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“One Night is all it took to change everything between Barbie and me. One night to potentially lose the girl of my dreams forever. How do I prove to her that she can trust me? That all I want to do is protect her carefully guarded heart. I need to prove to her that I want to be a part of her world. But how?”

Dylan lost Barbie once before, now he is determined more than ever to win her heart and trust back. Easier said than done, especially with the new hot guy in town who is in a rock band and is the complete opposite of Dylan.

Barbie has been hurt beyond repair or so she thinks. It would be easier for heart to decide if she didn't have to protect her little brother. And if Dylan would just put on a shirt! Dylan is not making this easy on her. It helps to have the distraction of the new guy in town cute bad boy Kai. But even though her heart is damaged it still knows what it wants.

When Barbie learns she has a family and with the help of Roxie and Kai, oh and Third and Dylan. They embark on a journey to help bring Barbie closer to a past she never knew existed.

Heidi Acosta brings you the heart felt story of friendship, love and heartbreak in the second book in of the Baby doll series Barbie World.

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Angie says

Wait. Is this it? No more feisty, pink-haired Barbie Starr? I'm a little bummed that Barbie World seems to mark the end of Barbie's story. I loved her in the first book, and in the second I was still rooting for her to come out of all of this okay. It's Summer vacation and Barbie is doing her required hour of therapy. She's very reluctant, but then she gets a new doctor who actually makes some breakthroughs. Things are very awkward and strained with Dylan, since they're living together and he's dating Katie. Then one heart-stopping day, Barbie makes an unexpected discovery that sends her on a road trip to find her long lost grandmother and hopefully some closure.

I did enjoy Barbie World, but I was a little disappointed. I wish more time had been spent earlier in the book on Barbie dealing with her feelings. She does have one extremely powerful scene, but then the focus shifts primarily to her relationship with Dylan. After that horrific night in the previous book, Barbie is irreversibly changed. She's angry and confused, and she doesn't know what to do about it. Her solution is to avoid Dylan, which obviously doesn't work. She starts dating some wannabe rocker named Kai, which doesn't go over too well with Dylan even though he's still stringing Katie along. They try to be friends, but that certainly doesn't work. They'll have a special moment together, then Barbie pushes him away, then another moment, and she pushes him away. It was extremely repetitive, and I would have rather read more about Barbie's journey to find her family.

Once again, I adore Third! I was missing him in the beginning, since it was mainly focused on Barbie and Dylan, but once he came on the scene, it was non-stop Third hilarity! He is the comic relief providing sidekick, but he also continues to be a great friend to both Barbie and Dylan. He's there to support her, and he tries to keep Dylan from going off the deep end. He also got a little side plot romance in Barbie World! Third has a crush on Barbie's friend Roxie and he's determined to get her to see him for the great guy that he is, and not just the goofball best friend.

The stiff language I mentioned in my review of the first book is back with a vengeance in Barbie World! I'm hoping that's just because I read an ARC, but there is a serious lack of contractions. It was very awkward to read, and did distract me from the story this time. Hopefully this gets fixed in the final version.

I wish I had known that Barbie World was the conclusion, so I would have been prepared for that ending! I actually liked the way the final chapter went (except for one detail and I had a hard time believing), and I think it would have left room for at least one more book. Barbie was getting her life together and I would have liked to have witnessed her senior year of high school. Instead there's an epilogue that takes place a few years into the future, which was cute, but also a little on the unsatisfying side. I just wanted more out of Barbie's emotionally explosive story, and that ending was too tame.

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Kenechi Udogu says

Once I finished Barbie Girl, I didn't blink as I rushed to buy Barbie World. I had high hopes, maybe a little too much, which is why this book left me feeling confused. I still (sort of) liked Barbie, Dylan, Third and

Roxie but aaaaaaargh! That's how I felt for most of the story. There was far too much teenage angst in this one for me to love it. Yes, Barbie had a tortured past, and I appreciate some of the decisions she made but, my goodness, I kept wanting to shake her and yell "make up your mind already!" Dylan? Again, what is wrong with that boy? He dates Katie yet hates her and keeps trying to get with Barbie. Even when she appears to be dating Kai! Yet he's the guy readers are supposed to be gushing over? And that ending – rushed is an understatement. It wasn't a bad book, but when I started skipping pages to avoid unnecessary scenes of sexual frustration, I knew it wasn't great either. Read this if you want to find out what happens with Barbie and Dylan, but brace yourself.

