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Tierra Rodriquez, by most people's standards is living the glamorous life. She is a successful business woman, who has worked her way up the male dominated ladder, despite being haunted by ghosts from her past. While she successfully juggles life, work, and friendships, her tightly wound web of lies begins to unravel for the first time in her life. Things begin to turn for her with the reintroduction of an old friend into her life. With so much around her beginning to fall apart, Tierra is tested to the brink of insanity and lands in the one place she swore never to return seeking solace. After enduring the tragic death of the one he thought he'd never find, Aquarian Skeene is hurt, confused and there is only one person on his mind, Tierra. Desiring to rekindle their lapsed friendship, and make good on a promise, he makes a phone call that's seems to set off a series of events that takes them both down a path of unfamiliarity and unforeseen chaos. As he tries to settle into his new career, and deal with his own secrets, he is thrown into a life and death fight that brings everyone in his life face to face, testing not only their endurance but their faith. With everything these friends know put on the chopping block on a daily basis, will they be able to get their act together and figure out what path they are destined to be on? Or will they continue to fall apart and remain victims of their own secrets and silent fears? Find out in the first volume in the Beautiful Mess Series.

Beautiful Details

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Allison Kohn says

What happens when two people with diametrically opposed views about what they want in life and what a marriage is all about - what their role should be - get married? Almost any married person could answer that with a story of their own; but in this ongoing story of Beautiful women with messed up lives (another normal condition) the tale is told with finesse and with a cliffhanger that leaves the reader wanting more. The best part of this exciting and fast paced story is that God is front and center through all their lives - and community is a vital ingredient in the mix that makes up receipt for a wonderful life adventure.

Cheryl says

My Review:

I was the lucky winner of a contest that the author put on for this story. What I had to do was read a little blurb about Tierra and her boss. I had to write what I thought was in the envelope and when she should get the envelope. I was really shocked that I won! Sorry, but I am not going to tell you what was in the envelope! You have to read the story for yourself!

Tierra and Qu were always the best of friends, but things happened and they lost touch. Their friendship was no ordinary one either. They were so close that they called themselves PB&J because she was the peanut butter and he was the jelly. I was glad they finally reconnected. Who is Beautiful you ask? Well she wasn't exactly who I thought she was, but she is the woman in Qu's life. It was actually because of her that Tierra and Qu get reunited.

Tierra had issues with God. She was just so mad at him and would not speak to him. She went to church and heard this message:

"The Lord speaks to each one of us in different ways. He may use your mother, your sister, your child, or even your boss. He might even use an unbeliever. God never said his messages would come in nicely wrapped packages from your pastor," the pastor could be heard saying from inside the packed church. "God doesn't do things the way WE want them done. He does things the way we NEED them done, so he can get out of us what holds us back, what keeps us from him. He wants to help us reach the next level. He sends us what we need, when we need it, in HIS time. We are on his schedule, not the other way around." (Kindle Loc. 1085-90)

I loved this book. The characters were great and so was the story. The thing though about this book that really drew me in was the messages about faith. It is so important to bring God into our lives. Sometimes you might wonder if he even answers your prayers, but this is an example of how he really does answer prayers.

Allison Kohn says

The book begins with two good poems and goes on to show a picture of the life of a diva - then it gets better and better. It's a story of a young woman who hides a deep fear and shame so far inside she has to leave her loving family and friends, and God; and go into a career that will take all of her time and energy - an ice queen, rich and successful, but alone.

Love is a strong part of this book - the family love between old friends and family members, and the mature love of couples. Trust and the lack of trust; and the tensions that arise when trust is an issue. It's so easy to shove hurt or shame far away inside where one hopes it will never surface instead of sharing it and embracing the consequences.

When she turns back to God and starts to thaw out, the danger is her unused emotions and lack of experience. With God to guide and a little help from one of his messengers...well, I don't want to spoil it for you, it is too good a story.

Angela Lovett says

I found this book to be very interesting, the subject of the book was covered well and I would recommend this book. Looking forward to reading the rest of the Beautiful Series!

T.P. says

Kiexiza Rodriguez's "Beautiful" is a must read. From the very beginning you will be drawn to her relationship with her friends and herself while watching the pieces of the mysteries come into play. Weaved into a remarkable story, you're left wanting more once the ending draws near. With more to come, I can't wait to see what happens with the rest of the "Beautiful" series.

