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Whitley Hayes is an ordinary girl with a gypsy heart. College is the only constant in her life. She's made a lot of mistakes and she intends on keeping them in the past.

Move on and forget.

That's her motto.

Jennings Cohen is no ordinary man—not at all. He would have never imagined his life would turn into such a spectacle. The tabloids exploit him, fans stalk him and the paparazzi are relentless. It's not always fun being Jennings.

It doesn't help that he has a secret. One that comes at a price he's not sure he can pay.

Relationships get complicated and hearts shatter.

It's not easy living a lie, but it's easier than telling the truth.

## **Anyone But Him Details**

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## From Reader Review Anyone But Him for online ebook

### Jennifer Wyk says

#### Incredibly Sweet!

I picked up this book on a recommendation from a friend of mine and was so glad I did! I just adored Whitley & Jennings and their sweet relationship!! "No matter how far I am from you, the moon and stars will always be the same. It's our constant. ... The distance won't matter."

I love that the two had their obstacles and they were forthcoming about them, that they had past issues that they worked to deal with - together and apart.

Anyone but Him was one of those books I didn't know too much about before I started reading it. And I'm kind of glad for that. I didn't know exactly what to expect and it kept me captivated and turning the pages quickly. It moved forward at just the right pace, the characters had depth and were likable (well, most were - Lark I could have slapped).

I can't wait for more from Cassie Graham!! Four and a half stars for a great read!!

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### Candy says

#### 4.5 shining stars

Have you ever looked at a book cover and thought, man that is just so gorgeous that I have to have it? Well, that's what happened when I stumbled across Anyone But Him by Cassie Graham. It left me breathless and after reading the synopsis, I knew that the book was no longer a want, but a need. When I finally got the chance to sit down and read it, the love between Jennings and Whitley matched the incredibly gorgeous cover, and I'm so glad that it didn't disappoint!

*"My life has always been a sea of black and white. It was or it wasn't. I was happy or sad. Never in between. I lived life in this colorless, miserable world for so long, I didn't know the difference between living and existing."*

Both characters and their stories felt so genuine and honest, making it so easy to fall in love with them! I truly admired Whitley's determination. Her default defense mechanism was to run away and start over when a problem arose. However, it didn't feel like she was doing this to be childish or petty, just that she was truly searching for her path in life. It made the book morph into a journey of self-discovery where you ended up rooting for her to succeed and find her way. I also loved Jennings' issues and his conflicting desires. He didn't want to give up his career, but he also just wanted to do things the way a normal person does without the attention and fame. There was just something about him that made you sympathize for him and really endeared you to who he was, but also who he aspired to be. I did find myself wanting to slap him half the time because of the many things that could have been avoided by telling the truth, but it was his own journey in a way.

*"I don't want to fix you. I want to help. I want to hold your hand as you journey to find yourself."*

The two of them together was just unique and special. Where she grounded him and provided calmness in his life, he became her compass and provided her a safe haven. They complemented each other wonderfully and

their romance was one where you felt yourself falling right along with them. It didn't feel like the same story I've read countless times and provided for a very refreshing read. As for the secondary characters, there is definitely more to them! You weren't left feeling bereft in the least, but you become quite intrigued to hear their voices.

*"The problem with our world is we don't believe in magic. We always want it to somehow solve our problems, but then we don't actually trust in it. Maybe we need to start seeing the magic in all of the good things in our life and embrace its power."*

Cassie Graham just has a beautiful way with words and is able to create such stunning imagery with her language. There was almost a sort of lyricism to them. I often times felt myself swooning and aching right along with Jennings and Whitley. I could feel what they were experiencing, which breathed life into the book and these characters. As a reader, I could tell that the author poured her heart and soul into this book – which is always a plus in my eyes! There was an overall personal feel to Anyone But Him and it just hit me in a special way and left a mark on me. The cover also became so appropriate, which earns total bonus points in my eyes! I ran the gamut of emotions with this love story and was gripped from beginning to end. I definitely can't wait to see what else will come from Cassie Graham, especially after that Epilogue!