Jessica (Stuck in Books) says

I adored *Barbie Girl*, which had surprised me. I'd expected to like it, but I hadn't expected to be as drawn into the story as I was. So going into *Barbie World*, I was incredibly excited and expecting A LOT from this book. Sadly, I think this is one of those books that I expected too much out of.

The good news is that everything I loved about the first book was still here. Barbie's attitude was still in full effect, and the relationship is still more unconventional than what is usually thrown around in books. This book was just as fun as the first, for which I was grateful, even though I didn't really enjoy it as much as the first book.

Character Rundown:

Barbie: As I said, she's still got her attitude, and I liked that. I did not, however, enjoy her character as much as I did in the first book. I respect all the issues she still had to work through and whatnot, but Barbie seriously got on my nerves in this book. Like, seriously. Grrr.

Dylan: I wasn't a fan of Dylan in this one. Mostly because there is an alternative boy this time around, that I liked A LOT better. I just feel like Dylan tried to be a tough guy in this one and that's not who he IS, so it didn't feel believable. Also, his relationship with what's-her-name...Katie? I think that was her name. That was silly.

Kai: I enjoyed Kai. Very much. Don't get me wrong, he's a huge cliché, but not, but he was still incredibly fun to meet. I was on his team, all the way.

What do I mean by "a huge cliché, but not"? He was a cliché that had a character trait or two added to him to make him NOT a cliché. But that still made him a cliché. I heart him anyway, though.

Oh, and Third! He is still the awesomest.

Plot. Not as un-normal in its plot twists and whatnot, but it was still a Barbie Starr story, so that was nice. There's something about when Barbie is telling the story that just makes it super cool. Again, instead of my usual boy-POV-wishing self, I always looked forward to Barbie's chapters.

Romance. There were only two aspects of the romance in this book that I liked. The first would be KAI. Because Kai freaking rocks. And the second would be...well...*whispers* the ending. I was not super happy to find that this one was a love triangle. It was just too obvious how that was going to turn out, even though I was all for Kai. I do approve of Dylan's sweet moments, though. Don't misunderstand that.

The ending. My favorite part of the book, hands down. I LOVE that this was in Dylan's POV, too. The whole book I was all for Barbie's narration, but I think ending with Dylan was the best. Absolute best.

Overall, *Barbie World* was not as magnificent as I'd hoped it would be. However, I am glad the book exists, because I adored having the closure this book gave us, especially compared to how the first one left off. If you liked *Barbie Girl* as much as I did, I really think you'll be glad you read this one.

You can find more from me on my blog: Just a Booklover

Kathryn says

Good book so far.....

Books,Chocolate and Lipgloss says

* I received these books for exchange for my AWESOME review!!!

When I first received *Barbie Girl*, I was kinda iffy about the books-as the name *Barbie Girl* and *Barbie World*, just didn't seem like a type of book I would read, and lets face it , Im a cover snob, and the cover just didn't do it for me...but...Well.... Lets start with *Barbie Girl*!

Barbie! This bad-ass, don't give a shit teenage rebel, with pink highlights, and she was the schools' slut, druggie you name it she was it and she sure didn't change there minds other wise. This story is YA, so if you don't like YA than this isn't for you because there's no hot steamy sex scenes.

Barbie was the girl that lived with a alcoholic,druggy mother, with an autistic brother that she mothered, because her mother was never around, and when she was she was always drunk, wondering if she would have a house to live in, or what man whore her mother brought home. Those are the issues that Barbie had that she kept inside herself. Not letting anyone know the real her-not letting anyone get close to her.

