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Chicago native, BJ Warren, travels to the Florida island of Ana Lia to care for her grandmother's house after her grandmother has an accident, breaking her hip. Nothing and no one on the island is anywhere near what BJ would call normal. The island inhabitants exist in a world that cares little for what folks do on the mainland. The center of activity for their society revolves around a diner called Rebecca's Cove where the self-centered BJ alienates just about every member of the small community. She meets her match, however, in a local woman, Hobie Lynn Allen.

This is not a love at first sight story as the two women find one another completely annoying and self-righteous. However, the island-and Rebecca's Cove-have an odd way of changing the way folks view their world and the people around them. Sometimes, it's not a matter of what you're seeing, but rather, the position from which you see it.

Rebecca's Cove Details

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From Reader Review Rebecca's Cove for online ebook

Kathryn says

I had a hard time caring if the two main characters got together or not. I struggled through the book until the last 3 chapters; they were good. I did like the little boy character. He was sweet.

Megzz says

3.5

Rebecca's Cove is overall a very delightful read. It's far from perfect, but it does the work. It's entertaining, very funny, and very sweet. Most importantly, it's different.

In the very beginning, I found BJ's arrogance and sarcastic nature incredibly exhausting. I also thought the story was really slow at first, but it actually enabled me to understand where BJ is coming from, and the more her vulnerability transpired, the harder I fell for her. She's hard work, that's for sure. She's absolutely insane, clumsy, paranoid and insufferable. And damn charming. She's the kind of woman you hate to love. She's actually a pretty amazing and unforgettable character.

Hobie is a real charmer as well. Incredibly kind and sexy. Flawed, of course, that's why she's hard to resist. When both women meet, there's an instant spark. A strong attraction mixed with irritation which leads to pretty fun moments.

The romance is a slow slow build, but it's quite satisfying to see how irritation turns into friendship and then love.

I was a bit disappointed with the end, though. I am not a big fan of the whole wiccan and destiny thing. But that's my very down-to-earth cynical self talking. I thought it was a bit much, borderline cheesy and really not that necessary. But I guess it fit the overall tone of the story... so I'm not complaining much!

I recommend it to anyone who wants a light read with attractive characters, funny dialogues and situations, and a fictitious universe you get sucked in.

Cheri says

Feb 2014 - Did another reread and, yep, still love it!

I finished my second reading of this book and I'm trying to think of a good reason not to give it 5 stars. I'd probably go with 4.5 because there were a couple typos (one was funny so it didn't bother me at all).

This is a perfect example of a romantic comedy in print. I laughed out loud many times and truly didn't want it to end.

I had already read all of Maas' other work before I discovered this one and it was nothing like what I had expected. The rest of her work is pretty serious in tone but this is light hearted and funny and I wish she would have had so much more time with us. I think she could have been one of the greats in the Lesfic world.

P. Industry says

BJ and Hobie are like fire and ice; they exist in a constant state of irritated attraction which only gets worse as both are trapped on a small island in the Florida Keys.

This book is highly amusing; the witty banter between the protagonists sparkles, and is backed by shown episodes of slapstick and absurdity scattered throughout the novel. Possibly my favourite section of the book has one of the main characters attacked by a nine-foot high mini-putt-putt chicken (and yes - it is as glorious as it sounds). The protagonists are well formed, flawed, and believable (to a point - this is a romantic comedy). Alas, it is clear this is ascended Xena fanfiction - writers really need to alter the descriptions of the two lovers so it's not so obvious - but the personalities of the characters are sufficiently unique to cause this to be a non-issue. The strange sub-plot involving the old ladies on the island quickly spiraled out of hand into the downright stupid, but it was not enough to keep me from enjoying a very well crafted, very fun novel, with a lot of character.

If you're going to read a lesbian romantic comedy novel, then this is the one I'd recommend.

Ellen says

Loved the storyline

This book was difficult for me to put down. The number of characters was greater than you'd expect from a novel of this genre. This book was written quite a while ago but it holds up well. I recommend it.

Diana says

[The main characters go throughout a journey in which both of them learn to overcome their fears sharing difficult but funny situations. That healing process was part of the development of th

Ulla says

This is the funniest novel I know!! Have read it several times and never seem to tire of it. It should be made into a film, with Lucy and Renee, of course! They're just the right age for the roles now. The story is just hilarious, but it's also a sweet lovestory, there's a bit of magic in the works too!

Joann Lee says

I just finished reading this book. I am so happy it was recommended to me because I simply loved it! I've been looking for romantic comedies lately and this one sure fit the bill. It was cute, funny, and the characters were a delight. In most books I really can't get into the side characters, but in this one I did. What an interesting mix. The island of Ana Lia is one I wouldn't mind living on myself, lol. If you like a good lesbian romance with some added comedy, this is a must read!

Gloria says

All of LJ's Novels are good!:)

Nikki says

Fantastic summer read. Light, engrossing, hilarious. Exactly what I wanted! I want more of this. More funny characters that are flawed, but in a way that makes them endearing instead of irritating. That is what I am always looking for in a romantic comedy novel. Take note authors, you are on notice! Entertain me! Like this!

Linh Nguyen says

3.75 stars

I adore almost every characters here: they are funny, smart, cute and CRAZY as hell. It is perfectly normal to be not normal because really, who can define in exact terms what normality is. Sure the Ana Lia witch thing is quite weird and out of place but it kinda suits the story.

Sunny says

Fun read with great dialogue and quirky characters that you can help but love, flaws and all.

Kennedy says

I like a little magic and witchcraft as long as it is not too much. The dose in this book was just right!

Terri says

This book was good at the beginning. Classic enemies to lovers as a slow burn and decent chemistry. The conversations were funny and the chicken scene alone may be worth reading this book for. Then...it just went down hill really quickly. The almost paranormal twist at the end really wasn't necessary and honestly took away from the story. I found myself struggling to finish a book that I was actually enjoying.

3 stars because the ending ruined it.

Leanne says

If I could give this book ten stars I would! I Absolutely LOVED Rebecca's Cove! It is a hilarious read!