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### **\*kawehi.reviews says**

### **Philomena Callan Cheekypee says**

This was a really great read. I'm so happy it wasn't a short read as I loved every minute of it.

Whitney and Jennings. I just loved these two. Jennings is oh so hot. Both have secrets from the past that they wanna keep in the past. This author certainly knows how to suck you in. I found this to be a very exciting read. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough. The twists and turns had me totally gripped. This was a great read that I loved.

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### **Mari says**

Whit and Jennings, Two strangers that meet by accident. They are from different worlds. Whit is a college student getting ready to graduate and Jennings is an actor. Whit was out to dinner with her best friend, Jennings is an actor who was at the comic con. Whit took a cab home and the taxi stopped and Jennings jumped in when he was followed by his fans. They talked a little during the car ride then said there good byes. Jennings gave Whit a note. Whit's best friend is an actress, so she knows Jennings. They become friends but they are both scared. This is all new to them. They both have secrets. There is so many twisted and turns. You are kept on your feet. Whit's secret comes out of the blues. was so not expected that at all. Jennings isn't using his real name and really wants to go to college and get a degree. He doesn't tell Whit which it bites him in the butt. Whit was dating Lark which is Jennings cousin. They are opposite. Jennings has a fan that is a stalker and she is nuts(restraining order nuts). This book is funny, sad, scary and what were

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## **Southern Belle Book Blog says**

Blogger note - I've read/been told/heard that it's only fair within a review to state if you're friends with the author. I guess some people become a bit too biased and can't write an honest review, so it helps you decide whether or not they're telling the truth if you know they have a friendship. So here's my little disclaimer - I love Cassie Graham. As fabulous of a writer as she is, she's an even better person. I will scream it from the rooftops that I consider her one of my best friends, and I adore her. BUT...having said that, if her book sucked, I'd tell you. I have another friend that I reviewed for and openly explained how much I honestly disliked her book. It can and does happen. So there's that. I hope you continue reading, even knowing that tidbit, because it would be such a shame if you stopped now.

What do I say about a book that took my breath away? That exceeded every expectation I had? I'm not sure, but I'm going to try. At first glance, I was instantly intrigued by this story because it has a Hollywood hunk. I'm a sucker, and can't stay away. I LOVE the A-List actor/unknown heroine storylines. I can't help it. Graham took it above and beyond your normal story though. Everything you've come to expect from these types of books? Poof, gone.

There are so many things I loved about this story, but let's hit on a few. The biggest being how exciting this book was. The tale of Jennings and Whitley is creative and I'm willing to bet you haven't read something like this before. It's not JUST the actor side of it. In fact, that takes quite the back seat by the end. I won't give anything away but it's...different, and you'll love it. There are so many unexpected moments in this book, you won't be able to put your Kindle down. I also love that she can have a few different subplots, but it never feels like too much or jumbled. The pacing is perfect, the story is definitely a page turner, and will keep you enthralled from the very first page. I love that Graham can turn a romance novel into so much more. Mystery, suspense, some comedy. It's a little of everything, but flows together perfectly.

We have to talk about Jennings for a second. That man... He makes my heart melt. He's what dreams are made of. Does he get cheesy sometimes? Sure, but I enjoyed every minute of it. He's so understanding, caring, and protective. He's just...just...sigh. His relationship with Whit is a crazy ride, but underneath it all, his love for her is something out of a fairy tale. Their relationship is perfect, besides maybe that one tiny little thing I can't tell you

I have to gush over Cassie for a second. Her debut novel, *Unable to Resist*, was fantastic. It's much like *Anyone But Him*, in that it has so many different elements and brings out a ton of different emotions. The difference is that her writing has grown and matured beautifully from UtR to *Anyone But Him*. You can tell, almost by the page, how much she has changed in the best ways. She seems more comfortable maybe? Whatever it is, it's working. She's become so eloquent and seems to always know just the right description or dialogue. She can mix humor and sarcasm with heartbreak and romance flawlessly.

