

## ALLEN & SHANNON • A LOVE STORY

at 14, girl moves into a boy's california hometown. . . the 17 year old boy isn't in town but is a couple states away in utah, for a year. . . boy returns with family. . . girl gets ride to school from seminary in packed station wagon... boy drives station wagon daily... girl doesn't know who the driver of her ride is. . . girl likes another boy. . . boy figures if she likes other boy then he has a chance with girl. . . girl doesn't know boy exists. . . over months, boy's name is whispered in girl's mind and she wonders who belongs to the name. . . boy starts pursuit and asks girl on date to disneyland... girl figures out who belongs to the whispered name and says yes. . . boy gets lost on the way to disneyland, even with signs... girl and boy go on a youth trip to tehachipi... boy takes girl in group on a snipe hunt. . . girl doesn't like snipe hunt... girl follows boy into lake to play. . . boy finds private meadow, picks girl up, puts her on tree stump. . . boy tells girl he loves her. . . girl doesn't understand how boy can love her when he barely knows her. . . girl says, "I think you just want a girlfriend". . . boy's brown eyes say a thousand words in so few seconds. . . girl is heart struck by how wrong she was. . . boy leaves mad and speechless. . . girl sits on tree stump for a very long time. . . thinking. . . about how wrong she was. . . and that the boys eyes spoke the truth of his words. . . boy goes on angry walk and kills a rattle snake. . . girl and boy return to the summer house at same time. . . boy will not look at girl. . . girl thinks damage can't be repaired. . . boy doesn't speak to girl for weeks. . . boy goes out with another girl. . . girl sees them and figures maybe she was right in the meadow after all. . . boy is trying to hurt girl like girl hurt boy. . . girl and boy start to cross paths again. . . boy tells girl he loves her. . . girl says thank you. . . girl waits until her feelings are stronger before she says she loves boy. . . boy tries to kiss girl. . . girl dodges. . . boy tries many times. . . girl dodges many times. . . girl tells boy she loves him. . . boy and girl go on a youth trip to BYU. . . boy catches girl off guard and kisses her. . . girl's teeth are almost knocked out. . . boy and girl become boyfriend and girlfriend. . . and date a lot. . . boy leaves to washington d.c. for 2 years on mission. . . girl cries every night the first month boy is gone. . . friends say girl is "hopelessly devoted to boy. . . boy is lonely and heartsick for home and his girl. . . boy wants to come home but is brave and stays. . . girl writes to boy almost every week. . . boy writes to girl. . . girl dates other boys. . . they are boy's ex-friends now. . . boy works hard on his mission and dates no girls. . . girl goes away to college. . . dates some more but still writes boy. . . after 2 years boy arrives in hometown. . . girl is a couple states away in utah. . . boy and girl don't see each other for a month. . . boy dates girls. . . they are girl's ex-friends now. . . boy drives to college to go to school. . . girl sees boy out window coming up the walk to dorm and runs to room. . . girl gets up nerve and comes out to see boy after 2 year's absence. . . the song "reunited" is playing when they meet again. . . girl and boy laugh. . . boy kisses girl. . . girl isn't nervous anymore. . . boy and girl are inseparable. . . girl and boy spend a serious day talking and reading. . . they decide to get married. . . boy and girl are very happy. . . they tell their parents. . . things change. . . boy struggles, so girl struggles. . . boy and girl go back to hometown. . . boy breaks up with girl. . . girl and boy are miserable. . . boy and girl get back together. . . boy struggles some more. . . boy and girl break up, after the wedding invitations are printed. . . girl is mad and boy is miserable. . . boy wants to still get back together. . . girl gives ultimatum and won't ask her family to plan another reception. . . boy picks out wedding invitations. . . girl sews her dress and his suit. . . sixteen months after the first engagement, boy and girl are sealed in the los angeles temple, finally. . . girl and boy leave for their honeymoon along the california coast. . . the boy and girl's hearts are united, they are a perfect match. . .



