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Rebecca Dean says

Cute book. I love light romance and this was it. LDS fiction, good character development, I grew to like the people, Kennedy and Braxton, interesting names throughout??? I would recommend this book for a fun, light read.

Tiffany says

I actually came across this book on Goodreads book giveaway section. I thought it looked and sounded cute. Once I started reading I was surprised to find out the main character was LDS and to read more about her life, finding faith and the right person to love. I being LDS loved the story but could see with some LDS terminology thrown in the book how it could be weird or confusing for those that aren't a part of the church. After a short while though the story seemed to focus more on her career, and her growing relationship.

I found the book charming and fun. I liked the path of forgiveness that Braxton went on and what a kind and forgiving man his character is. It was a fun and cute story where Kennedy is someone I can admire.

Julie Mangan says

I picked this book up randomly in the library. it seemed exactly right for the type of book I was looking for. I started reading it and only then realized it was LDS lit (not that there is anything wrong with that). I've never read LDS lit before, and if this is how they all are, I know why. The girls acted like young women though they were college age, the main character was clueless, and her actions of seeking personal and private time with a man who was supposed to be in love (or at least dating) one of her good friends was completely inappropriate. Not to mention the fact that he was her boss.

that's about where I put it down. I'm sure they ended up together, both LDS and with stronger testimonies than before.

Erin says

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Bethany says

A light, refreshing read with likable characters and a clear plot line. The LDS element is central to the book as it's an important part of the characters' lives, but you don't have to have a strong knowledge of the faith to follow and enjoy the book.

The story chronicles a little less than a year in the life of Kennedy Jackson, who has just taken a new job in a new city. Most of the characters that she meets in her new life are only sketchily developed, but who the author focuses her attention on is a clear indicator of their importance in Kennedy's life. This division of attention, while somewhat unusual is actually more honest than a more even-handed treatment as it's much closer to real-life experience. Not everyone makes the same impact in an individual's life.

The dialogue felt honest and the situations realistic. I would definitely recommend this book as fun, easily accessible, and engaging.

Natalie says

This book was cute but not spectacular. I enjoyed the main character and her interactions with the main man. The biggest problem I had was a lack of interest in the plot. Once I realized that the two people I wanted would end up together, I stopped caring about a lot of the rest. Still it's a quick fluffy read that sometimes hits the spot for summer.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

This is the second time I've read this and I enjoyed it just as much this time around. I could be wrong, but I think this is Rachael's first published book. I think her books just keep getting better and better. I enjoy the dialog and plots of her books. She writes likable characters. I liked our heroine Kennedy, she was a lot of fun. I liked her outlook on life and that she was just a fun person to be around. I also liked Braxton, he was a good leading man. I thought they had good chemistry together. I liked that they were friends first and the romance naturally grew from there. Overall, a fun, lighthearted read.

Content: Clean.

Hollie Robb says

Synopsis:

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This piece of LDS Chick Lit. I was a little disappointed in. It was such a happy-go-lucky type of book, I half expected something tragic to happen to one of the main characters. But all in all everything goes right in the end, everything is fixed. The both male and female characters are troublesome, meddlesome people, perfect fit; I must say,(if you mind the cliché),they-are-made-for-each-other, as the saying goes.

It is a very easy book to read. It isn't completely a bad book. The author Rachael Anderson, pointed some really good points for forgiving and forgetting, and growing up and moving on. Life will all ways move on, so might as well move on with it.

Maria Thomas says

I have read a number of books by this author and this has been my least favorite. The romance is a pretty cute one but it is really heavy on the religious side making the book feel not so light and fun. It wasn't really unrealistic but just felt a little heavy handed to me. I prefer her other books to this one.

Kathryn says

a good quick read about a LDS girl, Kennedy Jackson, who after graduating from BYU in interior design lands a job in Arizona. She meets with a flat tire on her drive out and a gentlemen stops to help. He, Braxton first meets Kennedy with poorly covered annoyance because she is an independent woman who likes to do things herself, but his persistence in sticking around does help her finish the job. She is trying to mend her broken heart after being engaged to Chris and then breaking it off when her answer to prayer is to break it off with him and start fresh in Arizona. Braxton is a workaholic who puts all his time and attention into work since his father's death and his mother and sister disowning him due to his conversion to the Church. Kennedy leaves an impression and he tries tracking her down using the excuse to use her job as a designer to help decorate his newly finished model homes,... it doesn't work because he thinks her last name is Kennedy. The fate steps in and he finds that a family friend is her roommate and the friendship develops as they work together. Braxton helps heal her broken heart and Kennedy helps him enjoy life beyond work. Their relationship grows and when they are engaged. Chris comes back into the picture and Kennedy meddles in the broken mother son issue. Will there be forgiveness?

