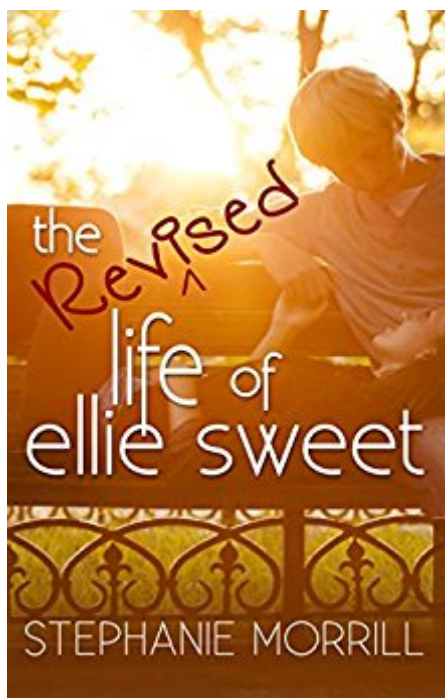


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The Revised Life Of Ellie Sweet



Synopsis

Ellie Sweet is a lot of thingsâ ”good girl, novelist, silent adorer of the new boy at school, Palmer. But when â œoutcastâ • gets added to the list, she decides itâ™s time to take reality into her own hands â | and tweak it as needed. In the pages of her book, sheâ™s Lady Gabrielle, favorite of the medieval Italian court. Her once-friends are reduced to catty ladies-in-waiting, and the too-charming Palmerâ ”who in real life never spares her a second wordâ ”gets to be nothing more than a rake wracked by unrequited love for her. She even has a perfect real-life villain in the brooding Chase, who hails from the wrong side of town. But just when sheâ™s getting along great in her fictional world, the real one throws her a few curves. With Chase pursuing her, Palmer wanting to date herâ ”but in secretâ ”and the details of her manuscript going public, Ellie suddenly receives more attention than she ever really wanted. And when her former-friends discover what sheâ™s been writing, theyâ™re determined to teach Ellie a lesson about the severe consequences of using her pen as her sword.

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Customer Reviews

Out of five stars, I give this book a seven. Maybe an eight. Stephanie Morrill has an amazing way of breathing life and sass into her teen characters, of creating a world and a life that I not only click with, but which feels like MY world. That's exactly the feeling I got as I read THE REVISED LIFE OF ELLIE SWEET. I love this book. I love Ellie. I love Palmer and Chase and the cast of snippy friends, I love the family that stood behind her when it mattered, I love the dreams and crushed hopes and sometimes-cruel reality that made her grow into a person I could love even more. This is a book I would recommend over and over again. Definitely for any teens out there, who will fall in love with Ellie...and Palmer...and Chase. And also for any adults who know what it is to chase a dream. This is seriously one of my most favorite books ever, of any genre. Ellie Sweet is my new best friend--I can't wait to see more of her in the sequel!

I downloaded the book this afternoon for a light read. Now, it's nearly midnight and I've just finished. Wow! I think this is the best Stephanie has written. Ellie is the kind of girl I'd love as a friend in high school. If only I had the wisdom to take my teenaged angst and crafted fiction with my pain and rejection. And forget having my love life turn out so well...and so complicated. Each and every character is well developed and entertaining. My one and only complaint was Ellie's faith. I would have liked a bit more on that. And talk about mean girls...Don't we get so tired of them? I loved the way Stephanie wrote them and how Ellie handled them. We have a strong heroine who sticks to her moral principles even when she seems to stand alone...well, wild applause for that! Don't hesitate. Download the book. Just don't start reading it when you're trying to get to bed at a decent time!

I picked up this book expecting a lighthearted YA romantic comedy that would maybe entertain me for a short while. After a few chapters, however, I found out I was mistaken about it being a comedy, but the story was so good I really didn't mind. It is much more than just the standard teen romance, and I would be hard pressed to find another YA book that deals with the normal teenage issues of identity and self-acceptance that is as good as this one. All the characters were believable and three-dimensional, and Ellie was someone I could really relate to, in fact I was very much like her in some ways when I was her age. I loved how mature she was, even for a teenager, and how despite her many insecurities about her own appearance she was still able to stand up to her boyfriend for not treating her the way he should. Despite the huge crush she had on him, she never let him walk

over her like many other YA protagonists, which was refreshing to read. I have a lot of admiration for somebody who is smart and works as hard as she does to achieve her dream to become a published author. She is an excellent role model, despite her flaws (and who doesn't have them?). I also loved the two boys in her life despite their weaknesses, they both have issues they need to deal with, but both cared for her in their own way. Chase was my favorite of the two, and I keep wishing for him and Ellie to be together permanently... sigh. I look forward to reading more stories by this author, she is a very talented writer who really "gets" teens. Kudos to her for keeping things clean and for focusing on writing a good story with good lessons, rather than using a story to preach about her values. The second book of this series is as good as the first one, so don't miss it!

Ellie Sweet is a girl after my own heart—“sweet and flawed, but lovable. From the beginning of the book Ellie is crushing hard on the new kid, while outgrowing her friends at the same time. Instead of dealing with her problems or getting even, like when her friends diss her, or her bestie starts dating her crush, she writes it all in her historical novel. Not your typical teenage response and I love it! Maybe it's because Ellie is a writer chick, but I can totally relate to her as she struggles with being an outsider. Sometimes that's by choice, because she doesn't drink or party much, but sometimes that's just her nature as a budding writer. It's the typical pose of the writer, observe and report and Ellie is no exception. Out of nowhere her real life livens up. The way Ellie deals with two guys, by bumbling through with all the grace and awkwardness you expect from a teenager, is refreshingly honest. Because let's face it, teenage girls and teenage boys come from two different planets. In fact, it reminds me very much of my own high school debacles. Suddenly the details of what Ellie wrote in her book get out, and her friends turn on her. Somehow she picks up the pieces and moves forward in a way that anyone who's ever been bullied can relate to. We're coming to the point where I don't want to give too much away. Bottom line: my favorite parts of this book are the character, her voice, and the honest, awkward, and refreshing ways that the author deals with teen problems. If you like Sarah Dessen books and are looking for a clean, but realistic teen book, then The Revised Life of Ellie Sweet is for you.

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