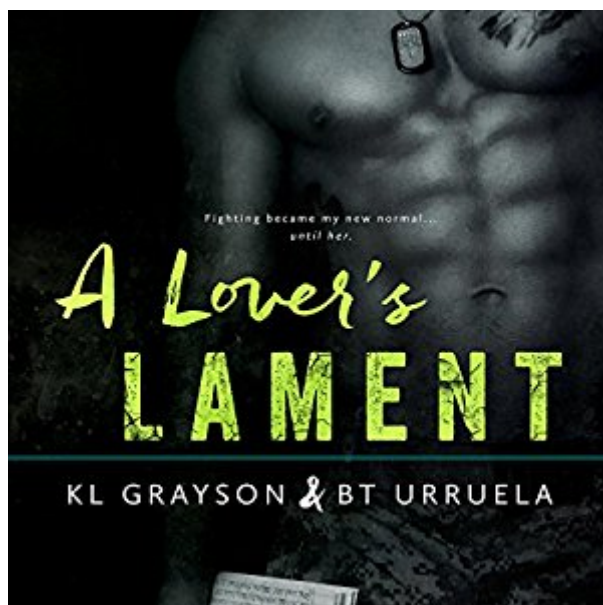


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# A Lover's Lament



## Synopsis

In a matter of seconds, my entire world changed, and it was in that moment that I stopped living and simply began to exist. In my grief, I sent a letter to the first boy I ever loved. I hoped in writing it I'd find some peace from the nightmare I was living, some solace in my anger. I didn't expect him to write back. I wasn't prepared for his words, and I certainly wasn't ready for the impact this soldier would have on my life. A deep-rooted hate transformed into friendship, and then molded into a love like I'd never known before. Sergeant Devin Ulysses Clay did what I couldn't: He put the shattered pieces of my heart back together, restoring my faith in humanity and teaching me how to live again. But now that I'm whole, I have a decision to make: Do I return to my life as I knew it and the fiancé I left behind, or do I walk away from it all for the only man to ever break my heart?

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## Customer Reviews

I don't even know where to start, especially since I'm a blubbering mess after finishing this book. This book tore out my heart with its raw emotions. Katie and Devin's story starts when they were just kids and their bond is torn apart by Devin's move to a different town thousands of miles away. After years of waiting Katie finally moves on but enters Devin's life again after tragedy strikes. They both discover that their tight bond never faltered even after being separated for a decade. Through letters, phone calls and e-mails their bond quickly turns to more. Vowing to each other that nothing will tear them apart Devin returns to war and soon finds himself fighting for survival. I don't want to give too much away. This book is a must read! The raw emotions alone in this book will tear you to shreds so Kleenex is a must. It puts the danger our soldiers face every day in a whole new

perspective. One important message I personally took away from this book is that nothing is ever guaranteed. We take a lot of things granted in life. Hold your loved ones close and be forgiving because you don't know if there are circumstances where you won't get the chance to do so. K.L. Grayson and BT Urruela have really captured the essence of a phenomenal collaboration for this book. Read it...smile and cry. A must have in every book lovers library.

This book captured my attention from the first word to the very last. Katie and Devin have loved each other since they were young. But a misunderstanding causes Devin to leave Katie without a goodbye. Katie never forgot about Devin and a series of events cause them to reunite in an unlikely way. Devin is a soldier now and is in Iraq fighting, so imagine his shock when he received a letter from the girl that he let get away. That's all of the back story I'm going to tell you, because honestly much more and I would give the whole story away. I loved this story. It was raw and emotional. It made me feel like I was there watching all this take place. You could feel the emotion behind the words. I think having BT Urruela's experience helped make this book real and bring the experience of a soldier to life. I love K.L. Grayson's voice and how she brought Katie to life for me. This book has twists and turns that I wasn't expecting. I felt every experience each and every character in this book went through. For me this is a book that I will continue to read over and over again.

I was invested emotionally and immersed in the story before chapter one started. I started this book on Audible then had to one click on an Ebook because I couldn't wait 8 hours before getting more of the story. Instead of working, I was sneaking in as much reading as I could. Instead of taking the fastest route home, I took the longest possible way so I could listen without interruptions. With having an early and long day the next day, I TRIED to put it down but couldn't. Read this book in less than 24 hours. Even though it's fiction, I felt the reality of what the service men and women in the military and their families may go through. The constant worry and the worst case scenarios. It was like a glimpse through a window and seeing what it must be like for those serving in the Middle East. I was overwhelmed with so many emotions throughout the story. At times found myself physically gripping on something to keep my heart from breaking into pieces. You will want to be Katie Devora and will leave you wanting to find your own Devin Clay to be your Lobster. This story will stay with me forever. It is definitely on my Top Reads of 2017. I highly recommend reading this.

4 stars What an emotionally charged book. A Lover's Lament was my first book by either authors. This book was so much more than a second chance novel. It was about forgiveness in the

most challenging way. Katie Devora and Devin Ulysses Clay were High School sweethearts ripped apart by circumstances that neither had any control over. By chance they were matched as pen pals and it started a journey of healing and forgiveness. Katie, a nurse, was going through the motions of every day life after she got dealt a horrible hand. Tired of figuring out how to move on she settled for comfort and familiarity. After her therapist suggested to find peace and forgiveness by connecting with soldiers in combat areas she was very surprised when she saw her childhood best friend and lover on the list of possible pen pals. Still very angry at him after so many years of no contact, she wrote him a very blunt and honest letter. She was quite astonished when she received a letter from Sergeant Devin Ulysses Clay. Devin was equally as shocked to see a letter from the love of his life. The exchange through letters, and later emails allowed both of them to heal, forgive and move on towards a possible future together. The letters on both sides were raw of emotions. Katie and Devin were profoundly honest with their feelings, and every letter gave insight into their heart-wrenching love for each other. Every word spoken or written was passionately and charged with intense feelings and deep affection. Their reunion was very intense, and emotionally explosive. Even so the couple was separated for years, the deeply and heart-felt connection was as strong as ever. Neither time nor distance changed anything in that regard for Katie and Devin. It became apparent that neither really lived to the fullest without the other person. Contentment and settling for second best was their way of coping with life's complications. The scene when they finally meet face-to-face for the first time after so many years was heart-stoppingly beautiful. I especially enjoyed the POV's by Devin, his time stationed in Iraq was amazingly detailed, gripping and felt incredibly authentic. No wonder, since one of the authors B.T. Urruela is a retired Army soldier. *A Lover's Lament* was an immensely emotional read for me. It left me raw and thoroughly affected. The writing touched me in a way that I didn't think was possible. It was almost too much at times. I would recommend it to anyone who loves an emotional read, and a second chance on happiness.

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