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Chaos Series 1. Kat is pregnant after only being with Max for 6 months. Running her own beauty salon, dealing with her depressed alcoholic father, fighting battles with Max's mother and facing ex-girlfriends, Kat isn't sure if having a baby is the right thing to do. Her life feels like one big mess, whatever decision she makes will change her life either way.

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Janice Ross says

From the minute I began reading How My LifeBecame Chaos, I knew it would be a good read. Victoria J. Brown tells a very real and relatable story of a transformational time in Kathryn Neasham's life (AKA Kat). I could appreciate the family issues she tackled, the support of the sisterhood and the budding relationship with Max. Something that stood out to me the most was just how Kat's life, from the time that she was little, still had such a strong impact on adulthood. I felt her emptiness and uncertainties in coping with the past, present and what is shaping up to be, an interesting future.

I don't do spoilers, but I enjoyed the transformation. I can literally see how Kat's life has made her stronger, without her even recognizing it. Moreover, I felt for her "situation" in regards to her parents, empathizing with her all the way. I loved the fact that much was rectified, in one way or another, especially when it came to Marianne because that relationship was beneficial to both of them. I would certainly recommend this series to anyone that appreciates the realities associated with Women's Literature. The author is very talented and skilled, and I would certainly read more of her work in the future.

Fiona Leung says

(I received a copy from the author via Amazon in exchange for my honest review)

Wow I wasn't expecting such a good read but the first book in the Chaos Series got me hooked in right from the start!

This book was narrated from Kat's pov and her life turned a dramatic turn right from page 1. One thing after the other happened in her life that she had no control of and she had to juggle her way through.

The author has made Kat a really believable and likeable character, and you feel you can really relate with her.

There was a sneak peak into the 2nd book of the Chaos Series at the end and it got me even more excited for the next book. Highly recommend this to anyone who loves a chick lit!

Beckie says

Originally posted at: http://beckiesbookmix.blogspot.co.uk/...

When I saw this book advertised, I knew I had to read it. This is a book about raw, unedited life, the kind of life that all of us have to live.

Kat has a lot on her plate in her day to day life without any unexpected surprises. Not only does she run her own beauty salon, which she has built from the ground up with a lot of care and attention, she has an alcoholic father, a sister who still acts like a small child and a new boyfriend complete with his interfering

mother. And then she finds out she's pregnant...

I could not put this book down as I was genuinely interested in what Kat was going through. She is a very strong character, always trying to help others before she helps herself. I really empathised with how she was feeling, it didn't matter what was happening she always tried to stay positive. I also enjoyed reading about the other characters in Kat's life - her Dad, her Dad's partner Marianne, her sister Libby, her boyfriend Max and his mother Clare. They all had different influences over Kat's life which had me thinking about what is a 'normal' family dynamic these days. I am definitely led to think that as long as you're happy it doesn't matter!

I loved that this book was set in North Yorkshire! Living there myself lets me appreciate the scenery so much more. Victoria allowed me to see the flowing river, the country roads and the market towns with such clarity. It was beautiful and really added to the story.

I believe the overall message in this book is a message of hope and positive thinking. A lot of events, good and bad, happen to people in their lifetime but there is always a glimmer of hope, that silver lining. I thoroughly enjoyed reading about Kat and her trials and tribulations, so much so that I'm already onto book number three in the Chaos series!

Dawn says

I received an ecopy of the first book in The Chaos Series in exchange for an honest review as part of the Blog Tour organised by Fiction Addiction.

The prologue to this book really sets the scene, a close knit happy family, loving life together, until it all alters with a fatal trip to the fish and chip shop for supper.

My first thoughts was that on the surface of it this was going to be the usual sort of chick lit book with a happy ever after ending. Wrong! Yes, it was an easy, quick read for me but it touched many emotions. I smiled and laughed and felt sad and close to tears at times.

The characters were so well written they were believable from Kat and her clients at her salon right down to her dad, Maureen his friend/carer and Libby her sister.

