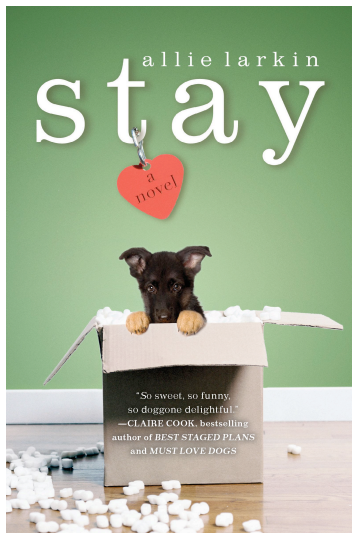


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Savannah “Van” Leone has been in love with Peter Clarke ever since she literally fell head over heels in front of him on the first day of class. Now, six years later, instead of standing

across from him at the altar, she's standing behind her best friend Janie, as Maid of Honor, trying to mask her heartache and guilt as Janie marries the man of Van's dreams. Before her mother passed away from cancer, she told Van never to let Peter go, but as Van watches the couple exchange vows, she knows that her fairy tale ending was never meant to be. After the wedding, Van drowns her sorrows in Kool-Aid–vodka cocktails and reruns of Rin Tin Tin and does what too many seems absurd: She buys a German Shepherd over the Internet.

Together, Van and her new companion, Joe—a clumsy, slobbering hundred-pound beast that only responds to commands in Slovak—begin to mend the pieces of her shattered heart and get her life back on track. And it doesn't hurt that Joe's vet is a rugged sweetheart with floppy blond hair and a winning smile, who brings soup when she's sick and always holds the door open for her. But, when Peter gets back from his honeymoon, Van is forced to come to terms with her new and old feelings in a decision that affects all the people she's ever loved.

Warm and witty, poignant and laugh-out-loud funny, **STAY** is a big-hearted, unforgettable debut about friendship, love, and a German Shepherd named Joe.



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