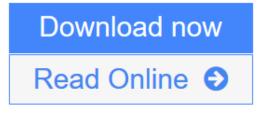


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Bored administrative assistant, Tessa Golden, is trapped in a life of lousy weather, irritating bosses, and mind-numbing secretarial work. Her dreams of being an artist have rapidly deteriorated into building things out of paperclips while on hold with tech support. To make matters even worse, the love of her life has gone off and married another woman.

So when Tessa is suddenly transferred to the Las Vegas branch of her company - playing wingwoman to her freshly divorced boss, juggling a client-from-hell, and catching the eye of one very eligible coworker - will her life finally be shaken up enough to straighten itself out?

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Meredith Schorr says

4.5 Stars

Twenty-eight year old Tessa Golden is living a pretty dull existence in Massachusetts. She has no passion for her administrative job, not much of a social life and a three-year-old crush on her colleague Nick - her married colleague Nick. When an act of kindness by Tessa to a woman in the bathroom during her company's holiday party leads to an offer to temporarily transfer to the firm's Las Vegas office, Tessa's life is turned upside down forcing her to decide what it would really take to make her happy and how far she's willing to go to get there.

The author offered me a free copy of What Stays in Vegas in exchange for my honest review and I'm so glad she did. There are so many tempting chick lit novels out there and I do not know if What Stays in Vegas would have otherwise made it onto my Kindle. I thoroughly enjoyed the read. I found the characters to be extremely likeable and the relationships entertaining and believable. I also enjoyed the camaraderie between Tessa and her boss Kendra and let's not forget adorkable co-worker Chris. I found Tessa to be an extremely sympathetic character and there was never a point when I did not root for her. She had a very good head on her shoulders and a big heart and while she was flawed enough to make some mistakes, she was also mature enough to own up to them. There were definitely some laugh-out-loud moments in this book and while I cannot imagine some of the events actually happening in the real world, that's why we have books! The writing style was easy-breezy and I never got bored or bogged down in unnecessary narrative or details yet there was enough description to place me squarely in the scene.

I would definitely recommend What Stays in Vegas to all fans of chick lit.

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Emily says

Tessa is an administrative assistant and unfortunately, she is good at that especially knowing the part where she as the secretary is always to blame when things aren't perfect. To try and find some enjoyment at work she makes sculpture out of office supplies she finds. Suddenly, she is given the opportunity to be transferred to the Las Vegas office. Where she will fill in as Kendra's assistant. Kendra is one of the owners daughter's who Tessa made an impression on at the company Christmas party where she gave her a stain remover in the bathroom after Kendra's husband had just been hitting on Tessa. Tessa is conflicted to leave her few friends at work, especially Nick. She has been in love with Nick for years, but not long ago he went on vacation and came back married. So, why wouldn't Tessa take the transfer, it is only for a few months to cover a maternity leave.

In Vegas Tessa finds herself being the wingman for Kendra, who's husband leaves her. She has to balance that with the guy they are doing a project for building strip clubs, is making everyone's lives hard. One of the guys in the Vegas office has potential for something with Tessa too, but when Nick shows up Tessa has some figure out to do. And maybe Tessa will finally find her way out of being a secretary and back to her

roots of arts.

I loved this book. Someone dealing with what she is kind of dealt and dreaming of more. She never really gives up her dream, but accepts what she has to. She is faced with something that she has dreamed about for years, but when faced with it has to choose if that is what she really wants.

I thought that Tessa was a well built character and I really was rooting for her through the whole plot. But, she had her moments where you wanted to say, no don't do that, but you got why she did. I also liked how she really seemed to care about her friends. Yes, Kendra was her boss, but there was times that she did want to help her as a friend too.

I would give this book 4 stars. It was well written and the flow kept moving. It is very chick lit, but I found it a fun enjoyable read and would probably say that it would be a good beach read.

Brittni says

Loved it!

Steph says

In my 20's, I adored classic chick-lit, but when I entered my 30's I found myself leaning more toward the risqué than cute. What Stays in Vegas took me back to my younger enjoyment of fun and mindless girlie reads I enjoyed so much.