She meets Dylan- she's known Dylan since she was little-he was the boy that always pulled her pigtails, always made her cry. She needed Dylans' help. She was failing Math, and he was her answer to passing. This story was a POV from both Dylan and Barbie, so you will understand the banter and feelings for both sides. Dylan was the smart geeky kid, and Barbie was the trashy "whore". Barbie volunteered to help Dylan get with the girl of his dreams.... but there was something about the spark that these two felt when they were playing "pretend" boyfriend/girlfriend.

This story takes you trials of painful memories, betrayal and happiness and ending that made you scream for her... I felt all those emotions, even thou I had to wait weeks for the 2nd book. What I like about this story is that what happened really does happen in real life. I felt like I was there with Barbie thru the whole story. I was her BF that she was talking to.

Barbie World~

Barbie World starts quickly after Barbie Girl ended. Barbie Girl was very sad, tragic and even made me a little mad, but Barbie World was the story that had me in tears by the end- even thou when it did end I almost thru my kindle, the epilogue made me feel better. It was all about healing the soul, and helping Barbie move past her past and search for what she has been longing for, a family.

Barbie wasn't good enough for Dylan. Barbie wasn't good enough for anyone. This was how Barbie dealt with her pain. It numbed her soul. It took the pain away. Her number one priority was taking care of Everett her brother. She had to keep him safe. Making sure he had a family and home to go to. Until she can figure out what it is she is searching for. But Barbie does what she does best and pushes the 1 person that loves her the most away. Barbie tries everything to get over Dylan, to take away the pain and the spark. She met Kai a rocker band boy with tattoos. Total opposite of Dylan.

I just wish Barbie would wake up and let Dylan love her, he would take care of her. Make her feel like she should, but she keeps pushing him away, thinking that's what's best.

Towards the end of the story, you will experience a roller coaster of events. Third and Roxie our Barbie's Best Friends- and Dylan and Kai the men in Barbie's life. You will love this story, I know I did.

Emily says

We learn more about Barbie in this book. She had a lot happen to her in book one, and she dealt with some of the fallout in this book. I can't believe all that she went through. I'm glad her living situation got better in this book, even though the adjustment was hard for her. She learns more about herself, too. Also, I really saw how much the author grew in between book one and two. I'm excited to see what she'll do next!

Janelle Le Roy says

Barbie world by Heidi Acosta, which is book two of A baby doll series, was a great read. The main theme of this book was that love conquers all and that no matter what, everything will be okay in the end. One of the ideas that the author wanted me to get from the book was that those who care for you will always be there. Also, to not go looking for someone else while the person you are looking for is right in front of you. The

book compares well to the world I know. I know that people have parents that neglect them and therefore they have to go and live somewhere else. Barbie World accomplishes teaching people that know others or are in a situation similar to this one. As well as when having that lifestyle what to and not to do.

It only took one night to change things between Barbie and Dylan. Dylan has lost Barbie once before and is determined to get her back again. Dylan is doing well, but Barbie is showing interest in a new guy in town. Kai just so happens to fit her bad girl look perfectly. Barbie is trying to push all those who know her too well away so that they do not hurt her. Barbie is broken beyond repair, or so she thinks. Barbie soon finds that she has family and with the help of Roxie, kai and two 'heros' that come to save the day she is set for the emotional and physical trip she is going to take.

The genre of this book is realistic fiction. The book starts with Barbie in Daniel Monty's office. Barbie has been knocking out her psychiatrists like flies. To get rid of them she does anything she can. This usually includes one of the mechanism she knows best those who have read book one you know what I mean, others you have to read it to completely understand. The book mainly takes place in Dylan and Barbie's small hometown that they have both known all their life. As well as Dalton, Georgia towards the end of the book. The author does a very good job on making me feel like I am in the book by adding in unnecessary details. Most of the action takes place in the middle and end of the book. The main characters are all extremely believable. The author adequately describes them.