Hurricane says

There is an alarming rise of non-available, intelligent women with a 500 ft by 200 ft thick wall built around their heart as Ti, Kiexiza Rodriguez's character in her debut novel called "Beautiful"

R.M. Green says

I must say that reading this book by Ms. Rodriguez has been an immense pleasure, and all I can say is... AWESOME!! It is always the unsung authors that seem to embody the most talent... and Ms. Rodriguez may be unsung today, but she has a BEST SELLER here in my opinion - the world WILL know of her, and her incredible talent, very soon!

I definitely wasn't expecting the roller-coaster ride that the characters in this book take you on, but it has

been a most enjoyable ride! Ms. Rodriguez fleshes out these characters in such a way that they just grab you by the hand and pull you through their world at TOP SPEED!! These passionate, multi-faceted folks take you on a journey that will leave you simply breathless! They bring you directly into the crazy, unpredictable world of Sasha, Qu, Tierra, Malcolm & Vito - you may THINK you can guess the outcome of the situations the players in this WILD web of intrigue, twists & turns knit together for you... but alas, you are shockingly averted - and sometimes blown away - from your own conclusions as you continue to be guided through every twist & turn of this amazing read. I don't want to give the plot away, but I just have to say one thing.... Sasha is that character you can't easily figure out or get out of your mind!

It's well written, the characters immerse you in their world almost immediately, and you will not be able to put this page-turner down once you have been snagged in it's lair. Keep an eye out for Ms. Kiexiza Rodriguez.. this is an author you will most DEFINITELY want to keep up with - and her BEAUTIFUL MESS Series! I certainly do!

Dawn says

I thought the characters are very real, they were authentic. I liked how Tierra had real problems and she overcame them, it was inspiring. There are an array of emotions you will feel and be touched by while reading this book. I especially liked her struggles and relationship with god.

Dream 4 More Reviews says

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Sometimes women are willing to make sacrifices and even squash their singing career for their husband to fulfill his dreams—this is Shireece and Sean. Tierra is living the glamorous life as it seemed. Tierra Rodriguez occupies her time at charity balls, events, and holds it down in her stilettos in the corporate world—promotion knocks on her door for all her hard work at Baxwell Enterprizez. Wow, who gets a promotion and on top of that, two weeks vacation, with her secretary (Ms. Teri) on vacay too. Executive position suits this classy, sassy, high-class professional, but the only woman in the company. Soon, she runs back into her long-time friend, Aquarian (QU) Speene. He confesses about his loss but also his love for Tierra, which she wondering why now. Cheering this couple on and can't wait to see where this will transpire—love for hire.

Other valuable lessons taken from this novel:

*add God in your conversations

*long-term friendships between Tierra and Shireece

*male friendships, treated like a brother/sister relationship

*a family that prays together, stays together and unleashes the power of forgiveness and healing

The author has improved on their writing style, yet still proofreading issues such as punctuation, word inconsistency (pay roll should be payroll) to name a few. Overall, as a reviewer and author, I see how this writer has grown, filled in the blanks of the hidden pieces in this new version of the novel, and ready to read the next novel in the series. If you love romance, chick-lit, and contemporary fiction—this is a match for your book reading pleasures.

Dream 4 More Reviews has received the revised version of "Beautiful" via electronic format (ebook) by the author for a book review.

Dream 4 More Reviews,

Adrienna Turner

Dream Rating: Sweet Dreams

www.dream4more.webs.com (Dream4More Reviews)

Kiexiza says

AAMBC REVIEW OF MY NOVEL BEAUTIFUL

The story of Tierra "Ti" Rodriguez is a phenomenal love story focused on a woman torn between love for her best friend and finding her way back to God. The author Kiexiza Rodriguez brilliantly wrote and created a life within Tierra allowing readers to vision a life willing to find true love. When Tierra is hit with many stumbling blocks from rape, to loneliness, fear of commitment, and the search for a strong faith she finds herself running from reality. All along her best friend Qu, who has been her friend for her entire life, is secretly in love with her. In this novel "Beautiful" you will laugh, cry, praise, and most of all fall in love with these characters. This story was a page turner, grabbing my attention one sentence at a time. The ending was just as I had hoped. I can not wait for the sequel I give Kiexiza Rodriguez four stars. This is a must read, that you and your family should get.

Tamika Newhouse

AAMBC Founder

Beautiful is avail @ www.wix.com/kierodriquez/kr

Chameka says

Very good... At first I thought Beautiful was a girlfriend of his!!! Its when you get to the end when you realize the Beautiful is actually his mother.

Carmen Blalock says

True friendship is something that many people may never experience. If you are fortunate enough to experience it, it is something that will last you through the ups and the downs but it lasts a lifetime. Friends will scream, fight, cry and mostly laugh but they will never leave each other. They will love each other forever.

