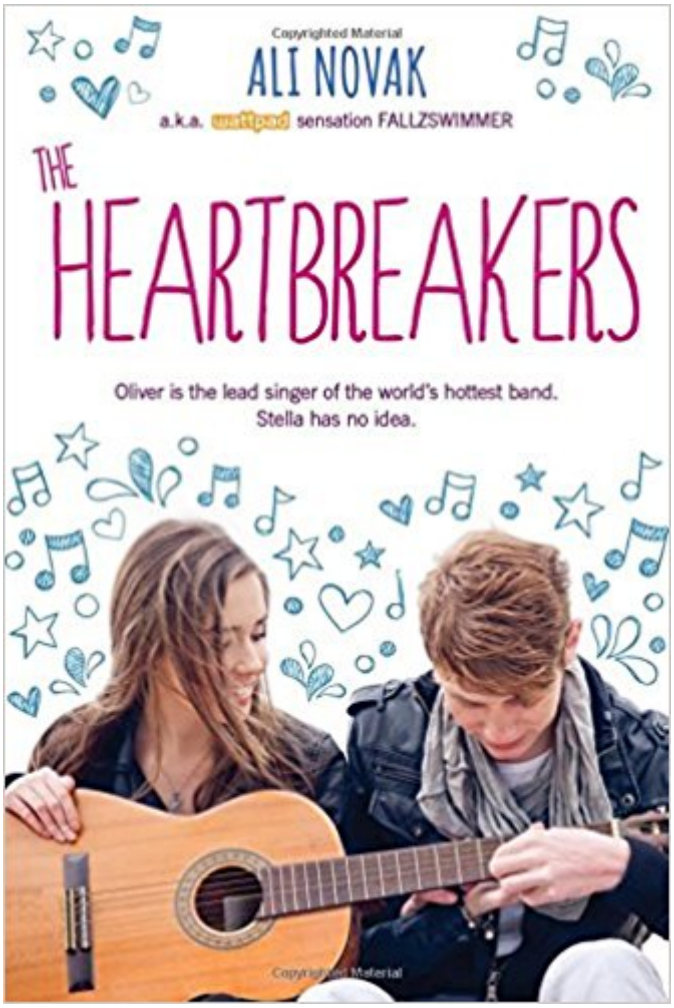
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Synopsis

"Swoon worthy! I fell in love with Oliver Perry so fast! This book is feels inducing...I loved every single page!" Ã¢â ¬â ¢Anna Todd, New York Times bestelling author of the After series"When I met Oliver Perry, I had no clue he was the lead singer for The Heartbreakers. And he had no idea that I was the only girl in the world who hated his music."Stella will do anything for her sick sister, Cara-even stand in line for an autographed Heartbreakers CD...for four hours. She’s totally winning best birthday gift this year. At least she met a cute boy with soft brown hair and gorgeous blue eyes while getting her caffeine fix. Too bad she’ll never see him again.Except, Stella’s life has suddenly turned into a cheesy love song. Because Starbucks Boy is Oliver Perry – lead singer for the Heartbreakers. And even after she calls his music crap, Oliver still gives Stella his phone number. And whispers quotes from her favorite Disney movie in her ear. OMG, what is her life?But how can Stella even think about being with Oliver – dating and laughing and pulling pranks with the band – when her sister could be dying of cancer? Ali Novak wrote her debut novel My Life with the Walter Boys when she was just 15 years old, and has since penned her next book, The Heartbreakers. First a hit on the online community Wattpad, her second novel has over 38 million reads and is loved by readers around the world."When I wasn’t reading this book, it was all I wanted to be doing. Adorably romantic and fun! I loved it." Ã¢â ¬â ¢Kasie West author of The Distance Between Us

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Customer Reviews

Gr 9 UpÃ¢â ¬â •Stella has spent most of her high school years subsumed in the small world of her twin sister, Cara’s, illness. Homeschooling and countless hours in hospitals did not give Stella much opportunity for a social life. She loves photography but has deferred a college program to be closer to home while Cara continues cancer treatment. On a road trip to Chicago with her brother and fellow triplet Drew, a cute stranger treats Stella to coffee. She and Drew are planning to get autographs from Cara’s favorite band as the ultimate 18th birthday present. Unfamiliar with the group she is waiting in line to see, she is shocked to learn that the stranger from the coffee shop is Oliver Perry, the lead singer for "The Heartbreakers." Despite her disdain for the band’s music, she and Drew wind up spending a crazy night with the boys who happen to be staying in the same hotel. Oliver leaves Stella with his phone number and the request to call him. Convinced that she won’t see him again, she doesn’t call and weeks pass before she is surprised by an interesting offer from the band’s management. What ensues is a whirlwind of tough decisions, heartbreaks, and numerous adventures. The plot moves along at a compulsively readable pace, though the characters vary in complexity. The satisfying conclusion leaves the door open for a welcome sequel. VERDICT A fun summer romance that doesn’t shy away from the deeper issues of family, illness, and self-discovery.Ã¢â ¬â •Lynn Rashid, Marriotts Ridge High School, Marriottsville, MD

