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Praised by Susan Mallery as a bestselling author whose “heartfelt, touching stories never disappoint,” Alexis Morgan introduces Sergeant Joe’s Boys: three brothers living up to a legacy of courageous military service—and pursuing the women who have captured their hearts.

No one understands family loyalty like Jack McShane. He’d do anything to honor his foster father’s last wishes, even if it means putting his own plans on hold to manage Joe’s construction business. An ex-Special Forces operative, Jack thrives on the thrill of globe-hopping rescues. But now he’s needed closer to home. His foster mother has her hands full with a troubled teen, and when Jack meets the hired tutor, he discovers a woman who stirs his protective instincts—and his deepest desires.

Caitlyn Curtis knows that good looks can hide a hot temper. After an abusive marriage crushed her dreams of a happy ending, she swore off men—until one intoxicating dance in Jack’s strong arms breaks down every emotional barrier. Tough but tender, he leaves Caitlyn yearning for more of his gentle seduction. Despite the violence he’s seen, Jack is a good man. And even though passion can be dangerous, the promise of Jack’s kiss tempts her to believe that love is a risk worth taking.

Advance praise for *Always for You: Jack*

“Engaging and charming, *Always for You: Jack* is a story of fulfillment, forgiveness, and passionate romance. The combined strength Jack and Caitlyn wield when facing anyone who threatens to break their bonds is incredible. I can’t wait for the rest of the series.”—**Vonnie Davis, author of the Highlander’s Beloved and Black Eagle Ops series**

Includes a special message from the editor, as well as an excerpt from another Loveswept title.

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KAS says

Well geez! Of course, I was had at the twenty-one gun salute I am a 27 year vet's wife for crying out loud! What a beautifully written story about hope, trust, family and second chances! It was a refreshing read.

Sergeant Joe, father of three adopted sons, Jack, Tino and Makhail, has just been laid to rest after a sudden heart attack took his life. Retired veteran and owner of a successful construction company, Joe's final wish is for his boys to take over the construction business. Problem is Tino and Makhail are currently serving their country, leaving only Jack to take over the reins. Jack just left military service three months ago due to a knee injury, and wants no part of running the company.

Ricky, a fifteen year old who is living on the streets, meets up with Jack on a job site, and both their lives are set on a different course.

Jack meets Caitlyn when she arrives on his doorstep to tutor Ricky in his school work. She is divorced from an emotional and verbal abusive husband and has built up layers of walls to protect her heart. Jack sets out to tear those walls down.

This is the first book in the Sergeant Joe's Boys series. I am off to read Tino's story in book two of the series "Always Be True, Tino."

Penny says

I find Always For You: Jack's blurb a bit misleading. Ok, so misleading might be too strong a word but there are a couple of things that are not as mentioned above.

Jack was Special Forces but had to retire because of an injury, and is doing some private work for a friend where he can put all the skills he honed during his time in the military to good use.

He and his two foster brothers (who are also in the military) were fostered by a great couple. Joe, their foster Dad passed away leaving them each a third of his construction business. When I think of a construction business that can be equally bequeathed to three heirs I think of a fairly large enterprise. The whole book Jack just goes to small jobs by himself. This seems more like a handyman type business, rather than a full-on construction company.

Jack being the only one of the brothers currently out of the military is the one who stays to take care of the business, at first with thoughts of handling the pending jobs and then going back to his current job. While working, he befriends a kid who reminds him of his street living days.

After a terrible incident, Jack gets the kid under his foster mother's care until he can be approved to take him on himself. The tutor he hires is Carolyn who although attracted to Jack is a bit skittish. As for Jack, well, he is in over his head with an untrusting teen keeping secrets, a skittish woman who melts his insides and his own past and the demons it left him with.

Now, I liked Always For You: Jack. It was sweet and heart-warming. Jack and Caitlyn had some steam-ish moments, there was a bit of suspense and even a pinch of action. We get a couple of scenes from Ricky's

PoV, which was actually awesome so we could learn what the f was going on with him.

