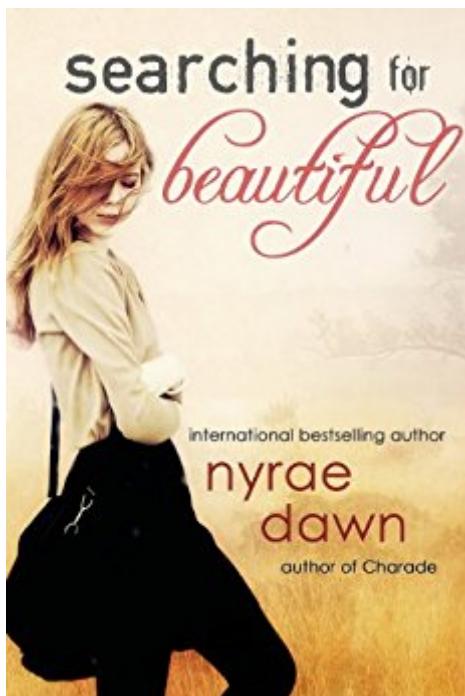


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# Searching For Beautiful (Entangled Teen)



## Synopsis

Searching For Beautiful by Nyrae Dawn

Before it happened Brynn had a group of best friends, a boyfriend who loved her, a growing talent for pottery. She had a life. And then she had none. After it happened Everything was lost. The boy she now knew never loved her. The friends who felt she betrayed their trust. The new life just beginning to grow inside her. Brynn believes her future is as empty as her body until Christian, the boy next door, starts coming around. Playing his guitar and pushing her to create art once more. She meets some new friends at the local community center, plus even gets her dad to look her in the eye again sort of. But letting someone in isn't as easy as it seems. Now Can Brynn open up her heart to truly find her life's own beauty, when living for the after means letting go of the before?

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## Customer Reviews

We all make mistakes in our lives. Lies of omission aren't received any better than outright lies. And high school is a pit of Vipers. Brynn grew up with a real life love story, and was

looking for the signs of her own love story. When her first brush with love ends abruptly, Brynn moves on to the typical high school romance; they break up, they get back together, they break up. It's during one of those breaks she meets Jason, a boy with a rough home life, who calls her his beautiful. Brynn's world had been turned upside down with the death of her mother, leaving her vulnerable to the persuasiveness of a pathological liar, who has no qualms about throwing her under the bus to save himself. Searching for beautiful is the story of a young girl dealing with the fallout of a situation she was too young to have the tools to handle, and the one person she would have turned to is gone. Her friends have alienated her, and she tries to make it seem like she's okay with being alone, because no one understands the pain she is going through. Sometimes life has a way of bringing a ray of light into our darkest places. Christian has had his own dark days. He's witnessed those he loves deal with situations that weren't fair. But for the most part he's found a way to deal with his new life, and he gets to move back into his old house and pick back up with his old friend. He's pretty excited. But things in the old neighborhood aren't the same as when he left. Maybe life knew what was in store for the girl next door and sent him away to help him develop the skills he would need to bring her back to the land of the living. And so he does. Brynn isn't necessarily wallowing in her misfortunes, but she's definitely stuck in them. Christian gives her space, but doesn't accept her excuses not to move forward. Their friendship begins to grow again. And there are times during the harsh moments of life there's something beautiful to be found. You just have to search for it. There were points in the book I was frustrated, but I kept turning the page. I would say one more chapter and then something would happen and I would have to read the next chapter. It's definitely a YA book with adult themes. If you are looking for a book where teenagers act like thirty-year-olds (although I know thirty-year-olds who couldn't deal with this), then this is the wrong book for you. However, if you can suspend the need for teenagers not to be teenagers, you'll find a beautiful coming of age story.

I loved how this book was written. I think Nyrae Dawn is an amazing writer, and she really conveys her message well through her writing. At first, this book was a little hard to get into, however, after a couple chapters, I did not want to put it down. I would recommend this book if you liked reading *What a Boy Wants*.

Very uplifting story.

Nyrae Dawn does it again! I have yet to be disappointed by any of her books. I went into this one blind and wow. I was so not expecting the whole Bryn and Jason twist/secret. What. A. Douche. Admittedly I wasn't really a fan of Bryn's in the beginning either. She was almost too naive for me. However, as the book progressed and the full extent of her situation was explained, her behavior became more understandable. I was also pretty disturbed by the way her friends treated her, even if they did feel like she was pushing them away. It just kind of drove me crazy that they wouldn't be more supportive of her, even if they believed Jason's side of the story. Thank heaven for Christian coming back and stepping up to be her friend when nobody else would. Christian, how can I fully do him justice. Sure, he was pushy, but always with the best intentions. He literally made the book for me. If you are looking for a smutty, angsty read then this won't be the book for you. If you love a sad, turned sweet story of family, friendship, forgiveness and redemption then pick this up immediately.\*I received complimentary copy from Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.

Searching for Beautiful was different than I was expecting, but I liked it. The story opens with Brynn telling her boyfriend (of just three months) that she's pregnant. He immediately tells her to get rid of it, and freaks out about going to jail, and how she's trying to trap him. Turns out, Jason's twenty-three years old and a minor league baseball player (with a major ego). That night Brynn miscarries, causing her father to find out about her secret relationship, and he wants to press charges since she's only sixteen. However, Jason is making it seem like she lied about her age and not the other way around, and everyone believes him, because he's semi-famous. Jerk. While the story starts off super sad, and with Brynn on a downward spiral, Searching for Beautiful is actually a hopeful story. Things are bad for Brynn now, but when her middle school crush, Christian, moves next door, she starts to open up to people again. She had shut down when her mother died, blaming herself. She pushed away her friends, but then Jason entered her life and she felt loved again. Upon losing him and her baby, she's more alone than ever. Christian doesn't believe the rumors going around school and makes an effort to befriend Brynn. She's not receptive at first, but eventually friendship follows. I also loved how she got close to his mother first, and she ended up being an important part of the healing process. There is a romance between Brynn and Christian at the end, but Searching for Beautiful is more focused on self-love and friendship. Brynn was just looking for love from everyone else. She never doubted her parents' love for her, since she was

adopted and felt like they chose her for a reason. Then when she lost her mom, and her dad became lost in his grief, she just had her boyfriend. Without him, she felt worthless. Now she's learning to accept herself and find connections elsewhere. It was nice to watch her slowly become herself again. I liked *Searching for Beautiful*, as well as its message. I did find myself bored at a few points though, since Brynn spends a lot of time moping and continuously pushes people away. There's also several flashbacks, not all of which I felt were necessary and drew me out of the story. \*Disclaimer: I received this book from the publisher through NetGalley for review. No compensation was offered or accepted.

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