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If only life had a refresh button...

Kate Mitchell never planned to be a 31 year-old widowed single mom, but when her soon-to-be-EX husband up and dies, her dreams of finishing college and starting over are thrown in the air like a game of '52 pick-up.' When she's given a leave of absence from work and told to "quit or recommit," Kate retreats to idyllic Sugar Falls, New Hampshire, to figure out whether she can discover her passion and pay the bills. Cue the fresh air, summer sunshine and one sexy local contractor.

Tall, dark, and handy...

Volunteer fireman and all-around hunky guy in a toolbelt, Jim Pearson has sworn off complicated women with messy baggage. They cling to his nice-guy stability and skills with a power saw just long enough to straighten out their lives and move on... but then he meets the cute single mom staying at Grams' lake house for the summer.

While a sizzling attraction draws them together, Jim's distrust of complicated women and Kate's incredibly complicated life threaten to pull them apart. But forces beyond their control--match-making grandmothers, the lazy backdrop of summer, and their own reckoning with the past--conspire to make them risk it all... and bet on love.

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Sarah-Jayne Windridge-France says

What a thoroughly lovely 'feel good' book! Life is never plain sailing and it really is the 'Luck of the Draw' which, as is the title, is the essence of this book in a nutshell.

The characters are wonderfully flawed, yet loveable and very believable, the story modern, but with a twist of the traditional.

Family values, fun and frivolities, tinged with sadness and misdemeanours.

I got wrapped up in the lies and the intrigue masking the honesty and hankered after the happy ending!

A light-hearted, sassy and enjoyable read. I look forward to discovering more of what Cheri Allan has to offer.

Kathleen says

Luck of the Draw is a wonderful story about self-discovery, finding your passion in life, and an unexpected second chance romance.

In the first book of the Betting On Romance series, author Cheri Allan weaves a sweet romantic tale about two people who are trying to figure out their lives, and are having a hard time when it comes to finding true love.

When Kate Mitchell's soon to be ex-husband dies leaving her a widowed single mother, her life is turned upside down, and she is left trying to figure out how to pick up the pieces and go forward in her life. She leaves Connecticut for the small idyllic town of Sugar Falls, New Hampshire to clear her head and come up with a new direction for her life.

Volunteer Fireman and hunky handyman Jim Pearson has a way with using tools, but when it comes to romance, he's sworn off complicated women and their messy baggage. That is until he meets Kate, who is staying at his Gram's lake house for the summer.

This was such a fun romantic story to read, I couldn't help but get drawn into Kate and Jim's story. I loved the attraction and connection that Kate and Jim shared, it was fun following them as they struggled to find common ground, and let their romance blossom with the well-intentioned matchmaking by their fun loving meddling grandmothers. I also loved following Kate's journey of self-discovery as she learned to embrace the changes in her life and find passion to move forward. The author uses a nice mixture of humor and romance to weave a sassy tale that is thoroughly entertaining.

With a quirky and cast of characters who are realistic and fun loving; humorous dialogue and interactions; a richly descriptive lake town setting; and a satisfying romantic storyline that easily draws the reader into the story, Luck of the Draw is a wonderful first book in a new series that I am eager to read.

Luck of the Draw is a heartwarming story of self-discovery, finding the passions in life, and a pleasantly unexpected luck of the draw at getting a second chance at romance.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of the book from the author / publisher in exchange for my honest review and participation in a virtual book tour event hosted by Goddess Fish Promotions.

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Gloria Costa says

What a pleasant surprise this book was. I can't say how much I loved this book. It was so well written. The grandmothers are strong, feisty and hilarious. Loved them. The characters in the book were so well developed.

Deanna says

interesting story

This story kept me reading. I could not put the book down. The grandma's play cards with family photos. When the game is over they use the cards to see who will be together. Then watch to see what happens with some meddling on the side.

Tasha Vincent says

Witty, intelligent writing with believable characters in a charming setting. An impressive debut novel - I'm eager to see what's next from this promising new author.

Jo-Anne says

Kate was separated and soon to be divorced so she was trying figure out what to do with her life when her ex-husband died. Nana invited her to stay at a friend's cottage in Sugar Falls, New Hampshire for the summer so Kate packed up her 3 year old son and off they went. Nana and her friends are busy bodies and matchmakers at heart so Nana thought her granddaughter, Kate, would be a good match for Jim, the grandson of one of her friends. The friend whose cottage Kate was staying in.

Kate knew of the matchmaking grannies so when Jim came to her door, she thought it was for a date, but he was really there to make some repairs. Very embarrassing but funny.

Luck of the Draw is a well written, humorous tale. I liked the way the author made it feel okay that Kate was not upset by her husband's passing. Since they had been separated for quite some time, Kate did not feel the loss. I loved the attraction between Jim and Kate and that they fought it. Even though the Grandmas were meddling, they really thought they were helping. This book showed the importance of family and how

they could be depended when one of them needed help.

The characters were well developed and very likable. Jim is a very handsome, capable man who does not want to get involved with a woman, especially not one with a child. He fights it when he starts to have feelings for Kate. Kate is a very smart and friendly woman who gets along well with the Grandmas and others in the little town. She never hesitates to lend a hand whenever she can. Kate doesn't want a relationship and is concerned about her attraction to Jim. Nana and her friends are priceless! I loved them.

