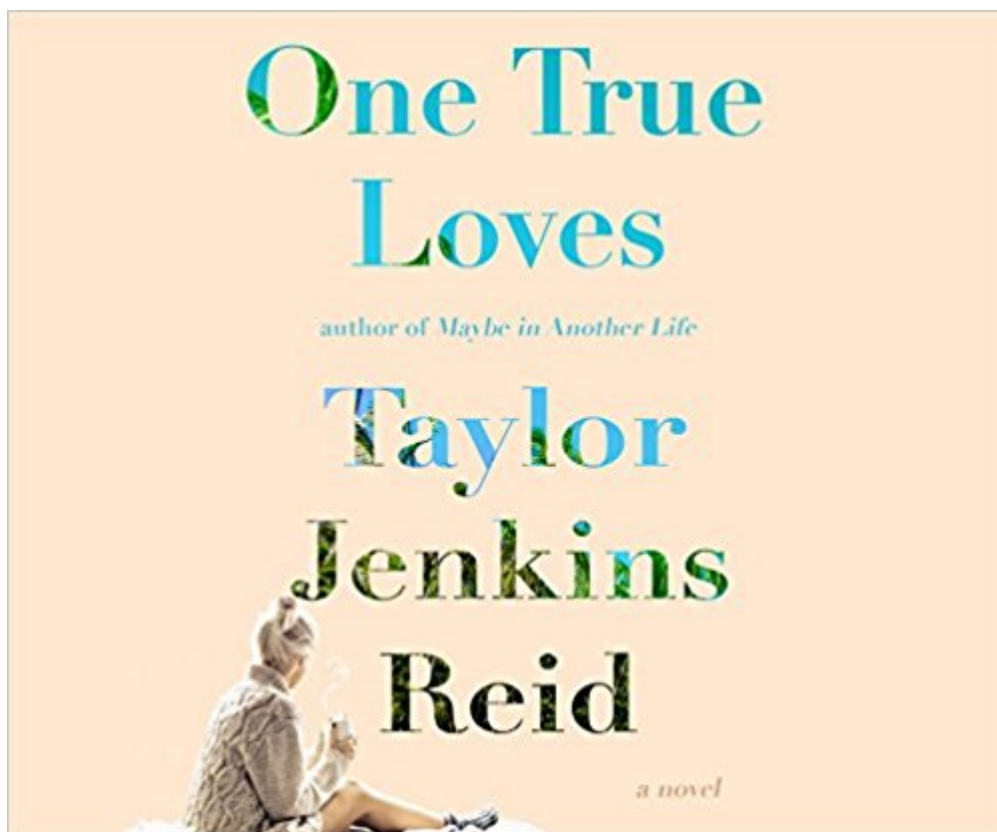




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Synopsis

In her twenties, Emma Blair marries her high school sweetheart, Jesse. They built a life for themselves, far away from the expectations of their parents and the people of their hometown. They travel the world together, living life to the fullest. On their first wedding anniversary, Jesse is on a helicopter over the Pacific when it goes missing. Just like that, Jesse is gone forever. Emma quits her job and moves home in an effort to put her life back together. Years later, now in her thirties, Emma runs into an old friend, Sam, and finds herself falling in love again. When Emma and Sam get engaged, it feels like Emma's second chance at happiness. That is, until Jesse is found. He's alive, and he's been trying all these years to come home to her.

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Taylor Jenkins Reid is an author and essayist from Acton, Massachusetts. Her first novel, *Forever, Interrupted*, was named one of the '11 Debuts We Love' by Kirkus Reviews. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Alex, and their dog, Rabbit. Earphones Award winner Julia Whelan grew up in the Pacific Northwest, but currently resides in Los Angeles. She is a former child actor, having appeared in multiple television shows, most notably ABC's "Once and Again." After receiving her college degree, she returned to acting and is pursuing a career in the film industry, as well as creative writing. Her audiobook credits include romance, supernatural thrillers, young adult and adult fiction.