Overall, I can't say it enough, and you'll probably get tired of me mentioning it - Go one-click *Anyone But Him*. It's a gorgeous story of two people who grow as individuals as well as together, while overcoming a tragic past or hectic present. It's emotional, and will have you smiling, crying, gasping, and swooning. *Anyone But Him* is exciting, with so many twists and turns, you won't be able to predict the characters' future. It's the epitome of a romance novel for me, and I loved every single page. 5+ stars from me!

And that epilogue! WHAT?! Hmm...

<3 Erin

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### **Christine says**

DNF.

My opinion and it may work for you. I am not telling you not to read the book.

Excellent premise, but the execution is poor and I hate the heroine. An ordinary girl the synopsis says???  
Nope. Not in MY OPINION. She is just negative. Everything bothers or annoys her. If she was a nicer person and not so...herself maybe I would have been able to finish it.

Whitley meetings movie star Jennings when he jumps into her cab trying to escape fans. Whitley and he have a great connection but that is all. She thinks she will never see him again. Then a few weeks later when she is at her boyfriend's house, Lark, he introduces her to his cousin, Oliver, who is actually Jennings in disguise. Jennings wanted to go back to college, but he can't go as Jennings Cohen, the movie star, because of his status and how he will get bombarded with fans. Whit does not recognize Oliver as Jennings so have this banter going on.

Whitley has a negative opinion about everything. EVERYTHING. Just a prissy little thing. (view spoiler)

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### **Jamie says**

This is Whitley:

Throughout the first half of this book it was so over-the-top and unbelievable I thought it would be a **better fit for a 14-year-old who dreams about accidentally running into Justin Bieber and falling in love with him...** Until I got to the very poor-written and unnecessary sex scenes (so painful to read) and copy-cat drama that read like it was straight out of Fifty Shades Darker. I then realized that author DID intend this for young adults, she just executed it very poorly.

I didn't hate the beginning, but by the time I got in the last 1/4 of the book I just stopped reading it all together. It's hard to describe how bad it got, but it just kept dragging on and on for what seemed like no particular reason.

Side note: (I guess this is sort of a spoiler, but not really because it's so obvious) If I saw, say... Matthew Mcconaughey in a wig - I would still know it was Matthew Mcconaughey. And I'm not even dating him (except in my dreams of course).

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### **Ashlei says**

*"Life isn't about the black and white. It's about finding that little sliver of gray and holding on to it. Your silver lining."*

How to do I find the words to convey my feelings for this book? I had the privilege to beta read this book as it was being written. I begged for more each time. It was like Christmas morning everytime she sent me more. Cassie knows how to draw you in and keep you wanting more. I adored Jennings and Whitley's story. It was so fresh and at the same time their problems were so true to life. At the beginning of every relationship people keep secrets from one another, Jennings and Whitley are no different. Throughout this story you learn and grow with them as they learn about each other.

*"Nothing is as good as being with you. You have me soaring."*

You could feel the emotions of the characters come off the page as you read. The twists and turns keep you guessing about what will come next. It's a wild roller coaster of emotions. I laughed, cried and at times wanted to throw my kindle. When the secrets are finally revealed you will never guess the outcome. Amazing, truly amazing story. A definite must read for me.

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### **United Indie Book Blog says**

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Review by Mari

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### **Kari Layne says**

Ok... I have one, and only one, major complaint about this book. No one... and I mean no one would be fooled into thinking 1 man was 2 different men just by slapping on a wig and contacts! It might work to fool someone in passing... but not when the same girl is in both "men's" lives on a daily basis! Just way too unbelievabale! It was frustrating!

