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Two people facing crossroads in their lives discover friendship and love in this touching novella by fan favorite Harlequin Superromance author Sarah Mayberry.

Leah Mathews has always been the good sister, the favored one who could do no wrong. But as her thirtieth birthday looms, she's ready to step out of her parents' shadow and make changes in her life. Shes even more inspired by the sexy musician who moves in next door and his seize-the-day attitude. And tempted to take comfort in his arms...

Will Jones is facing the prospect of losing the career he loves--and possibly his life--to a sudden illness. When he meets Leah, he feels a powerful connection to her, and flirting with a smart, beautiful woman seems like the perfect way to spend the weeks before his risky operation.

But as their relationship heats up, Leah still doesn't know the truth about Will's situation. Will their bond be strong enough to face the challenges yet to come?

Read about Leah's sister in Sarah Mayberry's next contemporary romance from Harlequin Superromance, Her Favorite Rival.

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Gaufre says

Sweet. Characters are good people. The situation is a little too convenient.

LaFleurBleue says

Another solid hit from Sarah Mayberry, even though the book was shorter than what I usually prefer. It was a very sweet romance, definitely taking place today and at the same time, almost slightly old-fashioned in the small place taken by sex over the pages. Not that the characters do not desire each other, but circumstances prevent them from indulging and they built a relationship based on much more and deeper feelings.

I liked the ease with which what could have been a major conflict and issue between both characters, ie. Will hiding his condition and need for major surgery from Leah, was easily solved. I really enjoyed reading how each of those two characters brought something to the other and helped him/her grow into someone better, more at ease and happy.

I also really enjoyed discovering how Leah tried to progressively improve her non-relationship with her sister.

Even though Will and Leah met under duress, I had no doubt they would end up happy ever after and would manage to overcome any difficulty coming their way.

Katherine ??? says

Leah adalah dokter yg dibanggakan oleh orangtuanya, tetapi menyebabkan dirinya risih krn pilih kasih orangtuanya ini terhadap kakaknya.

Ruwet dgn pikirannya, Leah berkenalan dgn tetangganya, Will, yg awalnya tidak mengaku dirinya seorang gitaris kondang. Will mjd teman curhat terbaik Leah. Hingga Will didiagnosa tumor otak. Sesudah operasi yg sukses, terdapat efek samping yg tidak menyenangkan, salah satu tangan Will tidak berfungsi. Will berusaha menjauh dari Leah, tetapi wanita ini terus mendekati bahkan merawat Will.

Novel ini nyaris bikin saya ngantuk krn nyaris gak ada konflik sama sekali. Belum lagi istilah² kedokterannya. Chemistry mereka wajar tapi kurang greget. Hanya kekeluargaan dari pihak Will sedikit menceriakan suasana. Itu saja mnrt saya.

Brandy says

Sarah Mayberry is one of those authors I always seem to enjoy but never really seek out. *Her Favorite Temptation* is probably the story that bumps her into "must have" category, and I can't put a finger on any one reason why that's the case.

Leah is a cardiothoracic surgeon who is about to switch to a different field of medicine because she's never really had a passion for her current field. She's been living life to please her parents, and she's lost herself in the process. She meets her temporary neighbor Will, and she finds herself sharing more with him than she has with anyone else even though she's so attracted to him that she doesn't really know how to handle it. Will is dealing with his own vulnerabilities, and I enjoyed very much how believably they become safe havens for each other.

What didn't work for me so well? I simply wanted more. I wanted to see how they worked together as a couple once the immediate crisis was over. I got a taste of that in the epilogue, and it was lovely, but I wasn't ready to say bye to Leah and Will. I'm hoping they'll pop up for a bit in Leah's sister's story.

Cathy says

4.5 stars

I really enjoyed this; I've missed Sarah Mayberry's writing. Even the books by her I haven't loved, I've still always liked a lot. It seems like she can't go wrong for me with her stories (or maybe I've just been lucky with the books I've picked up to now).