Ms. Laborte had me laughing SO hard at Tessa's inner dialogue and I immediately recommended this book to some old friends who I know would appreciate her utterly realistic humor. Even though this book isn't terribly unique and is extremely predictable, I totally loved Tessa, Kendra, Chris and even Nick (at times).

Nick's character ended up being such a jerk, which disappointed me since he and Tessa were such great friends, but I'm glad she saw the error of her ways before things got too far out of hand. Kendra was awesome, you could tell she was really going through a tough time, and it was refreshing to read about a boss that is LOVED by her employees instead of being the butt of every happy hour joke. The real star was Tessa, who was such a great friend to everyone. I totally want to have a girls weekend with her & Kendra in Vegas! I could've done with a little more sensuality in this book, as it stands there's not much more than a few kisses and references to random one night stands. I was hoping for a hot scene with Tessa & Chris, but in the end What Stays in Vegas didn't need it to hold my attention.

Anyway, there's nothing serious or life changing or even super exciting about this book, but the terrific characters and outstanding humor was a refreshing change of pace that I really enjoyed.

Chrystal says

I actually really liked Tessa's character - she's a bored and overworked administrative assistant who yearns

for something more. She reminds me so much of myself - I pretty much do admin work and I have a passion for art/crafts/design. Maybe I can take a cue from her and find a way to give some time to my passions?

I've wanted out since day one. Not just day one of this job, but day one of every crappy job that has come before it. Pretty much ever since the day I unintentionally landed myself a career as an administrative "professional". Call me what you like, what I really am is a glorified secretary.

I actually really enjoyed watching Tessa grow as a person while she is in Vegas working for some higher ups in the company. I think she normally would have been loving the party life and shopping, but as she starts to mature and realize what she wants out of life, she seems to find those types of things uninteresting and just a tad annoying. As much as she is not wanting to live that life, she does entertain her boss by tagging along - almost like a babysitter than anything else. I did get a little annoyed with the number of scenes where she and her boss are out partying - I get it, her boss is heartbroken and trying to get over her ex (though that was only a minor problem for me).

My absolute favourite part of the entire book is the love triangle. She has had the biggest crush on a coworker back home and he's finally decided to give her the time of day, but she's also met a new guy out in Vegas who seems to suit her more. I found myself cheering for Chris, the new guy and wanting Nick to just fly his ass home and leave her be. This triangle was great because it develops Tessa's character more. There is an amazing scene in a diner Tvessa and Nick - I will not give it away, but I was so proud of her!

Overall I really enjoyed this book and wouldn't mind seeing what Tessa is up to now.

Karan Eleni says

This review was originally posted on karaneleni.com

What Stays in Vegas is pretty much the perfect representation of what I think all Chick Lit and Romantic Comedy novels should be. Awkwardness, laughter, taking chances, adding to the monotony of adulthood, ya know...real life. It was extremely easy to relate to Tessa being bored at work (don't tell my boss that, even though I'm sure he knows). Fortunately, Tessa had an opportunity that she couldn't pass up (lucky girl!) and despite some drama, the decision to even attempt a big move like she did (even if temporary) is more than I could ever do. No, I'm not jealous at all. *eyeroll* I am inspired though. Thank you, Beth!

Erin Spencer narrated the story and was more than perfect. (I'm saying that word a lot in this review...) Definitely looking for other audiobooks that Erin has contributed to. I was ecstatic to see that Beth had her narrate Summer at Sea also! I'm almost done with that one so expect another Beth Laborte review shortly!

Lexxi Kitty says

So, this is my second book by this author and seventh Chick-Lit book I've read.

I loved the first book I read by this author, I mean, it was the first and only book in the Chick-lit genre that I've read and given 5 stars to. I found the first book I read by this author to be fun, hilarious exciting. I found this one to be tedious, annoying, and filled with little things that I find annoying.

I don't know. Maybe without that whole Nick thing I'd have liked this book a lot more. Not found it as tedious. It still would had way too bloody much drinking. Bitchy judgmental slut shaming (ETA: I seem to have a 'thing' to look for slut shaming, and there's a bit of looking down the nose, 'you poor woman you horrible little ugly slut' vibe, but I might be going a little far to include slut shaming this time. maybe). That's actually three different things. I should put commas in there or something. Also, I found not a single thing to be laughable and/or humorous.