Emotions run high throughout this book just as they can in real live when you're dealing with births and deaths! Sometimes help and support comes from the unlikeliest places but above all communication, a good pair of ears and a shoulder to cry on is all it takes for Kat to look at the reasoning behind some of her thoughts and actions.

This book delivers a big lesson - sometimes you have to scratch the veneer to get to it but situations and circumstances often dictate how we react and behave when life throws us a curve ball. What you see isn't always what you get and often behaviour is a mask to disguise true emotions and feelings.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and was genuinely gutted when it ended, thank goodness I still have books 2 and 3 to read. Highly recommend this book to anybody who loves chick lit that goers a bit deeper.

Beth Rockefeller says

Great fun read with just the right amount of emotion.

I got this as a free download about a year ago. I passed it on my carousel many times but never gave it a chance. Girl was I missing out! I loved the main character, as she and I share many traits and I can relate to coming from a family with mental illness.

It is definitely a woman's novel but not the typical sappy romance. This story is about what happens after the magical kiss at the end of the love story. When you come back down from the clouds and to life. Plus, since it's set in England, I fear the whole thing with an accent. Read this one. You won't be sorry.

Eileen says

Much more substance than your usual chick lit. Well written and page-turning. It made me laugh and it made me cry. I'll be reading more from this author.

Julie says

Having really enjoyed this book I find it hard to believe that this is Victoria J Brown's first novel as the writing just flows and the style is very accomplished. It's an easy to read novel and although I've seen it described as chick-lit, the topics it deals with are very serious and sympathetically treated.

I loved the characters and the way that the reader is drawn into their lives. There are some amusing incidents such as when Kat first meets Max. That scene had me giggling to myself as it reminded me perhaps of when I was younger. As I was in a public place when I was reading the book I did get a few funny looks though. There are also serious moments and I did feel a tear form in the corner of my eye which I had to quickly wipe away.

All in all very realistic characters who are facing difficult decisions in their lives. The way they develop and interact with each other will leave you wanting to read more. Looking forward to the next in the series.

Stella Temenu says

Absolutely brilliant first novel by Victoria J Brown - well written with a fabula that most people can relate to. Looking forward to book two.Really enjoyed this book, couldn't put it down. Totally enjoyed reading this 1st book by Victoria J Brown and will for sure look forward to the next ones. Thanks for an inspirational read Victoria, your words flow easily allowing the reader to embrace the content and storyline truly. I wish you every success now and always

Sharon Heaverly Machuga French says

I received this book free in exchange for an honest review. I must admit that I wasn't overly excited about reading it at first. But, I was in for a big surprise.

The story is so close to real life instances and life circumstances that it is impossible not to get right into the story line. This is not a Cinderella fairy tale or a contemporary romance story. Kat is a very strong woman who has to make some life changing decisions. She relies on the people around her to help her make those decisions without letting on what her major problem is.

The characters were very likable and well developed. I thoroughly enjoyed the book and have already ordered the second book in the series.

Well done, Ms Brown.

Silvana says

Kat is great young woman, owner of beauty shop independent and gorgeous. With beauty face and body of goddess she is every man's fantasy, but she is unsecure in many things in her life, because the fate was cruel with her family when she was a thirteen years old. She was forced to grow up early and now what to do with a baby in her belly? Kat and Max are in love about sex months, she is pregnant but he doesn't know that. Everything will be easy if his mother was friendlier with Kat. Kat's sister Libby is acting like spoiled child, without constant job and with many boyfriends she is really a mess. There is her best friend Suzy, which is prepared to do everything for Kat and is here when Kat needed her. Now is Kat turn to be with her. So now you know that Kat life is a chaos.

I started to read this book about five days ago, but I actually did read it for four hours. I send those four hours enjoying with admiration at the author who wrote such a wonderful book.

There is no woman that can't identify with Kat. Reading about Kat's problems I find myself in her thoughts. There are very deep considerations, doubts that a woman found in everyday life and obstacles that passes by. She solved her problems and dialed with the problems of the people in her life facing persons which are wants to trample her.

Considering the high heels and other woman stuff on the cover of the book I tough that... all review read here: http://books-are-my-life-silvy.blogsp...