

A Book Review by Katie 4/12/2022  
*Opposite of Always*- Justin A. Reynolds

Eighteen-year-old Jack King has been stuck for a long time: always getting close to his goals but never quite achieving them. But then one life-changing night at a party he stumbles across the mysterious, aloof Kate and they bond over bowls of cereal. Their immediate chemistry and rapport had me rooting for their relationship from the moment she's introduced. Over the span of a few months, they make it official and Kate assimilates perfectly into Jack's friend group. Jack finally has a win, and life is good.

That is, until Kate dies (in a very typical Justin Reynolds fashion.) Kate's death sends Jack back in time to the night they met, and he must figure out how to save her life and right other wrongs he's made along the way.

*Opposite of Always* by Justin A. Reynolds will break your heart but make you feel good about it. It deals with time travel in a way that isn't infuriating or repetitive, and it leaves you with the question: what would you do for someone that you love? I give this novel 4/5 stars.