I can be fussy where "celebrity" romances are concerned, although compared to some other book using this trope, I don't know if I'd call it that, exactly. Will is a musician whose career has recently taken off and has even won a couple of Grammy's. Leah is a surgeon who's been - understandably - living mostly for the job and thus has no idea of pop culture. I liked that she had no idea who Will was, and that it was that fact that Will initially found so refreshing. In spite of him being a famous musician, their attraction and romance never felt anything but real, which is hard to pull off. I found their relationship believable, which is not something I'm used to in contemporary romances, let alone one that features a semi-celebrity.

Plus, I thought Leah's family dynamics were really well-done, too. Seeing her coming to terms with how her parents had been treating her sister all these years, and her setting out to forge a bond with Audrey resonated with me.

So glad I finally read this!

Ayu Wirdha says

Jarang juga heroin-nya adalah anak kesayangan orang tua, anak yang dibedakan dalam hal kasih sayang dan perhatian, tetapi imbasnya Leah mesti mengikuti ambisi ibunya yang tidak disukainya yaitu menjadi dokter bedah. Ditambah hubungannya dengan Audrey, kakaknya menjadi kaku dan dingin akibat perlakuan beda orang tuanya. Sedangkan Will pindah ke apartemen di sebelah Leah supaya lebih dekat dengan RS setelah didiagnosa tumor otak. Will ini musisi terkenal tetapi karena Leah seorang dokter jadi agak-agak kudet sehingga tidak mengenali Will. Tetapi hal ini yang membuat Will suka bertetangga dan berteman dengan Leah, walaupun akhirnya kebongkar juga keselebritasan Will. Sampai Will operasi pun, Leah baru mengetahuinya itupun setelah Leah menerima surat dari Will. Untungnya ini bukan karya Nicholas Sparks, jadi Will-nya baik-baik saja.

Zumbagirl says

My first Sarah Mayberry - super cute and enjoyable:) Will and Leah were a great couple and I liked both of them from the start. Some of my very favorite elements are in this story: friends to lovers and sisters. Having a sister who you are close to and love is a blessing through life. It was touching reading how they were able to come to terms with their parents/childhood and also move forward in a progressive way.

Will...what can I say? Perfection. Love this guy. Kind of reminded me of an Australian Adam Levine...sigh. Totally understood why he kept his secret for as long as he did and thought he did a great job fessing up when he did. So this was sweet and steamy but it took quite a while to get there, which was okay with me. The other issues going on in the book were heavy so it bounced back and forth between Will and Leah and Leah and her parents and sister, Audrey.

So I will definitely be reading the next book, which is Audrey's story, yeah! This was a perfect summertime read.

Also, this is the first time I've read a book where the main character has my name. I'm a Leah too.

J says

This was a really good read (I've never read Sarah Mayberry before). Set in Australia, he is 1/2 of a world famous rock group. She's a medical doctor, unhappy with her surgery career and wanting to change to another medical field, to the extreme consternation of her mother. Doctor and rocker live in adjoining apartments. Doctor is very career minded and has no idea who rocker is.

Turns out rocker has moved next door to doctor (in Melbourne) because he has a brain tumor and needs surgery at Melbourne hospital. He is paralyzed with fear that he'll either die in surgery or something terrible physically will happen from the surgery. He doesn't tell neighbor doctor what's going on but rocker wants one last glorious night in case he's never able to have another one so the doctor and rocker "get it on" and, of course, fall in love.

There is a complication from surgery that might mean the rocker can never play guitar again so our good doctor goes to work to find something to help.

As I said, I really enjoyed this story. Angst was kept to a minimum. The story just moved right along to a wonderful conclusion.

Sometime says

This was a great romantic read. I loved the MCs and their struggles felt emotional and real. I loved them together! Sarah Mayberry is quickly becoming one of my favorites.

steph says

GOOD. GOOD. GOOD. All of it -the relationships between parents and children, the relationships between siblings, the relationship between two different individuals, etc was fantastic. THIS IS HOW YOU DO A PROPER NOVELLA.

Cannot wait to read Audrey's story now.