Laura says

Absolutely enjoyable read! This is LDS romance at its best, in my humble opinion. I started reading this in the morning and did not want to put it down. So, I had it read by the time I went to bed late that night. It is 182 pages of wit and romance coupled with some subtle insights into what it means to have faith in personal revelation.

The story: Kennedy Jackson has all of her worldly possessions packed into her Toyota Corolla and is stranded on a lonely 2 lane highway somewhere between Albuquerque, New Mexico and Tempe, Arizona on her way to her new job and new life as a recent BYU graduate in interior design. She is perfectly capable of changing her own deflated tire but in order to access the spare, she has to very nearly unpack her entire car to

get to it. So, she unpacks her trunk and gets the tire and the jack out and begins to try and get the deflated tire off the car. As she is wrestling with the lug nuts, she hears a truck pull up behind her and a door open and shut. "Her independent nature wanted the owner of the truck to realize no help was necessary". She hears a "deep male voice" ask, "Setting up camp?" [Enter, one Braxton Taylor:] "Looks that way, doesn't it?" she reply(s) dryly. He asks her if she needs help and she tells him thanks but no thanks. He then asks her if she knows how to change tires. This really annoys her and she responds "sweetly" by saying, " Actually, no. I have no idea how to change a tire. Is that what I'm doing? I could have sworn I was flushing out the radiator fluid."

Braxton ends up changing the tire and repacking her car in a much better configuration than she had originally packed it and then they both part company and continue on their way. However, Braxton can't get her out of his mind and all he knows about her is her name is Kennedy and she is an interior designer. So, being a resident of Tempe himself and a very successful builder he uses his connections in the business to see if he can find her.

How these two get together and how they overcome some of the stumbling blocks that stand in the way of their union makes for a very delightful reading experience. Kennedy is a charming creation. Braxton also is a pleasant encounter in the realm of fiction.

Heather Johnson says

A delightful book! This author did a good job of making an LDS-centric book enjoyable. I loved the two main characters.

Annalisa says

This was a cute LDS fiction romance story. I would like to read some other works from this author. This is the Amazon Editorial Review synopsis: It all begins with calamity, faith, and a flat tire. Seeking liberation from recent heartache, Kennedy Jackson leaves her hometown and moves to Arizona to work as an interior designer. She thinks she is ready for a new start, but her heart still needs some convincing. When she bumps into a handsome stranger on the highway, she starts the ride of her life on a road of divine design that will lead to her dreams if she only has the faith to follow it. This delightful tale by Rachael Anderson combines wit and romance with the reality that change is difficult, but it can bring about some of life's greatest adventures. Divinely Designed is a sure antidote for gloom and a light-hearted reminder that even the darkest forks in the road can lead somewhere brilliant.

Adrienne says

En route to Tempe, Arizona where she'll be starting a new job for a prestigious interior design company, Kennedy Jackson gets a flat tire; Braxton Taylor stops to help her, and is charmed by her sense of

independence and determination to fix the problem on her own. Although they go their separate ways, they soon run into each other again--Kennedy's new roommate Stacey has a crush on Braxton and he, as the ward mission leader, is trying to help her learn about the LDS Church. However, Braxton hires Kennedy to decorate some houses he's building, and as their work relationship develops, so do their feelings for each other.

This lighthearted romantic comedy is a good choice for fans of LDS chick-lit. I wish some of the deeper issues of the book had been addressed a little more and not resolved quite so easily, but overall, it's nice, uplifting story.

Crystal says

New author Rachael Renee Anderson shows incredible talent in her new book *Divinely Designed*. I normally do not stay up late to read books, but this was the exception, A VERY GOOD ONE! I couldn't put it down. I loved the refreshingly witty humor of the characters and the plot was great. I really enjoyed it and I hope you will too!