This said, while I liked pretty much every character in the story (save Ricky's parents, they can burn in Hell for all eternity) I never truly connected with any of them. Jack was manly, sweet, deadly and sexy. Caitlyn was caring, gentle, and she gave her all to her students. Jack's mom was a trooper and even the razzing between the brothers was funny. It just was all very lukewarm... if that makes sense.

Overall, it was a good, solidly uplifting story about three people who had been wronged and how unconditional love and a little TLC can help heal a person.

I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

Sue says

The beginning of Always for You by Alexis Morgan drew me in right away with an immediate mix of sad yet hopeful emotions. I loved how we are first introduced to Jack's mother first, and from there to her three sons. The instant sense of connection and family between these people was heart warming, and from the start the characters felt real. I could feel the caring they had for one another.

Always for You is mainly Jack's story, and I really, really like Jack. With his foster mother and father's love, he overcame a horrible childhood and is an honorable, loyal, good man. He thinks of others and puts others need above his own. He's protective and strong, yet he harbors some self doubts that he'll need to put to rest if he wants any kind of future with the woman he finds himself unexpectedly immensely attracted to. Caitlyn is happy with her life, and she too has overcome a lot. She's not looking for a relationship or even love, but Jack stirs something inside of her. I liked how their relationship developed, and the pace of it felt right. I could sense the connection between them, and hoped that both of them would take a risk on each other.

I liked how Alexis Morgan wove the backgrounds of both Jack and Caitlyn into the plot so that I felt that I got to know them both well.

A foster child - Ricky - that Jack and his mother take in is a strong character in Always for You also, and he is a young man who pulled at my heart as well as Jack's! I liked how this added a touch of suspense to the plot as well as showed further the big hearts that Jack and his family have. Told in a few different POV's, this adds a lot of dimension to the plot.

I liked getting to know the basics of Jack's other foster brother's also. Their role in the plot is smaller but just as significant.

Always for You has characters that will stay with you long after you put the book down, and I can't wait for the next book to find out more about this dynamic family!

Well paced, smoothly written and heart filling, I'd recommend Always for You to any romance reader.

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Nadine Bookaholic says

This was a heartbreaking yet heartwarming story of love and acceptance. I would consider it a **MUST READ** for anyone that enjoys stories by Nicholas Sparks or Jude Deveraux.

Joe and Marlene started out as foster parents and then later on the adopted three boys they were fostering. Joe has recently passed away and all three of his boys are home paying their respects and helping their mom out as well as comforting her, but nothing would warm her heart more than seeing her three boys settle down and start families of their own. Jack is the eldest of the three and this book is his story.

Jack is running his father's construction company and while out on one of the jobsites Jack notices a young teenage boy that is all disheveled and bruised, clearly this kid is living on the streets, so Jack offers him some money to help clean up the rubbish from the area. Who knew that little act of kindness would forever change his life. Ricky, has been thrown out by his stepfather and is trying to live on the streets but it's not easy for him, he hangs out with a few kids that also live on the street so there is safety in numbers but that's not always a good thing. When Jack finds out that Ricky was beaten and left for dead he heads to the hospital with his mother in the hopes of being able to foster him the way his parents fostered him, Ricky needs someone in his corner and Jack sees so much of himself in Ricky he knows that he needs to be the person to help him.

Caitlyn is hired to tutor Ricky with the hopes of getting him all caught up so that he can start school in the appropriate grade for his age. Caitlyn is instantly taken with Jack, it's the first time since her divorce that she was actually interested in a man.

The chemistry between Jack and Caitlyn was a natural progression not insta-love. Ricky was such a good kid that had some problems with trusting adults but seriously who could blame him. All the primary and secondary characters were interesting and I look forward to seeing what happens with the rest of Sargent Joe's boys.

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Alyse says

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Sergeant Joe's Boys series

Always for You: Jack (Book 1)

Always be True: Tino (Book 2) *Available October 4, 2016

Always for You: Jack is the first book in Alexia Morgan's new Sergeant Joe's Boys series. This is also the first book I've ever read by this author. While I thought this book was a good read, I thought it lacked in some of the romance that it had the potential to convey.

