

Echoes of Deception

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She loved him before she was old enough to understand what love meant... and he broke her heart trying to protect her.

Ashley Sintaro has always known exactly where her heart belongs—with the one man she was never supposed to want. Loyal. Steady. Untouchable.

Beau Tramain watched her grow up, swore to protect her... and then walked away just as she finally became his.

Four years later, they're strangers pretending they don't remember everything. Until one moment changes it all.

The chemistry is still there. The pull—stronger.
And the truth neither of them can escape?

They were never really over.

But just as they find their way back to each other, everything falls apart.

A single lie.

A single photograph.

A betrayal that isn't what it seems.

Now Ashley is done believing in a love that couldn't even trust her.

And Beau is left with the one mistake he can't fix—losing the only woman he's ever loved.

Because this time... she might not come back.

And if the truth comes too late, love won't be enough to save them.

Tropes:

- 💔 Second Chance Romance
- 💞 He Never Stopped Loving Her
- 🕒 Age Gap Romance
- 🛡️ Protective Hero
- 😬 Secret Sacrifice
- 💔 Wrongly Accused Heroine
- 🔥 Slow Burn

Reader Guide:

- 🔥 Heat: ★★★★★ (Moderately Steamy) *Several open-door scenes with moderate detail*
- 💔 Angst: ★★★★★ (Maximum) *Gut-wrenching emotions, deep heartbreak, major grovel & a highly emotional payoff*
- ❤️ Emotion: ★★★★★ (Intense) *A deeply moving love story with unforgettable emotional impact & a rewarding HEA*
- 📖 Dual POV
- 🌶️ Open-Door Romance
- ✓ No Cheating
- ✨ Guaranteed HEA