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© 1996-2014, Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates Content You may like: Thriller and Mystery Headquarters Pix © 1996-2015, Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates Hello Guys, welcome to Day 3 of Morgan Matson Week! Today I'm reviewing Second Chance, Morgan's novel, which I first read just a few weeks ago. And Wow, do I have feelings? Read on for more, and then when you're ready to feel all the feelings, check out Alexa loves books and hello, Chelsea for some lighter Morgan Matson fun with fashion! Second Chance Summer Goodreads Author: Morgan Matson Find author: Website, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr Also by this author: Unexpectedly Everything, Amy & Epic Bypass Roger, Save the Publication Date: May 8, 2012 Source: PurchasedFormat: Hardcover My Rating: Buy It: Indigo.ca | Amazon.com | Book store | i Books | Google Books | Audible A powerful novel about hope and heart, as much about loss as it is about first love and friendship (Publishers Weekly, star review). United between two extraordinary siblings, Taylor Edwards never felt like she stood out - except for the story of her escape when things got complicated. Then her father received unexpected terrible news, and the family decided to spend the summer together in the cramped quarters of his old lakehouse. Taylor hasn't been to the summer house since she was 12, and she definitely hasn't planned to come back. On the lake, she faces people she thinks she's left behind, like her ex-best friend Lucy and Henry Crosby, her first crusher who's grown up... and much sweeter. Suddenly Taylor is surrounded by memories she prefers to leave in the past - but she can't escape this time. As they swirl on the beach, going through nights looking at the stars, Taylor realizes he has a second chance - with friends, with family, maybe even with love. But she knows that once the summer is over, she can't regain what she's going to lose. By Morgan Matson, PW Flying Start Author of Amy & Epic Detour" Roger, this is a remarkable novel of hope in the face of broken sorrow. Review: Second Chance Summer by Morgan Matson I had a deep, deep fear of reading this book because I knew it would be the heart. I've heard it from my favorite people in the books. But I also knew that every person in the books I trusted liked it, and that I would be guaranteed a story that would stay with me because it was Morgan Matson, and I've loved her work for years. But I was scared. What if I don't like it? What if I was so scrubbed, I'd never be the same? So I kept putting this book on my list, every year, every few years when I was at the lake house. I was determined to read it... but I've never done it. And now I realize that after reading it, My journey to reading this book is very much like the protagonist, Taylor. I was running away from the feeling. - No, no, I was apologies. I wasn't ready to accept and face him. Here's what's interesting: for me, Taylor, second chance summer's protagonist, was easily the toughest Matson character I've ever read. With that, I mean, I didn't contact Taylor at the beginning of the novel. I found her stuck in a fog of escape, so many things that happened to her years ago with her best friend and first boyfriend still stop her from living. Taylor's walls were so thick and painfully drawn that they didn't want to be vulnerable, made from moments when she made a mistake and didn't accept or admit or find a way forward. I didn't understand at first. But the thing is... we all have moments like this. Things we don't realize we're doing so we don't get hurt (see above). And when we do that, when we try to play it safe, as one of the characters tells us, we often miss something amazing. For me, it was almost that book. Although it's not a perfect book for me - the first half of this book was at least audible from Matson's work (there were a few moments when I felt like there were too many second-chance mentions) - the last part of the book is easily the best Morgan has ever written. It's full of touching moments, honesty about death and love. There's a perfect, indelible moment that crystallizes the book, and I believe matson's whole philosophy. And you have to read everything to get to that. It does not matter, but like everything else in life, it is necessary to create everything. I can honestly say that the end of this book is completely unforgettable. That's the standard by which I'm going to judge all the feeling now. And it's up there as one of those moments where I'm going to define my life to read. All to say... This is a must-read for anyone who loves modern fiction. Bonuses: Life keeps going: The thing that infected me about this book - and what I hope you realize if you decide to take it (AND YOU SHOULD) - is that it's not all sad. Not every moment of summer is focused on the worst parts - in fact, there are many fun and sweet and learning moments. Like life, this book balances good with bad. An excerpt from J. Alfred Prufrock's Song of Love by T.S. Elliot Art Questions: Movies and Books and Poetry plays an important role in this book. Gone is the fear and acceptance of his diagnosis, Taylor's father, Rob, enjoys the simple pleasures of every day, but also begins to remind himself of the things he loves best in the world. One of my favorite moments in the book involves sharing his favorite poem with Taylor. Family matters: In Thus, where so much of the context depends on the relationship between the