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THE WORLDWIDE LEADER IN *Celebrations*

'A BRUSH WITH LOVE' **Synopsis**

Jamie Spellman (Arielle Kebbel) has decided to abandon her dream of painting in favor of expanding her successful kids' art studio. Her best friend Ava (Hilary Jardine) encourages Jamie to create a vision board to help manifest her dream of being a painter, and of finding the right guy. She's also working on an opportunity for Jamie to show her work in the upcoming arts festival, the winner of which gets an exhibition in Paris. Jamie is less than happy, however, when Ava's annoying younger brother Max (Nick Bateman) moves into the apartment downstairs from hers. They have a long, platonic history, in which Jamie was always the butt of Max's jokes growing up.

When local businessman Michael (Matthew Dowden) stops in to inquire about painting classes he discovers it's a kids' class, but there is an instant connection between him and Jamie. She convinces him to join the class and then Jamie agrees to one-on-one coaching. Max goes out of his way to put himself in Jamie's company and, despite her desire to avoid him, she begrudgingly ends up spending time with him.

Jamie's vision board painting is approved for exhibition. The more time Jamie spends with Max, the more she discovers his great qualities, like his kindness and love of natural beauty. But she is still wary of him, especially as she recalls the year he spent sending her messages from a secret admirer, only to laugh at her when she showed up to meet the guy. Michael shows up for his first private lesson and asks Jamie out on a date. Later, Jamie admonishes Max for not applying for the botanical gardens' landscape architect job, but he doesn't want the responsibility and doesn't know how long he'll stay in town. He avoids commitment, but has a crush on Jamie and can't bring himself to tell her. When Jamie discovers something about Michael that complicates their budding relationship, she tells him she doesn't feel like they are a match. That night, inspired by a cherry blossom branch Max gives her, and her growing feelings for him, Jamie gets to work on her new painting.

Max admits to Jamie that he has always wanted to be with her, and despite her growing feelings for him, she reminds him of his poor track record on commitment. Then, just when Jamie realizes that Max truly is the man of her dreams and is eager to date him, he backs away, telling her he thinks she should be with Michael after Ava warns her brother not to hurt Jamie. She is crushed, but her desire to paint is stronger than ever. She backs out of the art school expansion, with her dad in agreement to run it himself. Jamie pours her heart into a new painting for the exhibition, even though she can't win as she lost her spot in the competition when she didn't deliver her entry in time. But her new work well received and cements her decision to follow her passion. When Jamie learns that Max is taking the permanent job at the botanical gardens and will be sticking around, she must decide whether love is worth giving this guy another shot at winning her heart.

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