ShoSho says

This was my third Sarah Mayberry book and loved it.

Lovable characters , a good plot and enough drama and sexy moments to make it a good romance book.

P.S.At one point I was thinking that the character were talking like normal people and then I remembered that this was an Australian author , of course I'd think the dialogues are normal!

Alicia (is beyond tired of your *ish) says

Lovely super-sized novella. As always I wish this was a full sized novel (even though it's almost as long as regular category romance). Leah and Will deserved more time and story. I liked them both a great deal. Even though, in the beginning, there were quite a few similarities to *The Other Side of Us*, they quickly delineated themselves as different characters. I loved the foundation of friendship they were building before it became more. Their conversations and dialogue were fun to read. And their chemistry was plain to see. Will got to be a little frustrating with his choices and thoughts regarding his . . . problem. It was somewhat understandable, but frustrating nonetheless. I would also have liked to have had some more time with Leah and Audrey since that is the primary connection this novella has as a prequel to *Her Favorite Rival*.

Even though there is way too many uses of *that* euphemism, this is another great contemporary romance from Sarah Mayberry. It's free this month (August 2013), which makes it a total steal.

Katie says

Probably bumping this up a little, but this was really great. Sarah Mayberry is so great at capturing life's hardships beyond the obvious traumas. Parents are hard. Sibling relationships are hard. I've been thinking a lot lately about New Adult books and how so many of them are centered around the Big Tragedy that Changed the Protagonist's Life Forever. And, the thing is, that can be really alienating. I haven't that big thing happen to me, but I'm a little screwed up anyway. And when you parade all these characters in front of me who are screwed up because of this huge bad thing, then it starts to feel like those are the only good reasons to be screwed up. To not be great at making friends and have a non-existent love life. To be sad, even.

And, intellectually, I know that's not true. But fiction is important and I think it's important to show the other aspects of life that can take a toll on you. And Sarah Mayberry gets that. (Gets, too, that these things aren't always fixable.)

The other big reason I liked this was it felt like such an achievable romance. Romances don't always. And that's okay, but there's something wonderful about looking at a fictional relationship and thinking, "Yeah. Maybe I could have a relationship like that one day."

PS: This novella is free for Kindle and Nook right now.

Tracy Kellies says

What a well written book! An extremely sweet and moving love story.

I definitely need to read more Sarah Mayberry books!

A. Bookzilla. says

What do I love about Sarah Mayberry books?

She writes real people, with real problems, and real relationships.

It's why she's my go-to author, especially nowadays when every second book is cookie cutter NA. There are no petty dramas, big dark secrets from the past threatening to tear them apart, jealous ex-girlfriends or great misunderstandings to fuel the plot.

Her Favorite Temptation is a touching love story between Leah, a cardiothoracic surgeon at a crossroads in life, and Will, a down-to-earth and perfectly swoony rockstar fighting the fight of his life.

Leah is very socially-awkward but her wonderful personality shines through every single page. Will is not your typical rockstar. There are no women, booze and drugs and he's a really nice guy (and we all know how much I love nice guy heroes!)

Now, what bothered me a bit about their relationship was Will's dishonesty, but I actually understood why he did and I can't say I wouldn't have done the same. Aside from that in the midst of all the emotional drama the characters are both a little too perfect, they really have no flaws. Which is okay, I guess. The focus is on Leah's horrible parents, her relationship with her sister, Will's medical condition and his loving family (no, really. I LOVED his family!) so that was enough imperfection in the story.

HQN and the author say it's a novella but I can vouch that it's closer to a full book than it is a novella (I suppose by superromance standards--long, long, looooooong books--it is a novella... but it's not a lot shorter than your average self-published book these days) Definitely worth the \$2.99. Everything happens over the span of a couple of weeks, which means the relationship moves a long a bit too quickly but I thought it was believable under the circumstances.

Her writing suits me very well, so of course I thought it was great.

There are a couple of graphic-y sex scenes for those who like to know that sort of thing.

Now I'm onto reading *Her Favorite Rival* :D yay.
