, but true love, when we let it, will always lead us home. Five-plus stars. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â„¢Ã Â¥

First the author always in my opinion deserves 5 stars for just putting your ideas out there. However this book was slooooooooooow and started to get on my nerves. I bought this book in audio format and could barely listen to Maggie in her head. I was like after all this and you are still in the house. Makes if worst she didn't reveal why to anyone even 3/4 of the book. Maggie was so head strong to totally end up like a weakling. I understand tragic thing make people react different, but really this is extreme.I will try one more book to see if this one was just a miss for me.

My Review:Overall: 4.75Performance: 4.5Story: 4.75Wow! This was my first time reading Brittainy C. Cherry so I didn't know what to expect. I was blown away by this book..and immediately got online to see which of her books I need to read next. This book was so good...almost perfection in every single way...almost. I had one tiny niggle about the story that I'll talk about in a moment.Brooks and Maggie's story was gorgeous...at the same time that it broke my heart. I love how long and deep their friendship and ties are. It hurts that they lost so much time together though. Everything about this story was amazing, and gorgeous, and romantic, and sweet, and heartbreaking. I loved this story.NOTE...That niggle...there is a serious flaw in this entire plot. Such a big deal is made of Maggie's ritual every night to make sure she remembers the victim of the murder. With that, I find it impossible to believe that she never tells anyone about that night and what she saw. Yes, she was young and traumatized so I can understand at first, but this book covers years when she would have let the police know what happened and what she knew. I just can't believe anything else...no matter her inability to talk. She could still write and communicate. And most importantly...she remembered every detail.For the sake of the book and because I loved it so much, I've just purely chosen to ignore all that ^^^ and suspended disbelief, but it's still a thing.But without a doubt, I adored this book. It was fantastic! I highly, highly, highly recommend it.

This is my third book by the author. Ms. Cherry has the ability to leave the wow factor in her books and don't forget angst and challenges. Maggie and her father has been alone for years after her mother has abandoned them. Since then her father has always been looking for love but never found it until he found Katie. Maggie and her father moves in with Katie and her two children and they become a blended family. As time goes by Maggie becomes attached to her stepbrother Calvin friend Brooks. Brooks keeps doing mischievous things to her in elementary school but yet she says

to him will we be husband and wife and start planning they make believe wedding. Maggie tells Brooks to meet her in the woods by the certain trees where they will have they make believe wedding unfortunately he is late getting and there and by the time he gets there Maggie is crying uncontrollably. As he takes her home to her family they realize something traumatic happened in woods to her that she stop speaking at the age of eight and remain mute for the next twenty years. There is heartbreak the way the various ways family members deal with her been mute and her never leaving the house. Dealing a with a lost youth and Brooks dealing with what ifs about his part in her muteness. The book spans her years as a child teen and a grownup as her family dynamics change of the years the question remain will she ever speak again? Sad wonderful tale of lost childhood dealing with overcoming tremendous obstacle and yet in all this finding love wanting to love.

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