Barbie Starr: the main character; determined to leave as soon as possible to get out the knights hair. Is only still there for Everette her little brother. She is determined to get over Dylan, because he was just a mistake and a trap she fell for. As Barbie gets over her mother who is in jail and her boyfriend who is now roaming the city, she shuts out the people that can help. Dylan Knight: The main character who is fighting to get Barbie back. Although he is still with Katie who he loathes most of the time he just wants Barbie in his arms. Dylan tries to fight fire with fire by doing what Barbie did to him back to her. For example dylan is now 'allergic to shirts'. Dylan is there for Barbie while she gets angry with her old house, by punching and kicking it. Roxie: Was always there for Barbie when she needs her and the same goes for when she needs Barbie. BArbie was there for her while she was getting over a horrible breakup with a cheater. Although she knows that she loves Third she underestimates how much, believing that she can just 'get over it'. Third: Trying his all to make Roxie understand how much he loves her. Although he tries so hard to gain her attention he is constantly let down. When Third is not knee deep in his own love life he is his friend Dylan's. The two are old buddies since the sandbox that have stuck with each other through thick and thin even while they were showed into lockers not more than a year ago.

Dylan's sister: Best friends with Everett. She claims that Barbie's brother has been using Sign Language for a little time now which would be a big step for him. Although no one else has truly witnessed it they are all very excited. Everett: He is barbie's only and younger brother who is autistic. Everett is unable to speak and is rarely around his sister while she copes. Everett runs away back to their old house and shows that he can use Sign Language. We soon learn that he has been using it all the time with Dylan's sister. Mrs. knight: The wonderful lady that took Barbie and Everett in at the end of the first book is the reason for Dylan and Barbie's unhappiness. She refuses to let Dylan and Barbie see each other and even goes to such lengths that now Dylan's own father shares a room with him to stop things from getting 'out of hand'. Dylan's mom is also the reason why for more time than necessary Dylan was with Katie. Mrs. Knight is still trying to understand Barbie and particularly not approving of her dyeing her hair mainly due to the showy colors-

bleach blonde with bright pink highlights.

The book has very few weaknesses. One would be that when the perspective changes from one character to the other and they are talking about the same thing, however specific and juicy details are left out. For example, when Dylan talks about how Barbie and himself shared a kiss the perspective of Barbie is completely forgotten and the author moves on to the next big thing. On the other hand, the book has many strengths for example the author gives unnecessary details that help the reader gain more understanding. Another strength of book is that the characters are very realistic and go very well with the setting. For example, Barbie's mother goes really well with the setting since she works as an exotic dancer at a club and lives on the other side of the tracks. I would definitely recommend this book to those who like to read when good things happen to bad people, different perspectives, bad people turn good, and when good as well as bad people get what they deserve.

Mandy Hall says

Like the story but all the spelling, punctuation, and grammar mistakes made me want to put the book down.

Mandy Stump says

Wow

Barbie is a complicated girl. Her and Dylan belongs together but she kept fighting it. I also loved Kia's character in this book. To me he sounded like a perfect match for Barbie had she not being in love but he acted like meeting her guardians was a huge issue which put me off him. Also he didnt care about her friends just her. Loved the ending!

Ashley Ehlers says

Originally posted on Paranormal Sisters <http://www.paranormalsisters.blogspot...>

was provided with a copy from the author for an honest review

Honestly, this one felt like a chore for me. I was supposed to write a review for it for the blog tour hosted by Xpresso Book Tours but I just couldn't push myself to finish it in time. Okay, I could have but I didn't want to because this sequel was just bugging the hell out of me.

What I liked:

Pretty much the last part of the book where Barbie went looking for the family she never knew she had around. That's when things started to get interesting. Where she got closure for her and her brother, where

she got to see that there are other people out there that care about her, where she finally decided to choose between the two guys (yeah, sadly there's a triangle in here).

What I didn't like:

Like the first 3/4 of the book. Yes, there were moments where I would get swept away and couldn't help but smile. But then those moments would be ripped away from me because Barbie decided to take, like, four hundred steps back. Ugh! >_<

Whenever Dylan and her would get close, him showing her how much he cares for her were great. These moments led to their steamy romance and I would get swept away, a smile would come onto my face and I would think "finally!" But then sadly for some reason Barbie would push him away and this was the pattern for the first 3/4 of this book. It got repetitive. Seriously one of the reasons why the story for me dragged on and on, to the point of why I didn't see a reason for a sequel in the first place. Actually, after reading the first one I was excited to see that there was going to be a sequel. Well after reading this, I was sadden and wished it went the way I thought it would.