family, it would be easy to fall into the commodity characteristic. Not so much with this book - every character in Taylor's family is so developed and I was so grateful that they were there to support each other. True friendship: I didn't really expect this book to have so much in the friendship department because I knew it was so family-focused. But the fact that there is a really special friendship develops among all the heavy... it just shows how amazing and understanding Morgan is about how life can give you a gift in the heat of nasty times. Noisy Boy Alarm: This is Morgan Matson, did you expect anything different? Book Theme Song: These Days by Jackson Browne This song is more of a Taylor attitude at the beginning of the book, but the feel and sound of it works with the whole book. And since Taylor's father listened a lot to Jackson Browne, I think it's appropriate. And if it seems that I am afraid to live the life I made in the song, I just lose so long that I will keep moving, these days I will improve these days... , my friend do not resist my failures, I have not forgotten them The Final Word: Second chance summer is a tribute to courage and what the human spirit can achieve when faced with impossible chances , but amazing support. While second chance summer's front half was a little uneven for me, the back half captures your death and grief and lives your life for every moment in a way that no other book has ever existed for me. There are moments that will be in my heart forever. I hope that what I learned about myself and felt during this book will stay with me, reminding me every day of the importance of loving and loving fully. -- Have you read Second Chance Summer? Are you as tanned as I am? If not, are you okay with a lot of emotional books? What is a song you listen to to remind you to live life to the fullest? Be sure to stop with today's other posts for more Morgan Matson fun, and scroll down for a few giveaways! Alexa loves books - Style Book Files: Morgan Matson Hello Chelly - BookBags: Morgan Matson a Rafson to gift rafflecopter donated Emma Hart never made me faint with her stories. At Second Chance Summer, we have Kia, a teenager who wants a normal, peaceful life in New York. She tried to get away from everything, from her alcoholic mother to her missing father. One summer, she decided to go back to Harlan Grove, and then it all got complicated again, especially with Reese, an ex-boyfriend around. 2 stars she passed a second chance? In Second Chance Summer, we have Kia, a teenager who wants a normal, peaceful life in New York. She tried to get away from everything, from her alcoholic mother to her missing father. One summer, she decided to go back to Harlan Grove, and then it all got complicated again, especially with Reese, an ex-boyfriend around. Will Kia give her a second chance? I'm sure it was hard for Kia to adjust without her parents guiding her. To me, she was a relative image. She's a 19-year-old girl who knows what she wants to do in life. I was surprised when he decided to go back to Harlan Grove, but then I realized there was still no place like home. She lacked the familiar sense of calm and safety. She misses coming home. Seeing my mother drown with alcohol makes me very sad for Kia because she took care of her instead of the other way around. It was nice to see Kia vulnerable and loosen up a little bit. When she first came home, she immediately thought nothing good would happen to her and seeing Reese didn't help too much. But I loved the undeniable attraction and chemistry between the main characters. We can clearly see that Kia was trying not to fall in love with him again, but things between them are so easy and so natural that I can't help them from the start. (Plus, Reese was cool, too, I promise.) I also liked the fact that the author has also focused on some other characters in some parts of the story, such as Luce and Adam. Having an idea of what they are also made me understand the personalities and connections of Kia and Reese. They're all outgoing and fun, so there weren't any boring moments when those four were together. I'm glad they're making friends again with the friendship they experienced the previous summer. Reese never failed to make me smile and blush as I read this. He knows the right words to say and the right things to do. He knew what he wanted from Kia from the beginning and didn't stop until he got what he wanted. Kia, on the other hand, knew what she wanted, but she didn't admit it. She continued to struggle with her feelings and control her emotions and it was so frustrating from time to time. One minute you think they're going to be together, and the next she's going to guess again. I understand that she thinks Reese is going to leave because her parents did, but seeing all his efforts must be proof enough. Although what I liked about her is that although there are many problems she has to face, she remained strong and stood up for her. It was also fun to read about the fragments of flashbacks Hart pressed. I loved them all!!! The moment Kia realised how strongly she felt about Reese and her reluctance - all the rawness made me turn every page of this book. It's a story that makes us realize the importance of giving someone a second chance, even if it's such a risky move. Try it again one more time and you'll see it's really SWEETER a second time. * I received an e-book from the author in exchange for an honest review. However, this does not affect my review in any way.* ... More... More