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It’s an Ok book... Here’s the honest truth. I really like this author, I think she writes very well. But for some reason it’s just ok is because I just couldn’t get attached to our Hero in this book. I loved Stella, she is our main character and the story is told from her point of view, which is done very well. It starts off great, there was chemistry in the beginning when Stella and Oliver first meet, but it never grows beyond that point. Even after they get together the relationship doesn’t grow, if anything it kinda goes down hill after that. Not only that but Oliver hides things that would in no way effect their relationship at all. An example of this is his family. (SPOILERS) He leads her to believe that his mom is still alive and he still had plenty of family. I mean come one, if he were uncomfortable with

going into details Stella wouldn’t have pride, but to dodge her questions and tell her his mom would love to meet her when his mom is dead...not cool. Then taking the model on their date while standing her up at the hotel, only to have his FRIENDS tell her that he took someone else on the date she was supposed to be on, while she waited for him to pick her up all night. Yeah the love just wasn’t there for me, which sucked because it was a great storyline.Now for the good. I LOVED Stella and the secondary characters where amazing. They flowed together beautifully. You really felt the friendship between all of the guys and with her siblings. They were great. This story was well written the only problem as I said was the Oliver, which lets face it when you’re reading a book like this you really WANT to cheer for the main characters, but for me chemistry just wasn’t there . I did like the ending That for me was great and would have been better if I actually liked Oliver more...

Sweet and swoonworthy, this is a fun fast read with some emotional heft to it, as well. It hits a lot of YA tropes - cancer, boy in a band, artsy MC - but with a fresh take and voice that makes it impossible not to smile and shed a tear (or two). And I am always a sucker for classic literary allusions which illuminate the characters and move the plot along. The use of Sir Philip Sidney’s Astrophil and Stella was especially charming to this old English major, and added another lever of enjoyment.

Review Originally Posted At: www.FictionForesight.comIn accordance with current FTC Guidelines, please let it be known this book was received through NetGalley in exchange for a fair and honest review.Summer Lovin’; 4 stars!The Heartbreakers is a fun and entertaining read in spite of its emotionally laden plot.A Quick Summary:So before we actually begin, let me be upfront and honest. The only reason I originally wanted to read this book was because a reader pointed out that all I ever tend read and review is fantasy. Sure I read historical fiction, mystery novels, the occasional science fiction novel, etc, but they all have fantasy in them. Now really there are two main reasons for this. Number one, itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s what I like. That much should be obvious. Number two, itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s what IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m comfortable with. I know I can review fantasy novels, and do them justice, because IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve done it enough. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s my niche.After I had it pointed out to me though, I realized I needed to branch out. Now this book didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t actually come into play until about 3 days after that message. I was going through some potential new books and I happened upon this. In the past I have read some John Green, and after reading the description that is what I was expecting; John Green meets One Direction. Needless to say, because of the latter I wasnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t expecting much.Alright so

now that weÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve gotten that out-of-the-way, we can really get started.So the basic premise for the plot is pretty standard and, in and of itself, isnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t that remarkable. Essentially itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s: girl meets celebrity guy and doesnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t know heÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a celebrity. Girl and guy hit it off together, and despite the fame they manage to become entwined, romantically. Personal problems play a major role, and itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s up in the air whether things will work out between the two.Now, a bit of a deeper summary would be:Our main character, Stella (STELLLAAAAA!!!! ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ sorry had to) is a triplet. One of her siblings, Cara, is sick with Non-HodgkinÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s lymphoma (a type of cancer for those unaware). In an effort to make her sisterÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s birthday special, Stella and her brother, Drew, drive to get an autograph of ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“The HeartbreakersÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•, CaraÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s favorite band. Despite the fact that both Drew and Stella dislike their music, they stick it out for their sisterÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s sake.Prior to the signing, Stella decides to get some coffee at a Starbucks. Whilst there she meets this handsome and charming guy and starts to hit things off with him. As it turns out, this guy just happens to be Oliver Perry, aka the lead singer of The Heartbreakers. So now not only does Stella have to deal with this potential relationship, and her sick sister, but sheÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s also got to try to figure out what she wants to do with her life. Pursue a potential love interest, move on to begin her own life and career, or stay home and keep close to her sick sister.The Good:I think one of the biggest things that sticks out with this book is its ease of readability. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s just that kind of book that you can pick up at any time and dive right into. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s not overly emotional despite the fact that the main characterÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s sister has cancer; which I liked ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ the not so emotional angle, not the cancer! IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m typically not a fan of all the mushy / sappy / unbearably sad stuff that comes with books that focus on cancer. It ends up getting too heavy and takes me too long to recover afterwards. But IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m happy to say in this case, the emotional side was done quite smoothly. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s not all about the cancer; and even when it is, emotions are brought back into check with the fun and hilarious interactions between Stella and the band.A good portion of people have mentioned that they didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t like the ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“insta-loveÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• between Oliver and Stella, but I canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t say I mind it. In fact, I enjoyed it. For me, it made it easier to focus on the other issues. I wanted some fun, some goofiness, and thatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s what I got. So maybe it was a bit one second nothing, the next love. IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m not opposed to reading it once in a while. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s not like this book was trying to be something that itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s not. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s not revolutionary in romance or contemporary; but rather a good, strong

