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Told You So (Told You Series Book 1)



Synopsis

From the minute Grace Evangeline throws her sweet tea in Devin Bressard's face, their battle of wits and cross-purposes overtakes their lives. Sassy & angelic • Grace Evangeline will stop at nothing to see her romance novel produced for Broadway. Devin Bressard knows all about the commercial success of Ms. Evangeline's novels—as far from his literary, nerve-striking plays as anything could be. Grace intends to pull his head out of the rarified air long enough to make her point, even if it involves stalking him and infiltrating his friends and colleagues. Devin knows she's trouble, but who would guess the spokesperson for strength and virtue would be a calamity vortex? He mounts a fierce resistance, but when he's forced to work with Grace, his profession and sanity aren't the only things at risk. Collapsing walls on both sides bring a détonante that could shatter their bond—or resound through more lives than their own. Kristen Heitzmann has such a brilliant way of exploring the human psyche, penning romances that outshine and stand apart. Her latest release, *Told You So* is no exception. She took me deeper than I could ever have imagined, cutting away layer after layer until the characters were laid bare, and me right along with them. Readers will be captivated and mesmerized by Heitzmann's *Told You So*. —Elizabeth Goddard, award-winning author of the Mountain Cove romantic suspense series.

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Customer Reviews

Grace Evangeline, successful romance novelist, has decided the next goal of her career. She wants her newest novel produced for the stage, and she wants Devin Bressard, also a playwright, to be the producer. In fact, she won't consider anyone else. When he pans her work to her face, she douses his (face, not work) with her glass of sweet tea, but she doesn't give up. She's going to prove him wrong not only about her novels, but also about the nature of art itself. Drama in real life does happen, and dramatic art fortifies the soul to face its own trials, and Grace is going to prove this to Devin if she has to stalk him to do it. Fortunately for characters and reader alike, Grace is a naive and inept stalker, and Devin quickly finds her out. When they are compelled to work together on a new project, their polarized points of view result in a battle of wits and wills and ignite a passion between them they never expected or wanted, but that just might begin healing they both need. I entered this book with excitement because I've been a fan of Heitzmann for almost ten years and have read most of her novels. But I also knew this is classed as a romcom, and I avoid comedies (and this author is the only exception I can think of to my avoidance of romances). I expected to enjoy it but hoped the humor would work for me. Well, by the end of the first chapter, I felt the magic. I was grinning as I flipped pages, often laughing out loud, devouring the brilliant banter between Grace and Devin. The book is probably 70% dialogue, but it never feels like "too much talking." These are voices you can hear in your head and characters you want to have coffee with (even Devin, even if he calls my writing less than art).

Rarely a book comes along that you feel driven to read, that doesn't leave the forefront of your mind for very long. For me, *Told You So* by Kristen Heitzmann was that book. I had heard about it through an online group, it had created a bit of controversy in the group and my curiosity got the best of me and I traveled over to to read the sample chapters. The chapters hooked me to the point I bought the Kindle version. If you have read here any length of time, you know I typically do not purchase books. I review them, publishers, publicists and authors send me books in exchange for my review. I read them, write my honest review, and that is it. Normally, I don't purchase books, and I definitely don't pay full price for them. Until last night. I've always been a fan of Kristen Heitzmann, her books are smart, they are well written, they have a bit of humor, a bit of suspense, and a bit of romance all

wound up in a lot of real life. I have yet to pick one up that I could put down for any length of time before I turned the last page. Seriously, they are that good. In *Told You So*, Grace just wants her book transformed into a play, and sees Devin as the way for that to happen. Devin thinks this romance writer has no chance in ever writing something that would wind up on the theater stage. After all, Grace writes happy ending stories where the characters have morals and don't make mistakes. How she writes those stories while living in NYC, Devin just doesn't get. He views life through steel grey colored glasses as compared to Grace's rose colored ones. Grace Evangeline is a breath of fresh air. She is a Unicorn in a pasture full of race horses. She is special. Everyone sees it, everyone wants a bit of it to rub off on them.

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