Jack (and his brothers) returned home to bury their adoptive father when they learn that Joe left each of them a third of his construction business. Being that Jack is the only one of the trio out of active duty (due to a knee injury), he steps up to take over the business until his brothers can take part. While working on a site, he meets a young (homeless) teen, Ricky, and offers him a job. After Ricky is attacked and is put in the hospital, Jack is determined to help the boy and asks his mother (who is an approved foster parent) to take Ricky in while he gets his foster approval together.

Determined to repay the way his parents took him in, Jack is determined to Ricky his best chance. In doing so, he hires Caitlyn Curtis, a teacher, to get Ricky ready for the coming school year. But what Jack doesn't expect is to meet the one woman that stirs his protective instincts and calm the storm that is in him. Overall, I thought Always for you: Jack was a solid story about people learning to trust themselves and how letting someone care for you can heal the soul. My favorite aspect of this story (and potentially the series) is the relationship between the brothers.

Rating: 3.5 out of 5

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Beth says

The book was slow going at first and I almost gave up about half way through but the emotional payoff in the end was worth sticking with it.

The story concept was interesting and the characters that were introduced had the potential to be intriguing but the story kind of dragged and I just couldn't get invested in the main characters, Jack and Caitlyn. I decided to soldier on and am glad I did as the emotional conclusion was worth it. The author just needed that kind of emotional investment earlier in the book. The characters stayed two dimensional for too long. There were hints at the backstory, especially for Caitlyn but not enough to fully develop her. At some point I will probably try the next book in the series as the premise of the series is a good one.

Claire Robinson says

3 - **"Don't be afraid to let a little happy into your life."** Stars.

Didn't love it, didn't hate it. *Always For You: Jack*, is one of those books that wasn't a huge struggle to read, but as it progressed I found myself asking a few questions with regards to the writing style, characterization and the path the story took.

"You're a nice man..."

I think my main issue is that I had real problems trying to see Caitlyn and Jack as people in their thirties, firstly the language and conversation between them is pretty stilted and lacking emotion, but also I just really struggled to see people of the age they are meant to be portrayed as behaving and conversing they way they did. Old fashioned writing, not fitting with the younger characters it is being attributed too. You could almost put Jack back in the fifties and sixties he was that much of an old-school gentleman, which there is absolutely nothing wrong with, but if you are setting your book in the modern day it's just not going to sit right with today's societal norms.

"Let's enjoy every moment we can."

I liked the inclusion of Ricky into the story, a troubled child always adds an extra and usually emotive factor to a book, and although it did produce a little readerly feels at points, I really struggled to get any emotion from anyone for most of this book. There was a little bit right at the very end where everyone loosens their corsets a bit... Sorry I meant belts, but for want of a better word it was all very superficial in its telling and delivery. I never really felt we really got into the heads of any of the characters that much more than a cursory glance.

"We might not have been born family, but we've become one anyway."

This may be the authors normal writing style, I can't compare as it is the first book I have read by Alexis Morgan, it had the potential to be a five star read for me, but I just wanted more, depth, feelings, emotional attachments to the characters, everyone involved is grieving the loss of something, or someone, or both and it just didn't feel like the brevity of the situation and the story-line was given what it needed to carry the weight and impact the tropes used could and would normally have.

Three adoptive brothers, all very different in looks, personalities and the demons they carry due to their past experiences. Jack has had his story told, Tino is up next in *Always Be True*, due for release in October, and although I am interested to get to know him, I am not sure whether the authors writing style and I are going to get along with each other as a prolonged relationship, or whether I should stick to *one-and-done* right now.

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Ginette says

2.5-3? A good storyline. The character development was a bit lacking for me, just couldn't connect with them.....again just my personal opinion

Bobbie says

Always for you:Jack by Alexis Morgan is the start of a new series about Sergeant Joe's boys. Sergeant Joe and his wife Miriam adopted 3 teenage boys and these books are about them. The book opens with Joe's funeral and the three boys, all who have been in the military, are home on leave for his funeral. We learn quickly that Jack has left Special Forces because of a leg injury and is taking over his late dad's construction business, albeit reluctantly. At the job site, he notices a young boy who looks like he has been living on the streets, and this stirs memories and feelings in Jack about his youth before he came to live with Miriam and Joe. The book then tells the story about Jack, with his mother's help, fostering Ricky, the young boy and falling for that boy's tutor. But, the story is so much more than that. Ms. Morgan did such a great job letting the reader understand what young Ricky was going through, but also for Jack and the baggage he carried with him. Throughout it all, Miriam is a steadying influence with so much love to give, and Caitlyn, the tutor adds that love. It is a wonderful story of family, even if not by blood, but by heart. Can't wait for the next book in this series.