That lack of humor probably wouldn't have been that bad, if not for how humorous I found the first book I read by this author. Actually, it's quite possible I might have been able to rate this as high as 3 stars if I hadn't read that other book first. Because I went into this expecting too much, I guess. I should have remembered that this book here is the author's first published book (ETA: actually, I forgot about that one that came out in 2008), and appeared 4 years before the other book.

Tammy Walton Grant says

A quick, clean, cute, enjoyable read.

Another take on a popular storyline lately in contemporary: heroine in love with her co-worker/boss/best friend, she pines for him until she gets him then realizes he wasn't worth her time and attention. Of course, by then she's fallen in love with new coworker/boss/friend and we have to wait and see if she sees the error of her ways in time.

The story isn't new, but I always like to read these ones just to see how the author gets me from beginning to end. This one didn't disappoint, although I might not remember it a couple of months from now.

Yes, another Kindle freebie. :D

N.N. Light says

Stuck in a dead-end job and pining for fellow co-worker Nick, Tessa jumps at the offer to transfer to Vegas. There she meets and falls for another co-worker who appears to be the perfect guy for her. But when Nick flies out to Vegas and professes his love to Tessa, what's a girl to do? A fun, light chick-lit romance that I really liked. Sure, it has way too many cliches and is very predictable, but a delight nonetheless.

My Rating: 4 stars

Jo says

Tessa works as a secretary - rather she is trapped as a secretary, mind numbingly boring work and she feels she shouldn't be doing. However a random act of kindness to the daughter of the owner of the company leads

Beth says

I like this book, mostly because I wrote it. I hope you like it too and would love your reviews & feedback.

Jamie Kline says

I was in the mood for a light, fun read and this book definitely delivered; very few books have made me literally laugh out loud, but this is one of them.

I enjoyed the main character, Tessa, immensely. She was so spunky and hilarious, yet completely relatable. I think most of us have experienced feelings for another person that were not returned and so I felt for what she was going through, being in love with her best friend, Nick. Tessa is also stuck in a job that she doesn't enjoy and has aspirations of doing other things, like pursuing her passion for art. What I really love is how witty she was; there were several times I found myself laughing throughout the book.

I thought I had everything figured out when it came to Tessa's love life. I completely adored Nick; he seemed to be so caring, funny, and an all around good friend to her. It was impossible not to fall in love with him too, although the fact that he was a married was a major roadblock. When she goes to the Las Vegas office and meets someone else, I was completely against it! How could she possibly find someone she loved as much as Nick? Then, as the story progressed, I began to see this new guy as a better and better fit for her, until I wasn't sure which man I liked better. I won't give away any big spoilers (notice I didn't even give you the name of the guy she becomes smitten with in Vegas), but I will say this: you will be very satisfied with the ending.

This book was amazingly funny and had some great romance in it as well. Any novel that can make me laugh out loud gets a huge thumbs up from me, and I'm very thankful I got the chance to read this one. If you like romance with some extremely comic moments thrown in, I promise you will love What Stays In Vegas.

Cheli says

Cute story!

Taylor Longford says

Tessa is a struggling artist stuck in a dead end job. To make things worse, she's been in love with one of her coworkers for years but Nick doesn't appear to know she exists. So when Tessa's company offers to transfer her to Las Vegas, she jumps at the chance. When she reaches Las Vegas, she meets an adorable new guy who just might be her soul mate. At that point, Nick shows up after finally deciding Tessa is the girl for him.

What Stays in Vegas is a brilliantly funny book. Beth Labonte is probably the most entertaining author I've read since Marie Janice Davidson. I hope this undiscovered new author gets discovered real soon so that she can write lots more books!

This book was cute, funny and free for the month of July 2011!

Ingrid Cepeda says

No es un clásico ni una joya de la literatura bastante predecible pero muy entretenido Recomendado para todo aquel harto de la rutina diaria de trabajo y quienes necesiten un empujón para hacer algo diferente de su vida.