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## **Tripped Up Love Details**

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### **Shan ~ A ~ says**

I had never heard of Julie Farley until I read this book, but I will not be forgetting her anytime soon.

This was a wonderful story full of loss and love and second chances. It is one of the most beautiful love stories that I have read in a long time.

I could relate to Heather, as I am sure every woman who is married with kids or raising kids alone can, on so many levels. I can not imagine the loss she experienced, but everything she went through trying to raise her kids alone and venturing out into the world of dating again all resonated.

This book is very inspirational for those of us who are afraid to give our hearts a second time. It shows that there can be more than one love for us and that we shouldn't be afraid to try.

I loved the fact that it stayed true to all of the aspects, ups and downs to social media. It really is like that especially when you live in a small town.

Peter was everything that a man should be and I love how much he loved Heather and he didn't try to rush her. He accepted her for who she was faults and all, and he embraced her children and extended family.

I will be looking forward to more books by this author.

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### **Samantha March says**

Julie Farley is now on tour with CLP Blog Tours and Tripped Up Love

I really enjoyed Tripped Up Love, because it had so many elements to it, yet never felt bogged down with too much plot. There is a lot of emotion when it comes to Heather losing her husband, but it was great to watch her journey and how she tackles single parenthood and the sheer loss of losing her partner at such a young age. As we transition into watching Heather move forward, it's impossible not to cheer from her. I've seen others describe her as awkward, and I think that's a great word for it! Her flaws made her seem much more real, which I can appreciate. But she meets Peter and that's when we get the romance, which I always enjoy reading about. I think the editing could have been tightened a bit, but it didn't totally distract me from what I thought was a cute read.

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### **C.M. Albert says**

Anyone who loves a Happily Ever After love story will love "Tripped Up Love." It starts out sounding depressing as hell (premise: young widow of 39 raising three kids by herself while still grieving), but the book is so much more than that, and isn't sad or morose at all. Julie does an amazing job pulling you in very quickly to the wonderful surprise relationship that blooms when Heather (literally) stumbles upon a chance meeting with hunky author and Adam Levine look alike, Peter. It's a fun and quirky roller coaster ride from

there as Heather--not looking for love at all--quickly finds her heart entangled with Peter's, while overcoming her own guilt, grief, and Facebook naysayers, all while navigating the tricky waters of introducing a new man into a family of grieving children.

Julie does an amazing job getting the reader invested in the outcome of Heather and Peter's love affair. We hold our breath while they splash into uncharted romantic territory for them both, sigh a big awwwww while Peter does crazy, romantic things to woo Heather and her kids, and jump up and down applauding when Heather gets her very unique, unexpected, and humor filled HEA. Although Julie could've really turned the screwdriver and punched readers in the gut with lots of sadness, the story is actually quite uplifting, funny, tender, and realistic from Heather's perspective as a single mom dealing with every day mama drama. Heather may be falling in love unexpectedly, but she still has to deal with small town gossip, carpool schedules, a jaded assistant, and three kids who aren't ready for a mom who's dating.

The storyline is simple (no crazy, outlandish reveals that cause the reader to question WTF?!), but the characters are rich, lovable, and inviting, and had me flying through the book in less than two days (and yes, I have kids, so it's not an easy task). I'm just so grateful I read this after book #2 "The New Ever After" was already published so that I don't have to wait to find out what happens next in Heather & Peter's love story!

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### **Angie says**

Great story! Quick read, or maybe it's just because I didn't put it down until I was finished;) My only complaint would be that I felt the characters moved into a relationship too fast. I really enjoyed the theme of a widow dealing with guilt and learning to love again. I will look for more books from this author!!

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### **Brittney Romney says**

While I enjoyed reading this book, I was a little frustrated with the main character, Heather. As a mom of 3 kids, I definitely understand the stresses of being a parent. However, I felt like her relationship with Peter and many of her subsequent actions were extremely selfish. Her children were already dealing with the death of their father. It seemed like she often put her own happiness ahead of her children, forcing them to accept her decisions and consequences, whether they wanted to or not.

As a character, there were many attractive qualities in Peter. My main qualm with him is that he came off a bit controlling. He seemed to make a lot of decisions for Heather without consulting with her first. However, as a widow still recovering from her husband's death, maybe she appreciated having someone step in and take control. He was just a little dramatic for me.