Thanks as always to Netgalley and the publisher for allowing me to read this ARC for an honest review. I

loved it!

Vikki Vaught says

Rating: 3.5 Stars

Okay. This novel is a mixed bag for me. If I had read this novel as family fiction, then I would have probably given this book more stars. The writing is good and so is the pacing. I was engaged from the start until the end. I just wanted more depth to Caitlyn and Jack.

I loved Ricky and his story line. The depth of Ricky's character is awesome. I could feel his anguish over his neglectful, uncaring mother who put her own wants and desire far above her only son's. I was truly happy Ricky found unconditional love from the family he went to live with after the brutality he suffered at the hands of his stepfather.

I liked Jack's character a great deal and his relationship with Ricky. His determination to help a troubled kid is commendable. I enjoyed his relationship with his mother and foster brothers a great deal. Near the end, his reaction to what happens to Ricky is a bit over exaggerated. While I believe he loves Caitlyn, but his emotions are lackluster. Now, as I mentioned previous, if I had read this book expecting the story to be about a kid in foster care and a man who grew up in the system who is willing to help him, then the lack of depth to the romantic element would not have bothered me as much.

I enjoyed Caitlyn's character quite a lot. Her desire to help Ricky is also commendable. She is a great fit for Ricky and Jack. I believe she has a heart-wrenching backstory, but it was breezed over with no depth to it. Since this is supposed to be a romance, I wanted more.

Here is my problem with this book. This is supposed to be a romance, but it is not. While the story does have romance, it is not the central theme of this book and is a must for this one to be categorized as a romance. Ricky's situation is the central theme. Also, this book shows a family coming together, offering a troubled teen unconditional love.

Bottom line, Caitlyn, and Jack should have had a lot more time together delving into their personal struggles revolving around the two of them falling in love. That part had no depth and I felt very little chemistry between them.

I did enjoy this book but just would have liked to know going into it that it is fiction, not romance. It does have an HEA at the end, but it seemed to be more of an afterthought and felt rushed. Overall, I can recommend Always for You: Jack as long as you are looking for a feel good story about a troubled teen and the people who come into his life willing to help him. Happy reading!

Eteline Rangel says

Me ha gustado mucho este primer libro de esta trilogía, todos los personajes que nos presentan en él son una pasada, cada uno con sus personalidades y problemas y como entre todos se ayudan para seguir hacia adelante, una lectura muy recomendable, romántica, bonita, y que nos da un pequeño vistazo sobre segundas oportunidades y que a veces nos llegan cuando menos lo esperamos, también acá vemos un tema bastante

diffcil como lo es el de los chicos que viven en la calle.

Mi calificación 4 ESTRELLAS

WTF Are You Reading? says

Always For You: Jack is far more drama than romance. Leading man Jack McShane, is that perfect blend of tough and tender, sure to inspire both desire and curiosity in the reader. The lose of both the foster father, who raised him, and his place in the Special Forces unit that he loved, leaves Jack more in need of the nurturing effects of home, family, and his foster mother's delicious dinners than ever before.

Faced with the choice between striking out on his own, and fulfilling his foster father's last wish that he take his place as the head of the family construction company. Jack is a man in flux.

Until Ricky.

A boy alone, abused, hunted, and in need of help. Help, that only Jack, and those closest to him are able to provide.

Over 50% of this book is spent introducing readers to Ricky, and the host of issues plaguing him. It is clear from the start that Ricky, and his situation serve as a very clear mirror for Jack. A mirror that Jack is determined to never see broken.