Plus, no real character development. I didn't see much change in them as much as I hoped I would. Dylan was just as annoying as he was in the first one. I thought right away he would break up with Katie but sadly he didn't, like seriously?!?! >_< I mean, I do kinda understand why at first, because Barbie and her brother are living with him and his parents. But after a while I wished he did more instead of hiding his feelings pretty much.

Barbie had some change but not till the end. Actually, I still don't see much change in any character. The only character that I think had much change would be her brother and I wish he was more in the story as much as he was in the first one.

Also when we got to see Third and Roxie, I felt like their characters weren't really the same. Though when these two weren't together they were exactly the same, they stayed as the people we fell in love with. Third in his charming, funny, and advising kind of guy way. Roxie and just her unique goth yet pink loving girl, who's tough on the outside yet vulnerable on the inside. Yet when the author put these two together I was surprised on how their characters came out. Like they're all lovey dovey and then when they get caught Roxie is at third's throat and you can't help but feel bad for him. It just felt all wrong.

This whole book did and sadly this sequel wasn't what I was hoping for so I'm completely disappointed on how it all turned out. Maybe if I wasn't such a hopeless romantic then maybe I would have enjoyed this so much more. *shrugs* Who knows really.

Isabel (Sab The Book Eater) says

Also posted on Sab The Book Eater

Considering how much I enjoyed *Barbie Girl*, this book was a huge let down for me. *Barbie Girl* ended so well with a scene that hinted a happily ever after for Barbie and Dylan so I was really looking forward to this one. Unfortunately it turns out not much has changed between them. In fact, I think things got worst.

While I understand that Barbie living with Dylan's family put a hinge to their relationship or whatever it was

they had going on, it still annoyed me that they kept going pushing and pulling for the most part of the book. Barbie would show interest in Dylan, Dylan would attempt to kiss her or something, Barbie would pull away and go to her boy toy Kai, Barbie would then feel like she has no connection with Kai then would gravitate to Dylan again. It's a vicious cycle, one that also made the characters look bad. How much of a push over are they? Dylan's girlfriend would put up with fact that he's *clearly* in love with Barbie and not her. Kai would happily take Barbie back again and again because he's a badass and that's what badass rockers do, right? Dylan would go back and forth Barbie and what's-her-face. Barbie couldn't make up her freaking mind. Somebody grow a pair and make up their mind already! I think the only two people who actually know what they want and are going after it are Roxie and Third. But the other four? Not. They were all confusing and not at all helping the plot. I just wished there was some kind of character development here. It was frustrating and exhausting having to read the constant push and pull between Barbie and Dylan. After all the drama in the first book, I expected better from Dylan this time. Apparently, he's just like any ordinary teenage guy in real life: indecisive and confusing (ooohhhh- no don't give me that look).

I also didn't like the love triangle. I would've loved seeing Dylan's jealous face and all that *if* Barbie even felt remotely attracted to Kai. I mean, sure, she thought he was hot and that she could definitely like him but it was only on the surface. There wasn't any point at all in the book where she thought to herself, *okay this is it, I'm sticking with this rocker boy*. She easily used him as a distraction but he was clearly nothing more than that. Kai was interested and possessive whenever Dylan showed up but it was *just there*. Like nothing really came out of it! So this whole love triangle was only an unnecessary addition to the story. It only added to my frustration.

The only part of this book that I actually liked was Barbie's journey to finding her relatives. Those were the only parts where I finally saw something else in Barbie that wasn't sad and hung up on Dylan. It also made me happy knowing Barbie had other some semblance of a family who were willing to be a part of her and her brother's life. I just wish there was more of this in the book rather than the whole messed up love triangle (or square, if you count in Dylan's girlfriend). The epilogue was nice too but given all the relationship drama throughout the book, it felt... fake. It was like all the possible happy endings for Barbie and Dylan were crammed in one place. I liked it but not *that* much.

(I received a copy for review. This did not influence me in any way.)

