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On the surface, current affairs reporter Nicola Harvey has the world at her feet — she's at the top of her profession, part of Australian television's celebrity A-list, has a wealthy, successful fiancé and a beautiful warehouse conversion in Adelaide.

But appearances can be deceiving and not all is perfect in Nicola's world. So when her boss offers to send her on an extended research trip to investigate the effects of the drought, she jumps at the chance to indulge in some country-style relaxation.

When Nicola arrives in the little town of Nowhere Else, nothing is as she expected: there's no spa in town, the locals are tight-lipped, and she senses it's not just the drought that is making the town nervous. So why has her boss sent her out here?

The deeper Nicola digs into the town's history, the more she realises coming to Nowhere Else wasn't a mistake after all. In fact, it may just unlock the mystery of her own past. And hold the key to her future happiness...

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Maddy Smith says

eh, not her best.

Jessica Zimmer says

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Lyn Richards says

Nicola Harvey has just won two Walkley awards for her investigative news stories that delved into an air crash and uncovered corruption and cover ups everywhere. From the outside her life seems perfect, she has an amazing life, a great career, a fantastic (and rich) fiancé and amazing friends.

Nicola is offered the chance to do a story in a town called Nowhere Else on the effects of the drought.

What Nicola expects and then subsequently experiences are two very different things.....

This is a great light hearted read with a couple of twists along the way. There are times when the Nicola Harvey is a completely frustrating character, which tells me I was completely reeled into the storyline.

MJ says

Decent idea, but I found myself skimming early... and a lot.

Extremely predictable, even without the enormous neon flashing comments/hints. Lots of bits just tied up in a bow as soon as convenient instead of finishing their thread. And even just opportunities ignored or missed throughout.

... Most of all was the end. We all knew what was going to happen, and then it did. And that was it... All done... Seriously, I went looking for the rest because obviously the author had 'a moment' and accidentally published one of the drafts that hadn't been finished! There was no way this was a conscious choice... surely! But apparently it was.

I'd be screaming if I'd wasted money on it... since it was free, I'll just have to accept the wasted time I'll never get back!

Gemma says

2.5 stars. The writing was easy enough to read, but the story couldn't seem to make up its mind about what it wanted to be. This, coupled with the abrupt ending and lack of any kind of conclusion, was pretty disappointing.

Susan says

For a top journalist Nicola Harvey is a very weak character. This book is nothing more than a romance novel with not much story except everyone having affairs with everyone else. It was very predictable and not very exciting.

Dianne Sidebottom says

It is an interesting story about no matter how much we want to control our lives circumstances can make or break us. How many people out there don't know their true identity (who fathered and mothered them) which has been kept secret even to death. Needing to belong and wanted is a much human need. Assuming she believes that are twisted and Nicola in this story goes through this discovery.

Brenda says

The night that current affairs reporter Nicola Harvey won a highly coveted award for her investigation into a plane crash which had taken the lives of both her parents was an extremely poignant one for her. A sad reminder of all Nicola had lost, but a kind of closing for her as well. It was a shame though that her fiancé Scott didn't seem to be as excited as she was. But he was a busy man, plus their relationship was such that having been together for eight years, she supposed it didn't matter much to him.

When Nicola's boss, Bill asked her to travel to a little outback town called Nowhere Else to do a story on the long drawn out drought, and how it was affecting the farmers, she didn't hesitate. Thinking some time away from Scott, indulging herself in non-stop lattes and spas while being paid to stay in a posh hotel would work a treat, she only realized her mistake when she arrived in Nowhere Else. With the beat-up old motel attached to the only pub in town; the fact that there were no cafes or spas – whatever was she thinking? Why did Bill send her here?

As Nicola began to investigate the town's people, she realized there were unexplained tensions, secrets and lies surrounding Nowhere Else. But there was something else there too – was she about to solve some mysteries from her own past?

This was a quick, easy read; light and entertaining. It was a little clichéd and predictable though, meaning I worked out what was going on early in the piece. A couple of the characters were also pretty shallow. *Nowhere Else* is Aussie author Fiona McCallum's second book and as I have read her latest two and thoroughly enjoyed them, I know I'll be reading more of her work!

Lindy says

I started off enjoying the book but the more I read the more frustrated I became. It felt like in the beginning the author enjoyed writing the book but then half way through she lost her way and just rushed to finish it. And boy what a disappointing ending. I thought I had pages missing! It has honestly made me not want to read her other novels. The whole book just didn't tie together very well in the end.

Sherryle says

Very interesting. Hope there's a 2nd book after this one. Pretty please Fiona x

Claire says

2.5 Stars

This book was offered as 'Book of the Week' in the Australian iBooks store

I tried so hard to get into this book and to really enjoy it, yet I found it never got close to the promise the blurb offered. For me, Nicola had few redeeming qualities, was stuck up and if I had to read one more complaint about coffee, *darrrhling*, I was prepared to throw my iPad at the wall.

I found the plot 'twists' were highly predictable and too much of the finer plot points were rushed to be tidied up by the finish of the book.

Maybe it was just my copy, but I found the editing left a lot to be desired; conversations ran on to the point I was confused who was saying what.

I would probably only recommend this for someone to read by the pool while supervising a bunch of children. I really wouldn't recommend this to someone from outside of Australia lest they think all Aussie women are as shallow as Nicola!

I will most likely give this author another go at a later date (maybe once my to read list has shrunk a little!).

Kathy says

Being from the land myself, i sometimes avoid the 'rural reads' but the publisher's guarantee on the front pulled me in. And from the very first chapter i was hooked. Page after page kept me interested, and although sometimes i could guess the way the story was heading, i still found it so well written and the characters so loveable, that i was interested to see how it did unfold. I do really recommend this one.....

Sharon says

Anyone who knows current affairs reporter Nicola Harvey's would believe she possesses the perfect life as she has a successful career and a wealthy fiancé, but not all is as it seems. So when the opportunity comes along for her to head to a country town to investigate the effects of the drought, Nicola doesn't hesitate to say yes.

Once she has arrived in the small town of Nowhere Else, Nicola feels very out of place even though the town has that country feel. It doesn't take long before, Nicola realizes that getting information out of the locals was going to be harder than she first imagined. But exactly why were the locals being so quiet and not giving anything away. Was there more going on than just the effects of the drought and if so, just how was, Nicola going to get any of them to speak to her?

A very enjoyable read by Aussie author Fiona McCallum which I have no hesitation in recommending.

Annie Smith says

IOVE AUSTRALIAN RURAL ROMANCE.

laura says

Another book I managed to start and finish the same day. I picked this up randomly in the library figuring since I now live in Australia I should have a go at some Australian writers.

Loved this book! There was so many twists and turns that just kept you reading. One of those where you think oh this is so predictable and think you have the story sussed then two pages later you find out you're wrong, very wrong.

It was both funny and moving and well written.

Would definitely recommend this book.