When Jack's efforts to help Ricky lead to their meeting the beautiful but reserved Caitlyn Curtis; hired to tutor Ricky in all the subjects that he needs ensure that he is on track for the coming school year. The previously child-centric plot takes on a decidedly more adult romanticism. Sweet...but definitely adult.

The care and understanding that Jack shows to both Ricky and Caitlyn, lets you know that all of the goodness that has been put into Jack by his foster parents, lies just under the surface of his gruff exterior. Waiting for just the right people!

This is the perfect grown up romance. Jack and Caitlyn are very careful to consider Ricky in every decision that they make involving the progression of their relationship. There are some hot and heavy moments between the soldier and his lady. But the passion is always tempered by an almost reverent amount of care for tender hearts and wounded spirits.

The ultimate "feel good" read. The characters, homey setting, and personal tone in which the story is communicated to the reader, goes a long way in spinning a uncomplicated but powerful yarn, meant to remind one of the true meaning of family.

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Ezinwanyi says

Jack McShane's military career is over due to a knee injury. In addition, he comes home for his father Joe's funeral only to learn the his father wanted Jack and his two brothers Tito & Mikhail to run the family construction business. Joe and Marlene adopted the three as they weren't able to have children of their own. After Joe suddenly passed away, Jack was voted to help Marlene keep the family business running smoothly. As Jack began working at a construction site, he noticed a hungry boy who reminded him of himself. Jack shared him meal with the kid and then offered the young man a job. Thus began Jack's new life where he rediscovered his purpose and at the same time, started giving Ricky a new lease of life.

At first glance this book appeared to be a romance novel, but this book was about Family. There was a subplot of romance, but the main journey was about gain inner strength thanks to the feeling of belonging. The writing was very engaging and I was rooting for both Rickey and Jack to finally feel grounded. The addition of Caitlynn, the social worker, was a nice addition the story. Her own past made a perfect addition to group. Caitlynn helped Marlene establish trust, academic responsibility and family bonding. The author did a good job of touching on the topic of troubled teens living with non biological parents. It wasn't too detailed nor was this book bashing the foster system. I enjoyed this story very much and look forward to next brother's book.

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? Jeri's Book Attic ? the Romance Bibliophile ? says

You can consider me a fan of Alexis Morgan, but still I was kind of nervous when I picked up “Always for You: Jack” the first book in her new series called “Sergeant Joe's Boys”.

You might wonder why I was nervous – but that is easy to explain – I know this author to be one of my GOTO authors when I want to enjoy a good paranormal romance.

But just because an author is good at one genre does not necessary mean he is also good at another.

But don't worry – Alexis Morgan is not one of those. She really gives each genre her best. And while I was afraid a first that even IF I like her approach to this contemporary romance I might still be missing my paranormal “friends” – well rest assured that fear only lasted like one chapter.

Than I really liked Jack.

And after I liked Jack some more #blushing.... I even managed to connect to Caitlyn but she was a much tougher case for me as I was not able to relate to her so easy.

To say I like the writing style of this author would be an understatement so I won't even try to explain myself.

The Plotline of this new series is engaging and I already look forward to reading about Jack's brothers.

So in short #great start into a new series !

Enjoy

BookLover says

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This was my first read by Alexis Morgan and it won't be my last. **I loved every word!!** I didn't feel like I was reading a romance with a bit of plot sprinkled around it. No, I felt the romance part of this story was secondary to Joe finding his place in life. The romance was an added bonus and rounded out the story, but Joe and his struggle to help down on his luck teen, Ricky, was what sucked me in.

Ricky's story hit very close to home for Joe and brought out his natural inclination to help. I was immediately drawn into his need to take Ricky in and make him feel safe and loved. Caitlyn entered the story after I was both figuratively and literally settled in to Joe's story. Bringing her own emotional scars to the table, I loved her caring attitude towards Ricky and her apprehensive yet undeniable bond with Joe.

Told in the third person, the story mostly read from Joe and Caitlyn's point of view. I loved that we were also treated to Ricky's point of view for parts of the story. I, like Joe, felt so protective of him and just wanted to see him realize his self worth. I was constantly stressed at the danger that seemed to linger in the background for Ricky.

Great story. Can't wait for Tino's story!
