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Shawnette says

What can I say...I LOVED it...from beginning to end...Mrs. Ray has done it AGAIN!

Racquel says

This book was a fast romance that includes a lesson in pride and prejudice. The characters were passionate and had just enough realistic characteristics that made them relatable. I was a bit surprised at how fast the book was going but I felt it ended with a full story. What I loved most about the book is how Ms. Ray unfolded the life of musicians in the entertainment industry. She went far beyond the 'glamour' of the life of a celebrity to show what was behind the curtain. There were some parts that were a little too much for me when it came to the character's family members, but overall it was a pretty good read and a great addition to the Grayson Friends series.

Harriet says

All around wonderful read.

The angst of the hero & Heroine is reflected in the song It Had to be You. Since, I am old school I had to go and listen to the song. I was amazed at the correlation between the two.

Both the heroine Laurel Raineau & the hero Zachary Albright Wilder had life lessons to learn. Laurel's lesson was that assumptions "truly make an ass of you and me". Zachary's is , " Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive. ...".

However, they gain insight over time. With the help of family and friends they are able to make amends.

Synopsis

IT HAD TO BE HER

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IT HAD TO BE...WHO?

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Katie(babs) says

Zachary Albright Wilder, better known as music producer extraordinaire, Rolling Deep, wants to produce Laurel Raineau's next album. Laurel is a classical violinist who is a well respected musician and very

different from the other musical professionals Zach works with. Laurel refuses to have anything to do with Zach because of his reputation as a lady's man and working with some rap stars who have shady reputations. Zach can't get Laurel out of his mind and will use all his connections to try and meet her.

The opportunity arises when Zach finds out that Laurel is vacationing at a private resort in Playa de Carmen. He quickly flies out there and will try his best to convince her to work with him. Laurel hates the paparazzi and longs for peace and quiet from her current hectic schedule. As she is enjoying dinner, a handsome man asks to join her. Because of his sexy grin and looks, she decides he is harmless. He introduces himself as Zachary Albright and soon they are enjoying each other's company. They decide to see the sights together and Laurel can't help but fall into his arms and engage in an intense love affair.

Zach is riddled with guilt over keeping his true identity a secret from Laurel, but doesn't want what they have together to end. Both are falling deeply in love, and when she finds out about his deception, she feels betrayed, used and wants nothing more to do with him. Zach won't give Laurel up without a fight and pulls out all the stops to prove to her that he can be a man she can trust to help move along her career and also have a future with.

It Had To Be You is the fourth book in Francis Ray's Grayson Friends series. This is a cute romance about opposites attracting that has more of a feel of a category romance than a single title release. Laurel is very sheltered and innocent and longs for stability in both her personal and professional life. Zach falls head first for Laurel and helps her live her life to the fullest. At times he is a bit heavy handed, and the fact that he hides his identity is the only real tension that pushes along the story. The story somewhat falters because other than Zach hiding his identity and the outcome of his lies, there isn't all that much going on.

The love scenes between Zach and Laurel are emotional and enjoyable, where you really feel the connection between these two characters. Zach is a good person deep down inside who is very dedicated to his family and friends.

Francis Ray has penned an enjoyable contemporary romance that is very simple and easy to read, although some readers may wish for a meatier plot.

Chelsea says

Mr. "Rolling Deep" is certainly a character! I love his determination and change of heart. This was a great read, that many should enjoy!

Rae Lewis-Thornton says

I have read 5 of the Grayson friends novels and by far this is the best one!! I read it in a day.. Ray kept my attention and she didn't seem to repeat the info of all the Grayson characters over and over throughout the book which she has a habit of doing; makes it redundant. This is the 4th in the series and it was fresh... Left me wanting more but I was happy with the story line and how she brought the Grayson into the story. Bravo!! The best so far but I still have 5 more to read because I read the second to the last out of order, which was my first introduction to Ms. Ray. I read it right after her passing and since have read the entire series up to the friends novels.. This overall is a great romance series and a quick engaging read

Carla says

As always Mrs. Ray does not disappoint.. So far Laurel is working my nerves because she is passing judgement on someone she does not even know...

Good story.. But Laurel really was way too stuck up for my taste. Love Trent in the story..

I have a thing for books that are connected and the Grayson Friends and Family is a definite good series.

Tigger says

Loved it!

Michelle Crawford says

Francis Ray has a very specific outline that she pretty much follows in all her books. You either love them or hate them. I personally love them. In this particular book, Zach is so dreamy and Laurel is so innocent. Just like with all of Francis Ray's stories, the couple has to overcome some issues. They must learn to trust and forgive. They have to learn that everything or everyone is not always what they appear to be on the outside. If you are going to love someone, you must give them your whole heart and you must be willing to work for what you want. Also, the importance of family is highlighted beautifully (as always).

Ariana says

First off Laurel needs to get her nose from up in the air. I'm not sure why she thinks cause plays classical music she so much better. Secondly when will Sierrea learn to mind her own damn business.

Christine Seybolt says

I just finished IT HAD TO BE YOU by New York Times Bestselling author, Francis Ray and couldn't put it down. I'm working on my review and will post it soon

ChaosDuchess says

Great story. As usual, I get to the middle and have a hard time putting it down - even for sleep! Always makes me want to start over at the beginning with the Taggarts.

Zarinah says

This is a wonderful story. I loved the chemistry between the 2 main characters. This my first book from Grayson and I very much enjoyed her writing style. It was clear and consistent. I believed the love between both of them and I believe the characters. I can't wait to read another of her stories. Also I know there was a family chart in the front and I was tad bit worried but I didn't have to worry the story line never needed the family history.

Crystal says

I absolutely love the Grayson Family series then add the Grayson Family and Friends to follow up. I think I have read each book in both series and they kept getting better and of course they are interchangeable so in each book, you still got to hear about how another part of the family is doing. Will have to make sure I add the others to my home library in tribute to Mrs. Ray.

Cheryl says

Zachary Wilder "Rolling Deep" is a famous music producer. Everyone who is anyone wants to work with RD. Well everyone but the beautiful and talented Laurel Raineau. Laurel plays the Violin. She wants nothing to do with RD. He has a reputation of being a play boy. Zach has never been turned down before.

When RD learns that Laurel will be taking a vacation down to Playa del Carmen, he books a flight down there. He hopes to show Laurel that there is more to Zach then his image as RD.

It Had to Be You is book four of the Grayson Friends novels. It can be read as a stand alone novel. I say this because it is the first novel I have read by this author. It is not for a lack of not wanting to try a book out by Francis Ray but just never got around to it yet. I can happily say that after reading this book, I will make sure that time does not pass before I pick up another one of Francis Ray's books.

The sexual chemistry between Zach and Laurel was as hot as the sandy beaches of Playa del Carmen. It was nice to see the softer side of Zach. Zach and Laurel made beautiful music together. If there had to be one book that started my summer out right, it had to be It Had to Be You.