It also seemed that all of the "problems" in this story were solved a little too easily, nice and wrapped up with a bow. With that said, it was a quick, fun read. A good start for a debut author, and I look forward to following the story in the sequel when it comes out.

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### **Beth says**

I received a free copy of the book from the author for an honest review.

Tripped Up Love is fun, romantic, family-oriented and a bit awkward. Its the Panda of novels. Cute, not graceful, but oh so adorable and cuddly.

Heather is a widow with three children. She is totally focused on her children. She has been in recovery mode for 18 months. You get a great sense of how she puts her children first in her life. Moms like me, will be able to connect with her. She is a mom, a real mom. She is fun and adorably awkward. She is tired of being the object of pity and drive by casserole drop offs.

Peter is a hunky writer. He is tattooed, sexy, and not looking for love. He runs into Heather when she has one of her awkward moments and falls in front of his car while attempting to run. She is very concerned about the size of her ass. Well who isn't? The difference between Heather and me?...she actually does something about it. Peter is attracted to her genuine personality and all around adorableness. He gets huge points for not shying away from the dead husband in the room. Ok...he is not actually in the room. Its a metaphor.

As they get to know each other they have to avoid snarky Facebook posts, his appearance obsessed sister, a jealous assistant and the land mind riddled field that is dating with children. When they face a bump in the road (big bump) they actually act like adults.

Tripped Up Love is a great beach read. Not a lot of angst, just a touch of heat, and actual adults. Like the Panda, very huggable, not too deep but a warm fuzzy read.

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### **Rorie says**

I absolutely enjoyed this tale of happily ever after! The cynic in me kept waiting for something bad to happen, but was pleased in how the story played out. With the reality of so many bad things happening throughout this world it was refreshing to read this story where amazingly wonderful things happen!

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### **Barbara says**

I absolutely adored this book! First of all I loved that it centered around characters who find unexpected love and new beginnings later in life! That sex in your forties can be hotter than hell, lol! Heather was such a hilarious and wonderful character! The reader goes through the gamut of emotions right along with her, her kids and Peter. I laughed out loud so many times while reading this! GREAT BOOK!

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### **Coleen says**

Ok. I love a good "happily ever after" story like anyone else, but this novel was even a little to "fairy tale" for me. The lead character Peter is described as being hotter than Adam Levine? Yea right..like THAT's possible! haha.. But for those of you who love a sweet,fun-loving perfect romance this is the book for you!!!

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## **Kathleen says**

Tripped Up Love is the wonderful story of a woman's journey of moving forward and getting a second chance at love after the death of her husband.

Heather Meadows is a forty year old widow with three children, who is still grieving from the unexpected death of her husband Hank, who passed away eighteen months ago from a heart attack at the age of thirty-eight. Hank and Heather had been together for thirty-two years, he was her life, her world, her everything ... now her happily ever after was over and she feels lost and unable to move forward in her life. As a stay-at-home mom with a Masters degree, Heather's dream was to be a writer, and as she searches for a way to find normalcy in her life, she plans to finish writing her 'memoir' about Hank, their life and his death, and to get it published. While out running, Heather falls into a pothole and is rescued by Peter Adamson, a NY Times bestselling author, who was driving by when she stumbled into the path of his car. What starts out as a shining knight in armor rescuing a damsel in distress, leads to a journey of new beginnings and an unexpected second chance at love.

Author Julie Farley weaves a wonderful tale of love, loss, family, and second chances. You can't help but feel compassion for Heather as she struggles with the grief over her husband's unexpected death, and the awkward transition of becoming a single mother of three children, with a myriad of humorous trials and tribulations to deal with while trying to find balance and a sense of normalcy for her family.

I really enjoyed the unexpected meeting between Heather and Peter. Her clumsiness brought an unexpected and perfect man into her world, and as their relationship slowly develops, Peter would be the one to show Heather that her life can have a new beginning with a second chance at love.

This is a lighthearted and humorous romance that doesn't play heavy on the sorrow of the husband's death, rather it realistically shows a woman's struggle and journey to move forward with her life as a single woman and mother after the death of her husband, and how a sweet new romance added a touch of hope into the mix.

Tripped Up Love is a heartfelt and touching romance story that will give you a warm fuzzy feeling and put a smile on your face.

Tripped Up Love is the first book in The New Ever After Series.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of the book from the author in exchange for my honest review and participation in a virtual book tour event hosted by Chick Lit Plus Blog Tours.

