

1: The Life List by Lori Nelson Spielman

The Life List is a must-read for every woman. To obtain her inheritance, Brett must complete the remaining ten items on her list of life goals that she wrote as a teenager - within a year! 1.

A lucky person will win a copy of *The Life List!* Interview with Lori Nelson Spielman

1. What was the inspiration for *The Life List*? As I read it, I thought about the dreams I once had, some of which had been fulfilled, others that never would be. It struck me how very different my life would be now, had I achieved each goal. Suddenly a story was taking shape—the story of a woman forced to complete her old life list, humble goals she thinks she no longer wants. The main character, Brett, seems to have quite the life—until her mother passes away. How hard was it to write about a mother passing away and the affect it would have on Brett? So it was tricky balancing lightness with heft. In the end, it forced Brett to become the person she was meant to be, exactly what Elizabeth had hoped. From the beginning to end, how long did *The Life List* take to write? I polished and re-wrote for a year, then spent months querying agents. I was offered representation from Jenny Bent in August of 2011. I spent another six months revising, and the book sold in March of 2012. Then time seemed to stop. Do you have a writing space? We have a high counter in one room where I can stand, rather than sit, which as any writer knows, is a nice relief! Because I work full-time, my writing time is generally reserved for late afternoons and evenings. Are any of the characters based on people in real life? Or just figments of your imagination? I think bits and pieces of my friends and family can be found in almost all of these characters, but there is no character who is completely true to life. Will you be going on a book signing tour? If so, what are you looking forward to the most about the tour? These events will definitely force me beyond my comfort zone. Do you want *The Life List* to be made into a movie one day? If so, who are the actors that would comprise your dream cast? And this dream is an inch closer to reality because Fox has purchased the film option! And my dream cast? Sadly, Clooney might be just a tad old for a role—darn! After a person reads the last page of *The Life List*- what is the most important thing you hope the reader will take from the experience? So many of us feel we have no control over our destiny. Sure we have dreams, but we never really seize them, and before long another year has passed, then a decade. Are you working on another book? If so, can you tell us what the book is about? To find out more about Lori, visit her website , Twitter , and Facebook page. Giveaway begins July 2nd and ends July 9th at Winner will be notified by email July 10th.

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Inspiration for The Life List, by Lori Nelson Spielman. Like any author, I'm often asked how I came up with the idea for my novel. My answer comes easily. The seed for The Life List was found in an old cedar box.

Have a baby, maybe two""3. Fall in love" Brett Bohlinger seems to have it all: All in all, a charmed life. That is, until her beloved mother passes away, leaving behind a will with one big stipulation: In order to receive her inheritance, Brett must first complete the life list of goals she'd written when she was a naive girl of fourteen. Grief-stricken, Brett can barely make sense of her mother's decision her childhood dreams don't resemble her ambitions at age thirty-four in the slightest. How can she possibly have a relationship with a father who died seven years ago? Other goals Be an awesome teacher would require her to reinvent her entire future. As Brett reluctantly embarks on a perplexing journey in search of her adolescent dreams, one thing becomes clear. Sometimes life's sweetest gifts can be found in the most unexpected places. Praise for "The Life List" A wonderful, touching story that reminds us to live life to its fullest. It's about how we let go, and how we never let go. A clever, funny, moving page-turner. Join the Random House Reader's Circle for author chats and more. Go to Paris 2. Have a baby, maybe two 3. Fall in love Brett Bohlinger seems to have it all: Other goals Be an awesome teacher! The Life List has great heart, and even greater soul. Perform live, on a super big stage 3. Have a baby, maybe two 4. Brett must fulfill the list of childhood dreams she made so long ago. Some of her old hopes seem impossible. Other dreams Be an awesome teacher! For each goal attempted, her mother has left behind a bittersweet letter, offering words of wisdom, warmth, and-just when Brett needs it-tough love. As Brett struggles to complete her abandoned life list, one thing becomes clear: Look for special features inside. Join the Circle for author chats and more.

Lori Nelson Spielman: One day I came across an old cedar box, and tucked inside was the life list I'd written over thirty years ago. Many of the goals could be checked off. Many of the goals could be checked off.

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sex. Do you think this is a common occurrence amongst women? Are there other female characters in the novel who have fallen victim to this unfortunate trap, or if not, how have they managed to avoid making the same mistake? As Brett asks herself, do you think most of her transformations have been a result of channeling her inner courage, or merely due to stupidity, immaturity, or arrogance, or perhaps a mix of all? Do you think people commonly resist making difficult changes in their lives unless forced to, as Brett was? How do you tackle the obstacles in your own life that might prevent you from arriving at a positive outcome? Motherhood is a central focus in this story. What are some of the lessons the characters have learned or you think will eventually learn from the absence of their mother or child? Are there any loved ones in your own life who have similarly conveyed an invaluable message after their passing? In her notes to Brett, Elizabeth imparts wisdom that must necessarily last her daughter a lifetime. What was the most significant lesson you took away from her? Have you ever experienced a similar situation with a friend and if so, were you able to repair the relationship down the road? When and why does this notion begin to deteriorate and what is it about Garrett that changes everything? Are there any places in your own life that function in the same manner? What would your life list consist of now?

4: Books â€” Lori Nelson Spielman

Luckily, Brett's new life is populated with quirky, sharply drawn characters, including a pregnant high school student living in a homeless shelter, a psychiatrist with plenty of time to chat about troubled children, and one of her mother's dearest, most secret companions.

One of my best friends recommended this novel to me, saying she read it in one sitting and absolutely loved it. Look at the following quotes: You might find this novel heart-warming and touching, see it as an emotional and maybe even thought-provoking journey of self-discovery. And that really is a beautiful message. Call me cold-hearted but if there is one thing I hate it is cheesiness. And this novel is about as cheesy as it gets. The story follows year-old Brett Bohlinger who seemingly has the perfect life. But when her mother, Elizabeth, dies of cancer, Brett is devastated and her entire world is turned upside down. Only if she manages to complete all the goals on the list within a year will Brett receive her inheritance. Some of the goals on the list are quite easily achieved, e. While others are more difficult and impactful, e. I guess I should have known better. But it came so highly recommended that I wanted to give it a try anyway. I understand what the author was going for: Brett had such a great relationship with her mother that she knew her better than Brett knows herself. To guilt-trip her into leading a better life? Sure, it may very well make Brett happier but the woman is 34 for goodness sake! Should she not be able to choose her own path? And how is it that that a grown woman is still so dependent on her mother? This last question leads me to my next point: Brett has the emotional maturity of a fourteen year old. Which is ironic since she has fulfill goals she decided on when she was fourteen. She is also the definition of a doormat. She lets everyone walk all over her and has no spunk, no wit and seemingly not a lot of intelligence. Throughout the story, Brett remained the obedient daughter with no backbone. Who needs character development, right? There is no possible way Brett could be motivated by money because she helps the poor and teaches underprivileged children. A goody two shoes if ever I saw one. As for the other characters in the novel, they were all astonishingly flat and only seemed to be plot devices to pull the story along. Herbert is the perfect man that has no flaws except that he is, well, boring. The list goes on. Oh and for all those of you who thought love triangles and other geometric love shapes were a thing restricted to YA books, think again. This novel contains an actual love pentagon. It makes me feel manipulated, in a bad way. Perhaps this was what I disliked most about the book. So, do I recommend The Life List? If you want to a good adult contemporary romance pick up Me Before You instead.

5: Fox Options Film Rights to Lori Nelson Spielman's Novel 'The Life List'

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7: Lori Nelson Spielman (Author of The Life List)

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