All in all, this was a sweet romance that I really enjoyed.

Delta says

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Marilyn says

Good

this romance book is so full of happiness for so many people.the way love works .the people who have to find there way find happiness.

Cheryl Benton says

Luck of the draw

Very entertaining and has a great story line.

Will read more from this author and would like to see the same town setting again.

Renee Entress says

Kate's husband that she was separated from has died. She is wondering what to do with her life after that blow. She gets an offer to stay at a cabin in Sugar Falls.

Jim Pearson shows up at the cottage and she thinks he is there for a date. But really he is there to fix the toilet! The interaction between these two is funny and passionate.

While in Sugar Falls she makes friends with the entire Pearson family. The girls all spend time together. Kate is a great organizer and she helps the family out with multiple events.

Kate is not sure she is ready for a relationship but is drawn to Jim. Jim is not ready for a woman with baggage. They both have items from their past relationships that make them leery of being together. Jim does not want to get close to her son as what happens if things don't work out you hurt the kid too.

So friends it is or maybe not..... What happens when you fall in love but the other person just likes you? Should you run or stick around and fight for that person?

Jim is funny and sweet even when he is not trying to be. Kate feels unworthy of Jim. All the side characters are great and draw you into the story even more!!

Can't wait for the next book in this series.

Paula Bothwell says

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Language: swearing (a couple of F-bombs, lots of deity),

Violence: no violence

Sex: yes.

What a disappointment. A lot of times, Amazon gets me under "recommended for you based on what you read" or whatever. Not this time. Well, actually, yes this time until I got about 40% in. Then, the heroine that I thought was one way, did a 180 and flip-flopped for the rest of the book. Totally unsatisfying - I couldn't identify with the heroine at all, the Hero just seemed to go along to get along, the story meandered, and I was wondering what the heck was going on with several of the secondary characters. Could use a good editing to tighten up the story. PASS.

Brianna at Renee Entress's Blog says

5 STARS!

I really liked this book. It was sweet, emotional, heartwarming, and funny read with a dash of sexiness. This book is about one woman who is finding herself and her passion again and finding love again when she least expects it.. This book was beautifully written and had some touching moments. I loved how everything in life that is meant to be will fall together and that was our hero and heroine's story. Never count out love because it will get you when you least expect it.

This is Kate and Jim's story. Kate is having a rough time. Her soon to be ex-husband died. When she is basically pushed into going and spending the summer with her three year old son in Sugar Falls, she decides to go with it and go. What she doesn't expect is the sparks and chemistry she feels with local Jim Pearson or the connection she will make with his family and the town. Jim has been burned in the past and doesn't want a woman, much less one with so many problems. But Jim can't help but feel drawn to Kate. What happens when two people who are looking for love find exactly that? Will that take the risk on love or run away from their second chance at happiness?

I loved ALL of the characters in this book. This book starts out with a bang and we get the pleasure of our

first interaction with Nana. She was an absolute hoot. I loved the meddling grandmas. I also liked Kate. I felt for her in the beginning and I grew to really like her as I read about her discovering herself again. This book made me laugh and get teary eyed so it hit all the right spots.

I recommend this book.

This is my first book by this author and it won't be my last.

Book Tour---> <http://reneeentress.blogspot.com/2014...>

Brianne says

Luck of the Draw by Cheri Allan is as beautifully written novel about a women who is on a journey to find herself after the sudden passing of her soon to be ex-husband. After having her son so young and finding herself trapped in a loveless marriage, Kate Mitchell vowed never to feel like that again. To find herself she left Connecticut to a small town in New Hampshire to find herself and to "find her passion". She never thought that passion would be in a small town man such as Jim Pearson.

I absolutely enjoyed reading Luck of the Draw as it was a sweet, romantic novel that made you feel good as you read it. Allan did a great job with the feel of the story as it was just so easy to read and enjoy. There was never a dull moment in the book and the connection between Jim and Kate was so well written, it made the book a great read. Allen used comedy to allow the readers to have a good laugh every now and then which made it a great light read.

I always love a good a book that also has a subtle message or that allows you to walk away with something after your finished. I felt that Luck of the Draw was all about following your dreams and "finding your passion" and never letting yourself feel as if you lost your way. Allan did a great job in writing the story about Kate and how she had felt like she lost her way and her passion, but wrote this beautiful story about how she started to find it again. Luck of the Draw will give you that hope that you can too find your passion and find your way.

I definitely would recommend this novel to anyone who wanted a nice read that will leave you feeling fulfilled and hopeful along with taking away a lesson to use in your own life. 4 Stars!

Sandi says

Kate had plans to put her life back on track. Then her soon-to-be-ex husband dies. With everything falling apart around her, she and her three-year-old son escape to a lakeside cottage for the summer—to plan what to do next and to find her passion.

Jim can't deny he's attracted to Kate, but he just ended one complicated relationship and doesn't want to get involved with another.

Luck of the draw is a heartwarming and funny journey of two people who discover that passion isn't planned and complications are handled easier when two hearts join forces.

I loved the family interactions. The matchmaking, card-playing, wild-in-their-youth grandmothers are a hoot. The connection between Kate and Jim is real. I laughed at the situations and dialogue. I got misty-eyed at the heartbreak and the turning points for both Kate and Jim. I get this same type emotional reaction when I read

a Kristan Higgins book. I'll be reading the next book in the series.