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## **Cathy says**

I picked up this book because the premise appealed to me--but the writing is stilted--not very well developed. I could not finish it. Very disappointing.

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## Gladys Gonzales Atwell says

\*\*\* Book Synopsis \*\*\*

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\*\*\* Gladys #XOXOtheNerdGirl #NerdGirlOfficial \*\*\*

-This book was provided by the publisher/author to Nerd Girl Official for an honest Review (Review was originally published on blog on September 5, 2013)

I try to imagine my husband dying now and my life falling apart before my eyes. Would I be able to pick up my sad pieces of my life, help my daughter get through her sadness and keep going.

Heather lives in a suburban town in VA, has 3 Kids (Not one like me) and tries to muddle her way through the life that was chosen for her. Then Peter was thrown into the equation and boom her life was filled with more twirls and swirled and ups and downs then a Walt Disney ride!

But is it a Walt Disney ride? You laugh with her! You cry with her! Sometimes I wanted to smack her. But all in all she was Realistic. She wasn't young, single, perfectly shaped, childless with daddy's money in her pocket. She was us looking back in the mirror. Or at least me.

A little predictable? Was Peter too good to be true? Yes and yes. But Hey we all day dream. Julie writes a good story. I can't wait to see what happens to the not so young but budding couple in the next book. I do recommend Tripped up Love! I tip my baseball cap to you Julie! :)

Note: Review has been written in conjunction with Nerd Girl Official. For more information regarding our reviews please visit our facebook fan site.

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## Kate says

3.5 stars

Tripped up love is a sweet story that focuses on love after loss. Heather is a middle-aged widow with three kids. Anyone with kids can imagine how incredibly hard that would be. Eighteen months after the unexpected death of her husband, Heather literally falls into Peter's life, and he changes hers completely.

What I enjoyed about the book is that it was real, with just a touch of fantasy (Peter is a wealthy author, so of course there were the obligatory first class plane rides, the shopping trips, etc) All in all, though... it was real. Anyone that has lost a spouse will tell you that it's a struggle to start a new relationship. It can feel like

cheating, they worry about what people will say, is it too soon? All of those issues came up and were dealt with by Heather. Then there were the kids and the extended families. This book really showed the struggles and challenges of blending families. Especially the family of the dead husband, it went through all the issues that come up when dealing with that.

All in all, I thought this was a very well-written, sweet book. It's not angsty, it's not drama-filled, it's not scorching...it's sweet and easy. It's a good read when you want a nice HEA and not a lot of heart pounding. It definitely makes you remember that life can go on, even when you are convinced it's over.

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### **Ronya says**

While I enjoyed the Richmond references, there was not much more about this book that was redeeming. It was far-fetched. I suppose, if you are a hopeless romantic, this is the type of story that makes your heart flutter and gives you a renewed hope that love exists and conquers all blah blah blah. I won't reveal any spoilers, but I am not certain that, when things happen just as you expect them to that you can really "spoil" anything (though, one of the plot "twists" happened pretty abruptly). For the record--I HATED the numerous references to "the 2-3-1-1-3." And boo for not mentioning Bottoms Up.

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### **Nicole says**

Heather Nester Meadows thought she had her happily ever after. She was married to her childhood love and had three delightful kids. However her world was tossed upside down when she unexpectedly lost her husband. Trying to manage the kids, staying strong on the outside and fending off the waves of friends filled with pity, became her daily routine over the past year and a half. That is, until a pothole struck her down during one of her morning jogs. Peter Adamson saw Heather fall and immediately rushed to her aide, but what he can't explain is why he seems drawn to this complete stranger.

Julie Farley has created a sweet romance that develops in a completely relatable world. Readers will be able to connect with Heather on an emotional level as she struggles to find her own happiness. The point of view switches between Heather and Peter, which is confusing in the beginning. Even though this is an adorable romance, the author covers two very important topics through Heather's behavior. The first being survivor's guilt. Throughout this whole book, Heather is coming to terms with her loss, while learning when it is okay to be happy again without feeling as though she is betraying her lost husband. The other thing that Heather struggles with is something that every reader can relate to: the role of social media. In this technology-obsessed society, has human nature suffered a blow to self-confidence due to humans being consumed with how their actions will be taken by others? During the development of this book, readers will be cheering for Heather and by the end, they will be anxious to read the rest of her story in the next book.

Notes:

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