"I am finishing up dinner with my family and my fiancé when my husband calls." What an opening line!! What would you do if the person you loved and thought was gone, suddenly re-appeared in your life, after you had moved on? This is the center of Taylor Jenkins Reid's fantastic new novel, *ONE TRUE LOVE*. From this powerful beginning, this story follows Emma as she must reconcile finding her long-lost first love with her new life and her new fiancé, Sam. Emma and Jesse had been crazy in love and absolutely devoted to each other. They met as teenagers and ended up married and moving away from their small New England town to California. A tragic accident takes Jesse away, and after an agonizing period of mourning, Emma finds herself opening up to the possibility of loving another man again. "I think that perhaps everyone has a moment that splits their life in two. When you look back on your own timeline, there's a sharp spike somewhere along the way, some event that changed you, changed your life, more than the others. A moment that creates a 'before' and an 'after.' "Told from Emma's POV, this book tells the story of how Emma and Jesse first fell in love. The author does an amazing job of creating very memorable characters who seemed very real. I felt like I knew Emma, Jesse and Sam and their friends and families. It is very important for me to feel connected to the main characters and I absolutely connected with all of the characters in this book. I

loved how Emma grew and matured throughout this book and how her relationships with those around her changed and evolved as well. "Good things don't wait until you're ready. Sometimes they come right before, when you're almost there. And I figured when that happens, you can let them pass by like a bus not meant for you. Or you can get ready. So I got ready." I cannot think of enough to say about this gorgeous book!! Emma, Jesse and Sam's story is so totally engrossing, you will feel like you are reading about your good friends. I cared deeply about what was going to happen to these three and was completely blown away by the direction this book took. This is a richly written, detailed story about first love, family, friendship and growing up. The ending is enormously satisfying and I found myself re-reading passages this book after I finished. I was not ready to say goodbye to these characters! ONE TRUE LOVES is certainly one of the best books of the year and one of new top favorite books ever. Don't miss this one!! Favorite quote: "I don't think that true love means your only love. I think true love means loving truly. Loving purely. Loving wholly."

I went into this book really hating love triangles and I came out of it..still hating love triangles. In my experience, love triangles are either horribly contrived or just rip your heart out. In this case, it was the latter. The premise of this book is simple, and not at all a surprise if you read the summary. Emma marries Jesse, she believes that Jesse dies, in time she falls in love with Sam, Jesse returns and Emma has to make a choice. There is no twist in there, it is only the question of what Emma's choice will be. Frankly, I appreciated that. I can see an author trying to tinker with the triangle-trope a bit too much and end up ruining the whole thing and the simplicity that Reid chooses really pays off here. So, this is the "good" reason why I hate romance novels....if they are well-done, I get far too invested in it all and nearly have a nervous breakdown before the book is over. In this case, I had a clear favorite between Sam and Jesse--I adored one of them with "book boyfriend" affection and the other just really rubbed me the wrong way. The agony of not knowing whether I would love the end of the book or if I should just stop reading...and I'm pretty sure that was the effect Reid was going for. I did find Reid voice to be a bit more sterile than I was used to, so it took a while to warm up to her prose. Once I did, however, the lack of verbal frills amped up the emotion in the book. Reid doesn't hide behind flowery prose, but rather exposes Emma's emotions for everyone to see. There were a few minor quibbles I had with this book. Jesse's survival story didn't seem entirely believable (or unique) to me and I wish that Reid had taken another route with it. It also irked me that Emma was supposedly lactose intolerant, but still waxing poetic about butter. I know, I know...utter

nitpicking....but what can I say? I'm a nitpicker (and, really, these details didn't bug me THAT much...)This book was definitely worth the angst I experienced reading it. If you are looking for a beautifully emotional story about the true meanings (yes, plural) of love, it would be hard to do better than One True Loves.

With this book I have read all of TJR's books and I'm sad I now have to wait until she writes another! I never recap stories in my reviews, that is what book covers and jackets are for but sometimes I will give a "heads up"! If you read this book, and you absolutely should, when you get to page 275, get up and get yourself a tissue or two - I did not have a heads up so I had to keep wiping my face on my sleeve (not a pretty sight!). This book is amazing and I could almost say it's my favorite of hers so far. Three characters, Jesse, Sam and Emma...so very dimensional, real people in my reading visual...loved all three of them so much. This book is about choices, pretty much for all three of them but the biggest one for Emma and I have to say, I didn't know what choice she would make. I was hard pressed to even think what choice I wanted her to make because these characters were so real and all so good and I knew someone would be hurt. As always at the core of TJR's books, family, love and heart...this is a wonderful book and will go back on my shelf for a second read someday. Thank you TJR for such incredible books and I look forward to the day I see "pre-order" when I keep checking for a new one!

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