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Charlotte is a successful romance novelist who escapes city life and moves to the small town of Crispens Point in Blackberry County. She immediately connects with some of the quirky but friendly residents and begins to feel at home right away. When a friend invites her to attend a local community church, Charlotte is attracted to the pastor, but refuses to acknowledge that attraction because of some dark things in her past.

What is the mysterious thing in Charlotte's past that seems to dominate everything? Is it enough to keep her from ever finding a lasting relationship?

## **Crispens Point Details**

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## **From Reader Review Crispens Point for online ebook**

### **Linda Husvar says**

The author portrayed vividly Charlotte's challenges as a romance writer moving from the city to a small town. Nosy neighbors and church members loved prying into Charlotte's business, spreading misconceptions about her life and work. I loved how Charlotte gracefully made friends and responded to the needs of several youth. We saw the trials of her strained relationship with Pastor Gordon, the stress of her mother's cancer, and the frustration of dealing with troubled teenagers. I felt like I was right there with the characters. Highly recommended!

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### **Sue Ferryman says**

#### **Really Like!**

The author wrote so warmly and believably that I felt I was there experiencing the story line. Loved that the characters had such a deep love of God that they would easily share with others. A storyline that was filled with some unexpected situations. Feel good, good read.

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### **Joyce Banks says**

#### **Good quick read**

This is one of those stories where you KNOW what needs to happen and you just have to wait for the characters to catch up.

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### **Raquel says**

Excellent story! Especially for single women. I wish I'd written it.

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### **Cindy says**

Now this was a good book. I really enjoyed it. The ending was great. It didn't leave you hanging, just looking forward to the next book.

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## **Joleen says**

Okay, this one surprised me. I read it because it's been sitting in my Kindle library gathering cloud dust, AND because it has one of the more boring book covers I've ever seen. You know the phrase, "You can't judge a book by its cover"? Well, that pretty much sums it up.

This was a sweet book. Perhaps not a dude-lit book, but that's okay by me.

I believe I liked every character. Charlotte was a romance novel writer who needed to get out of the city so she bought a home in a rural little town. She found the charm of it to increase as she got to know neighbors and church members. It's clear there is an attraction to one guy, but for one reason or other she gravitates toward another. There's a push pull all throughout the book, and everyone around her seeing what she can't. Anyway, I'm glad I finally read it, and honestly, the unappealing cover will probably help me to remember it!

So, good job!

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## **Ellen says**

Crispens Point was a solid choice for a summer read. It's light and has a charming Mitford-esque quality to it, although the writing does not rise to the level of Jan Karon (a high bar, indeed). I enjoyed the characters and the quaint, small-town setting. Charlotte's nosy neighbor lady was my favorite. It cracked me up just how much these folks assumed about Charlotte just because she wrote romance books. Reardon made Crispens Point a nice place to escape to, and I plan to go back soon.

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## **Franca Landreth says**

Loved this book. Very sweet story with great characters. Awesome read for women and teenage girls.

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## **Skeeter Jorgensen says**

I received this book in exchange for a review,

I loved this book, it had a lot of Christian values and touched on a lot of controversial subjects Unwed mothers, breast cancer, bulimia in young girls nosy neighbors and other items. I thought all of them were handled in good taste.

Charlotte Fyne is a romance author, moving to a small town to renew her writing skills. She joins the Church and is attracted to the Pastor, unknown to her, the Pastor is attracted to her, each act like the other does not exist, Charlotte because she does not want to be hurt again, the pastor, because he likes his single life and others have tried to "catch him" for years. I think he was skeptical of a romance writer.

Charlotte becomes very involved with the young girls in the Church, helping them beginning with their romance questions, then on to more important issues, bulimia, and other teenage problems.

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### **Cathy says**

This is the first Christian novel I've read and thoroughly enjoyed it. I wasn't quite sure what to expect but Ms Reardon dealt with things that surprised but in a good way. I'm anxious to read her other books.

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### **Tanya says**

wow! This book was so sweet. I love a good Christian romance and this was it. It's nice to see that people still hold on to purity and live according to God's standards. I like that most about this book, that it encourages young people, especially girls, to keep their purity and show their inner beauty instead of giving themselves away freely. I absolutely enjoyed this book!

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### **Mary Hosmar says**

This was a quick read. It expressed good Christian values as to dating and good living. While several issues which teenage girls may be dealing with are mentioned, none of them are treated in depth. They seem like easy solutions. Even Charlotte's own past seems to be put in as an afterthought. This book embodies a lot of what I have against many Christian novels. The solutions seem to come too easily giving the illusion that once you belong to God everything will work out the way you want it to. That's not always the case. Yes, God works things out in your life but often you struggle with the solutions and the past. Life is not a bowl of cherries just because you're a Christian. I feel that this novel might have been more impactful if some of Charlotte's struggles, especially those from her earlier life, had been portrayed. All in all, I did enjoy the book because it is an easy and quick read and sometimes I just need that.

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### **Ogz says**

An absolutely brilliant novel that doesn't just tell a story but brings out the Christian concept of dating, love, relationships and marriage, helping young people understand God's plan and showing the need to wait and pray for a life partner.

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### **Sue K. says**

An easy read, though it touched on several hard issues. Characters added to Charlotte's (main character) adjustment to small-town living, and their lives touched on the theme that "things are not always as they seem." A few twists that were surprising and made me want to keep reading. Refreshing to read something that keeps the Christian perspective in mind. Wish I would've started reading JoHanna's books years ago!

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**Lillie says**

I enjoyed the story but thought the pastor's avoidance of the new member of his church was unreal. Even if he had personal reservations about her, it seems that a good pastor would have made a point to meet the new person--even a visitor--and make her welcome.

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