

Always

My library book review for this month is *Always* by Sarah Jio. I enjoyed reading this book. Even though it was a typical romance story it had a certain mystery mixed in. It is a story of lost love and second chances and what can happen when the past collides with the present.

The main character, Kailey Crane is engaged to a wealthy, loving man named Ryan. She has a great job as a journalist in Seattle, the city she loves. Kailey has finally come to terms with the devastation from ten years ago when the love of her life, Cade McAllister, suddenly disappeared never to be heard from again.

Kailey and Ryan just step outside a fancy restaurant when Kailey sees a homeless man and offers him the left-overs from her meal. She is shocked to recognize her former boyfriend but he does not recognize her. At the time she lets it go but it bothers her. What happened to Cade, a former record company executive who made millions of dollars, how come he is homeless now? Even though he broke her heart she is determined to find out what happened to him in the last ten years.

He seems to have no memory of their two years together. He has severe brain damage. How did this happen to him? She wants to help him. At first she does not even tell Ryan who the homeless man is and what she is trying to do. Kailey looks for Cade among the homeless population and discovers some of the conditions and hopelessness these people live under. Society does not look very kindly on the homeless and does not always treat them well. The author points this out in several instances in the story.

A flicker of hope appears when Cade shows her the tattoo they both had made 10 years earlier. The tattoo said, *Toujours* which means *Always* in French. Does Cade gradually regain his memory and what happens to the perfect relationship Kailey thought she had with Ryan?

The author, Sarah Jio, gathered the inspiration for this story from a real- life incident she was exposed to.

Happy Reading!

You will find *Always* by Sarah Jio in the Adult Fiction section of the library.