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If there's one boy at Maplesville High that Darby Haynes can't stand, it's Bruce Edwards. Darby first met him when his car plowed into hers at a busy intersection. She's been running into him --literally--ever since. It doesn't matter that Bruce is a hunk and that most of the girls at school have crushes on him. To Darby he's nothing but a clumsy, conceited jerk.

Then David Matthews, a guy Darby likes even less, starts asking her out. In desperation, Darby asks Bruce to pretend he's her boyfriend. It's supposed to be a temporary arrangement to get David to lose interest in her. Darby doesn't count on falling for Bruce in the process! She's already convinced David that she and Bruce are in love. Now can she convince Bruce?

Wrong-Way Romance Details

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Peachy says

One of my favorite books... not really into reading Sweet Dreams (i call it Sweet Dramas) when everyone else in high school was so into it but this one really caught my interest.

It's light, funny, fast-paced and thank God... not really into the dramatic stuff :)

Kira says

One of my fave teen romance books...any girl who was a teen-ager in the 80's...you'll understand!!! This is one of the BEST teen romance books out there! (and there are a KAH-Jillian!) Loved it so much it fell apart! MUST get my hands on another copy...

Courtney Wyant says

Omg so good my story to okay some of it is well i used to like this boy named brock and he was tall and well just like bruce and then he dropped a clubhouse door on my head ever since we have been enemies. He is even a line man. Imagine that. We still havent said sorry or anything

Kavita says

One of those light, frothy, utopian world-view reads that make you squeal in all the right places and set aside your millennial jadedness for an hour or so. I read this as a young middle schooler and **ADORED** it. Re-reading it as an adult made me realize how much escapism is involved in reading books like this. I've missed that ability in myself to dream a little. I'm glad I was able to glimpse a fragment of it and watch it bloom under South's deft, funny, sweet words. Thank you for my letting me back into my childhood for an hour or so, Wrong-Way Romance. I've missed you!

Eeva says

I remember being somewhere around middle school, reading this book and thinking "wow, this is how high school boys are like!" (FYI - they aren't).

It was my first YA novel, way way before YA term was even invented.

After the AWFUL "Two Way Street" book (review in here) I was in desperate need of a sweet high school romance and getting back to this book (for like 100th time in my life) was the best decision I've made today.

Why thank you, Grail Knight.

I have to admit that this book is a bit naive and the "i love you" is being said way way too soon, but hey, that's what I've been looking for, right!?

So no real complain here.

I really liked Bruce (ok, ok, he was my FIRST book boyfriend and I will cherish him in my heart forever and you will have to pry this book from my cold dead fingers). He's so much different than those possessive creeps that so often appear in modern YA literature (Edward Cullen, I'm looking at you).

I liked the relationships in this book, the friendship between Darby and Aimee, between Skip and Bruce, I liked how other peoples' lives were shown as well as the main characters'.

I really enjoyed the fact that the book isn't outdated, even though it was published in 1991.

It's a short book and it took me about half a day to read it (while I was at work, mind you) but you won't be disappointed.

April Klasen says

I loved this book when I was teenager, I even use to read it several times a year.

Then I re-read it last year and now I want to never lay eyes on it again. This was anti-feminist and rather frightening how much the author took away the rights of her female characters; Darby has to think of a "good reason" why not to date the creep who is crawling all over her? Why can't she just say "no"? Why can't she tell him to "take a hike or I'm filing a sexual harassment report with the police"?

No, instead she has to be saved by a relationship with another guy, Bruce. And that's Stockholm syndrome there, she falls for him even though they hate each other? Yuck.

A girl isn't complete unless she has a boyfriend? Were the publishers trying to brainwash the readers back then? Make them more submissive? HA!

Not planning on reading it again anytime soon.

Jerilee Kaye says

I'm a certified book addict, particularly of Romance Novels.

Now, I can't believe that I spent almost 2 decades on the lookout for a copy of this book.

This was the first romance book I ever read in my life. Probably the first book started my quest for "Ever Afters".

I would always love Darby and Bruce even after all these years. I lost my copy of this book. Would still be on the lookout for one always.

Sheri Cobb South will always one of my favorite romance authors! :D

Ginny says

First read this when I was in middle school. Way back in the day! I remember it being my favorite. Found the old copy and read again for nostalgia's sake. It's just a really simple story, but it takes me back to my early romance reading days.

Silentdreamer says

One of my ultimate teen time favorites :)

Linh says

Another oldie, but goodie! This was the book that got me into romance when I was in middle school. This is my favorite out of all the Sweet Dreams books. The good old days:)

Tatiana Stefan says

This review is based on my 13-14 year old memories of the book and my mindset back then when I read it.

I come from an all girls school, Catholic upbringing with conservative parents and a conservative culture in my country. So naturally, at 13-14 years old reading this book gave me such thrill and excitement about high school romances (ooh boys, crushes, hot all American boys - yeah, sorry that's how we all were back then about the U S of A) Imagine my surprise when I moved to the US at 15 and... it wasn't like that... bummer hahaha. Sweet Dreams, Sweet Valley High.. those were the books my classmates and I immersed ourselves in (Along with Garwood, Lindsey and Deveraux of course!)

But moving on, I think if you are in the teenager mindframe or should I say, remember your youthful days you will still enjoy this book. I read this book years later (and actually bought the paperback again from Amazon for my collection) and I still enjoyed the story. h crashes into H, she has perceptions of H's school image, they do their back and forth verbal sparring, have a pretend romance, its really very sweet. ? Speaking of, makes me want to re-read it again!

Esdibee says

Best. Sweet. Dreams. Book. Ever.

<http://sweetdreamsbooks.blogspot.com/...>

Jennie says

I read this when I was about 14 and I loved it. It was quite humorous and I'm still looking for my very own 'Bruce'.

Julie says

Found this book in a box in my loft. Loved this book when I was younger, obviously why I kept it! Such a cheesy, quick read, but I have to admit I loved reading it again after all these years. A cute little story!

Carmen says

This is the book that started me on romances! I lost my original copy but just ordered one which is should be delivered to my home soon!! If you have a teenage daughter, this is a book that I recommend. Limited few of the "Sweet Dream" series books moved me, but this book I remember all to well. DEF must have plus a walk down memory lane, and I will indulge myself once again!