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### **Donna Porter says**

Whitney Hayes is just trying to get through college and continue on with her life. Her best friend Hollywood is a famous actress and they live together when she is in town. Whitney is really a gypsy at heart. She is restless and she has a dark secret she keeps hidden from everyone, even her bestfriend. Jennings is a famous actor who hates the limelight of his career, but he loves his job. Trying to get away from fans he jumps into a cab Whitley is in. She doesn't recognize him at first but when she does it doesn't faze her in the least. She is used to being around famous because of Holli. They really hit it off and he is sorry when their time comes to a close when she gets home. He realizes he only is a mile down the beach from her. He jogs up the beach hoping to see her, finally one night they do run into each other and they sit on the beach and talk for hours. Her current boyfriend, Lark, is very annoying and Whit wants to break up with him. She goes to his frat house to talk to him and runs into Oliver. Oliver is Larks cousin and he is starting college. Whit thinks he looks familiar but she can't understand why. Anyway, she does break up with Lark and he is not happy about it. As Whit becomes more familiar with Jennings they really a friendship. When he is away they skype for hours and talk well into the night. Over a period of a couple of months, Whit becomes friends with Oliver, also. Both these men share a secret, that they keep to themselves. Jennings finds he is falling for Whit and they are working on a relationship when a fan who has been terrorizing him starts up again. He is afraid she will hurt Whitley and he lets her go. This story will make you cry and scream all at the same time. As you find out what everyones secret is. This book does contain profanity and very graphic sexual scenes, so it is not for everyone. I know there will be another book is all I can say. Definitely a good read

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### **Sanne Heremans says**

\*\*\*ARC in exchange for an honest review / Scandalous Book Blog\*\*\*

First of all I would like to congratulate the author for writing a story that's original and stirs up so many emotions. Something I hadn't see coming or had thought when reading the blurb.

Enter Jennings, the way he and With met was quite funny....

With is in a dead end relationship with Lark; the campus's golden boy.. and she harbours a secret that is taking her deeper and deeper into the darkness...

The way it goes from here on is quite a clusterf\*ck and I can't even begin to explain it. You just will have to read it and find out! ;)

Curveballs keep being thrown at us till the very last line and I sure as hell cursed a lot... Lol!

PS. That ending.. Are you serious? ! :-O lol I am sooo curious what the author will do with that!

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### **Yanilsa Griffin~BFD Bookblog says**

I know that writing a book is a arduous process. I know, people lay their life and feelings on the line for their novels. However, I AM entitled to my opinion. It is NOT personal. I am treating is review the exact same

way, I would treat a bad meal at a restaurant.....so, could I please see the manager or the chef please?!  
W.T.F.

Honestly, it was all over the place!!! All over!!! A crazy fan, a stalker, someone that is threatening the heroine, a actor pretending to be someone else, so that he could be normal.....blah blah blah.....in yeah. And the threat, Leila. Really?! Could I get 50 Shades of Grey for 1000 Alex? COME ON!!!!

You don't need everything in the soup. Do not go on a date with a see through dress. Save your crazy until after the appetizer.

There was TOO much going on in this story. Way too much!!! It needed an editor or someone to edit the mess.

Ugh.....it makes me sad, bc honesty, I LIKED the characters! They should have been developed instead of thrown in with too much. There was enough manufactured drama in this book to make up 3 more books.

Ugh. Gotta go read something else bc I can't end the year with this taste in my mouth.

Bleh

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### **Colly Mathews says**

I don't usually write reviews but this one was a bit much. First of all, it went on entirely too long. Secondly, there were WAY too many things going on..... Jennings an actor meets Whitley, a student studying to be a teacher. They meet by chance and the story goes from there- so far so good. Then, cue the drama- Jennings complicating things by trying to be two different people (REALLY- NO ONE could tell the difference?- and it's so convenient that he is related to her current boyfriend), then her drama from her past, then his drama from his past - there was just too many dramatics for one story. I mean, the whole double life plot line was not necessary for the story at all. For me- the potential for this book fell off - the author crammed in too many conflicts to make this believable.

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