The Problem with Forever by Jennifer M. Armentrout
Reviewed by Fadila

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Stand Alone*,* Fiction, Realistic, Friendship, Romance, Contemporary

Give a summary without spoilers!
The plot follows the perspective of Mallory, a girl who resorts to silence as a way to cope with trauma and abuse she faced in her previous foster home. But when Mallory starts high school for the first time after being homeschooled, she reunites with Rider, the boy who survived their old foster home. But both of them are still dealing with their childhood trauma, and it's up to Mallory and Rider to work together to become stronger, face challenges, and find a relationship between each other. But when life becomes complicated, and things get out of hand, it seems as though forever is not a possibility anymore.

What drew you to this book?
I had read books by Jennifer L. Armentrout in the past and really enjoyed them, so when I saw she had yet another book out of which I had not read, I jumped at the opportunity. And The Problem with Forever did not disappoint, it contained what most Armentrout books are famous for: a fast paced plot, loveable characters with unique perspectives, and a romance that will have you invested.

Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?
The Problem with Forever does remind me of a certain book in the past I had read in the past, but I can't quite place it. It may have been Making Friends with Alice Dyson by Poppy Nwosu. But I can't describe why. They both just give off the same vibe and include a lot of the same tropes.

To whom would you recommend this book?
I would recommend The Problem with Forever by Jennifer L. Armentrout to anyone who appreciates a good romance. The book is marketed as YA, but I would say anyone 14 and up could read the book and be fine. I wouldn't suggest it to someone who is sensitive to the topics of: abusive households, physical abuse, shootings, and death. The book is fast paced, and honestly got me out of a really bad reading slump.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?
I LOVED The Problem with Forever, and would 100% recommend it to others. The characters are extremely loveable, Mallory through her strength even in tough times, and Rider through his willingness to protect others. I know people always say that they couldn't put a book down, but I literally could not put this book down. I finished it within 1-2 days, and immediately wished I could read it for the first time after. This is definitely a book that resides with the audience long after reading it. I remember, as I was reading, thinking that The Problem with Forever was my new favorite book, and that no book could possibly be better than it. I want other people to read this book and to enjoy it as much as I did (although I don't even think that's possible because I really love this book)

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?
Random quotes I liked: "It was me who had to carry myself over the finish line, and all I needed was to remember when I felt like not trying was that that feeling wouldn't last forever."
"That mantra contradicted everything I'd been taught for nearly thirteen years, because words equaled noise, and noise was rewarded with fear and violence."