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Nobody loves baseball more than ten-year-old Lyssa Sampson. Nobody. For as long as she can remember, she's had only one dream: to be a pitcher at the Little League World Series. But the widowed Coach Jenkins has other plans, and Lyssa has to do a little innocent scheming to make her dream come true. When Coach Jenkins appears to be interested in Lyssa's single mother, Terri, Lyssa sees an opportunity for a little matchmaking. Maybe her efforts will help her mother find happiness again-and give Lyssa a chance at her dream at the same time. But will Terri and Coach Jenkins let a ten-year-old deal with matters of the heart? Or will reason take over and spoil Lyssa's plan? *Diamond Place*, the third book in the *Hart's Crossing* series, is a heartwarming tale of hope, healing, and the power of love.

Diamond Place Details

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Nancy Reynolds says

A cute quick read. It was entertaining and the characters were generally likable. I like that it was wholesome and easy to read. Also, due to my eyesight, I really appreciated the larger print.

Criticisms include the book being a bit too predictable and some of the central characters were not quite as likable as others. For some reason, I cannot put my finger on exactly why, I found the character of Terri difficult to like (I didn't dislike the character, but I didn't like her either). Some of this may be attributed to the short nature of this book, so I would love to read one of Ms. Hatcher's full length novels in the future as I did enjoy her style of writing.

I would rate this book 4.4.

Won on Goodreads.

Brandi says

I was looking for a light read between assignments and borrowed this book from my Mom. It is an attractive little book with a pretty cover. It was a shorter book, so the characters were not quite as well-developed as they would have been in a longer work.

This is not the kind of book I normally read and I did not really find any of the characters to be relatable.

This does not detract from the author's writing style, though. Ms. Hatcher's writing style was clear and easy to follow.

Overall, a nice, light read for when someone has a few hours to kill, but not the kind of book I am accustomed to reading. I do have a couple friends I think might enjoy this book, though, and I would definitely recommend it to them.

Tracy L. says

Excellent book!

Deb says

plot summary: what happens, when & where, central characters, major conflicts[return]a baseball playing 10 year old is determined to make a love connection between her mother and her widowed baseball coach. her mom doesn't respond quite the way she wants her to though.[return][return]style characteristics: pacing, clarity, structure, narrative devices, etc.[return]this short novella is just a typical romance/coming of age type story, with misunderstandings coming between the couple and a young girl struggling with growing up in a single parent family.[return][return]how good is it?[return]a nice quick read, nothing special.

Lisa says

Harts Crossing series / book three

Jara says

I would've enjoyed the story more without the bratty, self-absorbed 10 year-old plot device...I mean, schemer. I expected a much more likable matchmaker. Oh well. On to the next one!

Kathryn says

great book about what miscommunication can do to a relationship. Terri, is a single mom of a 10 year old girl named Lyssa. Lyssa loves to play baseball and wants to pitch on her team of all boys and being the youngest. She thinks that if she can get the coach interested in her mom she'll win the right to start pitching, but when a storm put her mom's salon in a financial scare and she was supposed to go on a date with the coach Mel, she tells her friend angie that she doesn't want to go out with the coach. Lyssa overhears and decides she has to fix this for her mom, because her mother's happiness is more important than even baseball. She tells the coach that her mother was just being nice when she went out with him and in essence that she doesn't like him and didn't have fun on their date which wasn't true. He is confused and tries to get ahold of Terri to straighten things out and that is when Lyssa comes clean about her intentions and the air is clear. Mel comes over and is clued in on the part lyssa had in bringing mel together with Terri. Angie and Bill get married.

Mary H. Pace says

Good read!

Humorous, good story. Robin Hatcher really keeps you reading a book. I did not want to put it down until I was finished!

Hannah says

I'm really enjoying these stories by Robin Lee Hatcher! I wish she'd written more than four. :)
In this one, a young girl sets out to get a better placement in her ball team and just might get a stepfather in the process. Delightful appearances from the characters in previous books, also..