blending of both that left you feeling happy. WhatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s wrong with that?I really did enjoy the characters. Sure theyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢re not the deepest people, but they are fun and entertaining. The emotions felt real, and I understood most of the time why a character acted or responded in a certain way. For instance, it made sense that since Stella felt responsible, or at least partially responsible for CaraÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s cancer, that she wouldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t want to seek any happiness out for herself. She put off living her own life as some sort of penance for not being there for her sister, even though there was nothing that she could do. Then later on when she has her crisis about whether to stay or to go off to college, the same thing happens. I understood that. It wasnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t unrealistic to think that she blamed herself, or even to think that she was scared to move forward. It fit the situation quite well.The same can be said for the guys. I get how one second theyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢re all happy and go-lucky, and the next theyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢re fighting with one another. They are teenagers for crying out loud! They wanted to have fun, but they also wanted their independence, and the ability to make their own choices. So call them goofy, call them emotional, but donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t call them unrealistic; a bit shallow maybe, but IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m sure their personalities will grow with the series.The Bad:As far as negatives go, I really donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t have too much to say. In fact, a lot of it would be very nit-picky. Things like character depth and personality traits that I didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t particularly care for are some of the smaller issues.For me, even though part of the plot felt way to unrealistic, it was still enjoyable. If you allow yourself to believe something like this would happen, then it becomes fun, exciting, and adventurous. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a feel good contemporary, itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s that simple.Really though, all the negatives came down to one thing: It had almost everything I didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t know I was looking for, but never really wowed me. It was great, but it needed that one extra detail, that special something in order to push it over the top. Maybe a deeper relationship, maybe a bit more personality on some of the bandÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s end, maybe even some more background story.Thankfully, this is a series! Based on the authors Wattpad release, it appears that each of the subsequent novels will be centered around a different band memberÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“storyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•. The first was, obviously, OliverÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s story. The next release is titled ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“The Queen of HeartsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•, and is supposed to be AlecÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s story; with JJÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s and XanderÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s stories to follow thereafter. Hopefully this will correct any problems and provide that extra something to push this series into the 5 star range!Other:Prior to its publication, The Heartbreakers was initially released on Wattpad. Although I wasnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t aware of it from there, I know many people

are. In case you were curious, it was originally titled ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“The Heartbreak ChroniclesÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•.Overall:Honestly, The Heartbreakers was surprising. Not so much because of its twists and turns, but because itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s actually quite good. I went into this expecting something just OK, something that wouldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t be memorable, and looking back IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m pleased to say I was dead wrong. The writing is truly enjoyable, the characters are refreshingly interesting, and the plot and pace are intriguing enough to keep you well entertained. I canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t believe IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m saying this, but I think IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve enjoyed this book more so than a good portion of the fantasy novels IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve read this year. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s got just enough John Green in it to tug on your emotions without making you crumble into one big sobbing mess. Well worth the read, easily recommended, and with its large Wattpad following (38 million readers!) it would appear as if IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m not the only one to think so!Oh, and in case you were curious, I went out and bought this book despite already having it as an ARC. For me, it was a no brainer. I canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t wait until I can preorder the next installment; and IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m going to try my hardest to wait for it to be officially published rather than read it on Wattpad.(www.FictionForesight.com)

I am once again glad to be reading a book from this author again! Like her first book, this book is amazing! Is this going to be a series? Will each of the boys in the band get there own book? I love all the characters, they are well rounded characters and the story line is amazing. Even though It touches on a hard subject like Stella's sister having a serious illness the way this author handled the subject was amazing. Not to heavy but not to light that it glosses over the whole topic. I cant wait to read more from this author! Defenetly someone I want to keep a look out for.

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