boy and girl set up house. . . they have the best times together. . . and some of the hardest times. . . boy takes care of girl. . . girl learns to take care of boy. . . boy and girl want a baby. . . a baby doesn't come. . . girl cries in church on mother's day. . . boy wants to be a daddy. . . 2 years and still no baby. . . they are finally blessed with a baby girl after their 3rd anniversary. . . baby girl has problems. . . and surgeries. . . and costs a lot of money. . . the boy and girl pray hard. . . boy and girl and baby girl are blessed. . . girl and boy and baby move into her folk's home for several months. . . then girl and boy move back to the coast. . . boy takes baby girl on bike rides. . . girl teaches baby girl to read. . . boy and girl are afraid to have more children. . . there's a 60% chance other babies will have same problem as baby girl. . . boy and girl decide to try for another baby anyway. . . baby girl #2 is born without problems, and without insurance. . . boy and girl are very happy. . . boy wants another baby right away. . . girl doesn't. . . girl is pregnant right away and has complications. . . girl is put on bed rest for last 2 1/2 months of pregnancy. . . boy blesses girl. . . baby boy born 11 1/2 months after baby girl #2. . . boy and girl very happy. . . boy starts his own business. . . girl takes care of babies. . . boy's business fails. . . boy and girl are stressed and need a lot of money. . . boy leaves country for oversea's job. . . boy's work takes him away from home for a month at a time. . . girl has baby #4 while boy is gone. . . girl moves in with her grandmother the day after baby girl #3 is born. . . boy meets baby when she is a month old. . . a year later boy and girl move family a couple states away to utah. . . on boy's month home baby #5 is born. . . boy leaves for work in the middle east where there has been a war. . . girl worries at home and watches reports. . . boy is homesick for his family. . . baby boy #2 cries and runs away from boy because baby doesn't recognize his dad when he comes home. . . boy is heartbroken. . . girl and boy decide to stop the overseas work. . . boy says he'll never work on a drilling rig again. . . boy is home every night. . . and boy, girl and babies are happy. . . girl tells boy she can't have baby #6 in such a small house. . . boy and girl move into bigger house. . . baby boy #3 is born nine months later. . . baby #6 almost didn't make it. . . he came into the boy and girl's life by cesarean. . . and baby boy #3 had problems and doctor's appointments and a surgery. . . boy and girl are happy raising a family. . . boy is a leader at church . . . girl is too. . . boy works hard. . . girl does too. . . baby #7 comes on the day boy is put in as bishop. . . girl was not happy, that was not her plan. . . girl and baby girl #4 stay at hospital by themselves. . . boy is very busy. . . girl supports boy. . . boy wants to add onto the house because baby #8 is going to be born. . . girl and boy are excited. . . girl doesn't realize they are going to be without a kitchen for 3 months. . . boy works long hours. . . many friends help the boy and girl. . . the boy and girl love their friends. . . boy changes jobs. . . and girl gets to go back to school when baby #8 is 6 months old. . . girl was academically suspended from college when boy returned from 2 year mission. . . girl was always sad about that. . . boy was so supportive the 4 1/2 years it took the girl to get a college degree. . . girl and baby girl graduate on the same day from BYU. . . boy and their 7 other babies come to watch the girl graduate. . . girl paints for magazines. . . boy and girl need more money. . . girl and boy decide girl needs to continue to stay home with the babies. . . boy is torn and tormented at the thought of being away from the girl and his babies. . . boy goes overseas again. . . boy sacrifices for girl and babies. . . things change. . . it is easier for the girl and boy this time. . . the boy and girl talk everyday with a box that sends words, pictures and movies instantaneously. . . the girl and boy decide to move. . . the boy's job makes it so that they can live anywhere. . . the boy and girl and their babies move across the country to missouri. . . the boy and girl buy some land. . . and some dogs, and chickens, and pigs, and cows. . . the girl doesn't like the boy's animals. . . but the babies like the boy's animals. . . the boy walks his property, it's his dream and he is happy. . . from the window, the girl sees the boy walking under the black walnut trees and she is happy. . . the boy and girl's hearts are united, they are a perfect match. . .

