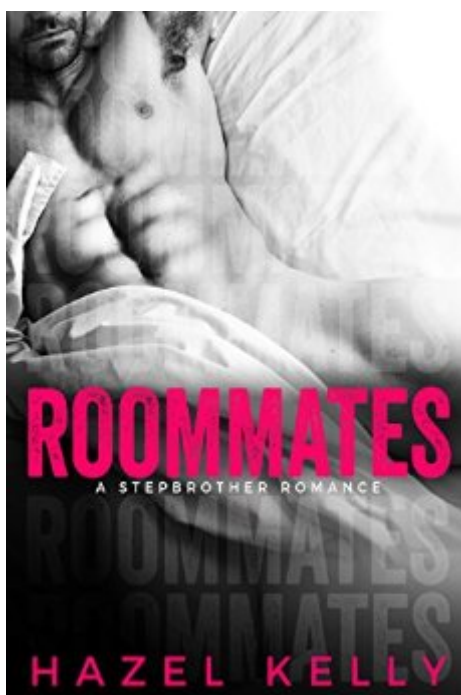


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# Roommates: A Standalone Stepbrother Romance (Soulmates Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

Ethan Fitzell has been avoiding his stepsister Jenny since their parents got married, but when she shows up at his apartment uninvited, he's forced to face the fact that her absence has only made his heart grow fonder...Jenny I always liked him. But when our parents got married, things got confused. As if being a teenager isn't confusing enough. All I knew was that the feelings I had for him weren't okay. I'll never forget the anxiety I felt the night I ran into him at a party that had gotten out of control. I saw him standing around with the popular kids as soon as I walked in the door. And he saw me, too. He always saw me. It was talking to me that he avoided. I watched his buddy spin an empty wine bottle on the butcher block while my friend Brandi rummaged in her oversized purse for the two bottles of hard lemonade her older sister gave us. When the spinning bottle stopped, I realized everyone was staring at me. "Looks like you've gotta kiss Jen," some jock said to Ethan. I felt the color drain from my face, taking the moisture in my mouth with it as a suffocating panic grew in my chest. I was going to be found out. Ethan laughed it off. "Yeah, that's not happening. She's my sister." "Not really, though," his buddy insisted. The eruption of laughter and jeering sounds made the dim kitchen feel like a jungle full of predators, and I was sure my cheeks were going to burst into flames. "Don't be stupid," Ethan said, tilting a can of beer over his mouth. When his friend spun the bottle again, Ethan glanced back at me one more time and wiped the back of his hand across his lips. I've been wondering what it would be like to kiss him ever since.

**\*\*Author's note:** This is a full-length, standalone romance novel with no cliffhanger and no cheating. It is intended for a mature audience and has an ending that will leave you smiling so hard it hurts.

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## Customer Reviews

I would have loved to have given this four stars. However, there were some stylistic choices and one really big usage error the author kept repeating that I just couldn't forgive. First, I'll explain what I loved. Both Ethan and Jenny are likable. Watching them overcome their past and fall in love was sweet and satisfying. I really liked how they supported and encouraged each other to pursue their dreams. I liked the humor and the romance equally. Now, what I didn't care for is a bit longer list. The short, choppy paragraphs annoyed me. Plus, the pages of back and forth dialogue between two characters with no reminders of who is speaking got confusing. The love scenes were rushed, and the ending felt incomplete. But the ultimate ickiness was leaving the "be" off the word "because." There was only one instance where I noticed "because" used correctly. The rest of the time, "cause" was used instead. I understand it used in dialogue, that is if it's used correctly with the apostrophe before the word. I hate to say that this ruined the book for me, but it would have been rated so much higher if this one glaring error wasn't repeated throughout the whole book. Plus, it's another manwhore-deflowers-the-virgin story, a trope I wish would fall out of popularity. I was especially annoyed by how flawlessly her first time was executed. I don't know any people who will say their first time was this enjoyable, and I hate how many authors think a scene like this will be believable. (It wasn't a bad scene in this book, just hard to grasp is all.) I apologize for my pickiness. If none of those things bothered me, the book would have rated much higher. The story itself probably would have garnered five stars if the execution of it was more polished.

"After all she was my yellow daisies" Ahhh I swear I pretty much gushed and swooned at that sentence!!! Lol Especially after learning how important they meant to him. Ethan and Jenny grew up knowing of each other but never interacted with each other due to being in different crowds. From crush to being step-siblings is never easy especially for teens. Ethan had a tough time during his teenage years and when you find out why he got expelled and shipped off to boarding school you'll fall even more in love with him. He's been in love with Jenny since he was 15 and once he finally had that opportunity to show his true feelings they both couldn't keep their hands off each other.

He's gorgeous and a shy but talented artist. Jenny is on her way to becoming a famous actress. She's hasn't had it easy but she never gave up especially with having Ethan at her corner. I'm glad she gave into her feelings because growing up she thought she was going to hell for wanting her stepbrother in a sexual and not in the brotherly seance. She's beautiful smart and funny and has an amazing personality. And I'm she finally had the balls to just feel and let her hair down and trust what she felt for Ethan. I know I would have loll love how Hazel lets you get to know the characters and I truly fell in love with Ethan and Jenny. They have loved each other for almost 10 years and it's about time they let what they feared most go and just went with the flow. And I loved of how supportive they were of each others dreams!!! Even though they had a rocky start since Jenny showed up uninvited. But what is better then having an uninvited guest on your couch that happens to be your one and only? Lol... I loved it Hazel and I can't wait to see the next story to this series. I'm glad that Ben, Ella, Nora, and Christoph was a part of this book and I'm glad to see how things turned out for Ben and Carrie :) love it!!!!Received this as an ARC for an honest review

\*I received this book for an honest review\*I have to say that I loved this book! It really kept my attention and made it hard to put it down to do anything besides read. I love the dual POV with the characters. Jenny and Ethan were thrown together as teenagers when their parents got married. Both had huge crushes on one another, but now that they were related decided to keep it to themselves. Fast forward 7 years and Jenny is in New York to get her big break in acting. Ethan not expecting Jenny at his apartment when he got home from his job as a bartender, had a woman with him. Ethan's father failed to mention that Jenny needed a place to stay to Ethan. After a night of drunken jokes the secret of the mutual crushes comes out. Both afraid of them being related by marriage that people with think them taboo. Join Jenny and Ethan on the road to their happily ever after and what the parents are going to think of this union.

I was trying to read a book that was just not catching my interest when I saw this one. It sounded interesting so I figured I would check it out, and am I glad I did. Jenny and Ethan are a fantastic couple. Their situation was one you could see happening, especially if you are from a family with siblings that are step siblings to each other. I always thought it would have been interesting if one of my sisters and brothers had fallen in love. After all they weren't related to each other nor had they been step siblings since they were really young, they were well into their teens when our parents got together. So stories like this to me are not about taboo love so much as what could really happen. Maybe they even fulfill a fantasy, who knows. I just know I loved Jenny and Ethan. I loved how they

fought their interests but never really wanted to. I love how protective Ethan was of Jenny even before he let his interest be known. They really are the perfect couple. I really love how there was little animosity between them. Angst stories can be good but they can get tiring too, a love story that really is truly a love story is very nice. And I felt that's what this one was. Ethan had his moments of being a jerk but not many and really not for long. Hazel Kelly is a new to me author but I am telling you I will definitely be reading more of her books. Five stars easy!!!!

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