Alison says

Hasn't come out yet, But I want want want...♥

Sharrice says

Fan freaking tastic!!!

Check out my original review with music and video clip on: Reese's Reviews

Barbie World picks up almost immediately after Barbie Girl. Both books are mature YA with such tragic stories and great characters it's hard not to fall in love right away.

Barbie and Everett have now moved into Dylan's family's house. Everett has made the transition perfectly and everyone in the house loves him. Barbie? Not so much. The transition into the Knight family home is more difficult than she would have ever thought.

"We have been living with the Knights for six weeks now and it is perfectly clear that the Knights love Everett. Who wouldn't? He is a sweet and quiet boy. I know that she doesn't feel the same way about me, though, and who could blame her?"

Barbie goes through a hard time worrying about everything she does so Everett could stay safe. Barbie also sees a counselor once a week who tries to help her deal with her feelings about her life and the tragedy that went down with her mother. More and more though Barbie struggles with who she is and what she wants.

"I will never fit into their perfect cookie-cutter life."

When Barbie meets Kai it's an instant connection. They're the same in a lot of ways similar taste in music, view of the world and clothing. Their shouldn't be a problem except Barbie is still totally in love with Dylan.

"Dylan catches my eye and my breath hitches. This is why I hate him; he still affects me with just a look."

Most of the book is Dylan and Barbie wanting to be with each other but not being able to due to the Knight rule that they cannot date under their roof. Another problem they face is Barbie's lack of self-esteem. She doesn't believe she can or deserves to be loved. She thinks very lowly of herself despite all the friends she has. It was a tad annoying because I was like "Barbie you're awesomesauce now just be with Dylan already!" but that was not how it went.

Barbie World was an amazing book that really pulled at my heart strings and I could not put the book down. Barbie is such an amazing character because she's so strong and she doesn't even realize it which makes her relatable in her vulnerabilities.

One major problem I had was well I don't want to say the entire book because that's not how it is but..ok I'll explain. The entire book goes at a quick pace and keeps you wondering what will happen but then the ending it's like: BAM BAM BAM with event after event that I was kinda ticked that the future of Barbie and Dylan were so rushed.

This is how rushed it felt. Not the best video but it says what needs to be said.

If you've ever read one of my reviews before you'll recognize that I loathe the whole "Cut to" with a good book. That's my only real complaint other than I never get to find out what happens to Kai...which sucked because he is one swoon worthy boy.

Favorite Scene/ Quote:

"Yes you are, or you wouldn't be here with me, like this, backed up against a wall, waiting on me to kiss you." She smiles at me, tilting her head in my direction. I want to make sure she remembers how she feels when we are together. I am going to make her see that I am the right choice for her. I am going to prove to her that no one will love her and much as I will."

Heather Wood says

Heidi Acosta has certainly created probably one of my favorite characters with Barbie. Although the sequel to Barbie Girl had its ups and downs, the novel was certainly driven by the damaged and intense Barbie. She is not a character easily forgotten.

The sequel centers less on Dylan and Barbie's relationship and more on Barbie trying to delve into her past and make sense over the horrible things her mother put her and her brother through. Her journey felt real and there is no easy happily ever after for Barbie.

Dylan drove me crazy! Sometimes I liked him and other times I wanted to strangle him! I think he eventually grew on me, but it took a long time. Third and Roxie were awesome secondary characters and provided plenty of comic relief, especially during the heavier moments.

The pacing was a little slow to start, but picked up mid-point. The beginning seemed to focus too much on Barbie and Dylan wallowing in self-pity, but there was definitely character growth in the second half. Kai was an interesting new addition to the book and added drama as a potential love interest for Barbie.

The ending was a little perplexing. I'm not sure if the author decided to conclude the series early with this book because I read it was a four-part series. The ending was bittersweet and then the epilogue doesn't line up with how things were left and the reader is left unsure of how the characters got to that point.

All in all, I would highly recommend this series. They are angst books that can be read quickly, perfect books for the beach.

Rating: 4/5 Stars

I received a copy of the book from Xpresso Book Tours as part of the Barbie World tour!

• nonny • says

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