Tierra Rodriquez is a very exceptional woman. At the age of 28, she has accomplished what many men have only tried in her industry, she is the head of the media and entertainment department at her company and on the fast track to higher positions. She is beautiful, driven and won't let anyone or anything stop her from accomplishing her goal. Then all at once Tierra's life seems like it is turned upside down, her best friend Qu pops back into town and is acting strangely, her boss gives her a mysterious envelope and tells her to open it but not right now and the universe seems to be turned on its axis. To add to the mix, client and ex-basketball star Malcom Turner would love nothing more than to be in a relationship with Tierra, how much more can Tierra take?!?

Beautiful is a love story with some heart ache and heart-break. It is a feel good story because it lets you see how two life long friends interact but it shows you how they comfort each other when one is in pain. The characters are you and me on any given day and that makes it a great story because you can definitely relate to the characters and their interactions. There were minor editing issues but nothing that would stop the flow of the story. I enjoyed this story from Rodriquez and I look forward to continuing this Beautiful Mess series.

Adrienna says

Reading revised copy/edition. Genre: Inspirational Romance Mystery. Author sent as electronic format for review.

So far, I'm enjoying it on so many levels: mentally, emotionally, and physically. She makes the reader not only engage in the character, Tierra's life story, but also how she blames herself for a dreadful experience for going the wrong way home (short-cuts). Sometimes, we fail to realize that short-cuts can lead to a major disaster in our lives too. Yet, we tend to blame others for our actions, even God and shut those people out...even those who love you the most. The author did a great job to see these things not only in the character but to re-evaluate our own paths, choices, decisions, and direction we are headed. Forgiveness is so needed; forgive others and even ourselves.

"a relationship isn't a boardroom. You can't go in it and say this is supposed to be like this, and that is supposed to be like that, and expect things to happen that way. A relationship only works when two people are compatible. You have to look out for each other, nurture each other, trust each other, and rely on each other." (p. 223, ebook version).

So Fyh Magazine Online says

"I really enjoyed this Novel "Beautiful" by Kiexiza Tashua Rodriquez, for me I believe that Tierra (Ti) was a

woman that had dealt with so much pain from her past.

That she really became numb to any kind of relationship other than her family and close childhood friends and then she was very careful of what she shared with them, the fear of not wanting them to pass judgement on her.

This was a love/romance story of a hardworking woman that had been suffering in silence for so long, that when she decides to allow herself to feel something for a guy she knew deep in her gut it was just all wrong.

Tierra then is faced to deal with the issues of being sexually assaulted, and having trust issues to even complicate things. She finds herself confused on the edge of losing the little sanity that she still has and finds herself on the couch with a therapist.

She had even given up on God, because to her in her eyes God had given up on her by allowing the horrible things in her life happen. There's Qu the boy next door the one person she trusted with her life, he had been her protector all their childhood.

Whenever you saw Tierra (Ti) you saw Qu. Deep inside Tierra's torn heart she knew that her bestfriend Qu had feelings for her, but she was running from the truth, that she had strong feelings for him, but was afraid.

They shared almost everything, until somethings are revealed in the heat of rage. This novel "Beautiful" was by far a page turner, I had to keep changing positions as I curled up with novel. One thing is for sure "Beautiful" will make you laugh, cry, and you wonder about the power of prayer, and faith in God and even have you to re-think what kind of relationship you have with God in the time of need and even make your heart skip a few beats just thinking about what will happen next.

I again enjoyed every single page, and the characters will keep you guessing as to what will they do. I'm looking forward to and is so anxious and to ready to read the sequel. I'm going to have to give Kiexiza Rodriguez 5 stars!

I highly recommend this book
Danielle "Dani Diva" Taylor

Lady Raven RAVE! says

<http://www.romancenoveljunkies.com> for readers

3.5 star

BRIEF SUMMARY

Tierra has a successful life with her career, though she has no one to share it with. Her best friend, Aquarians, is back in town and is going through the loss of someone. When both Tierra and Aquarians reconnect, things start to fall apart.

THOUGHTS

I thought this was a nice story. Once Tierra and Qu, reconnected a lot starts to unfold around Tierra, as well

as tragedy. Before this love story Tierra and Qu were best friends who lost touch and reconnect after what happens in Qu's life. There are also talks of church and religion within this story, which I had no issues with. Now, although I found the story to be nice, I didn't connect fully with the characters. Throughout most of the story I was trying to connect but found my self unable to. Nevertheless, I still found the storyline appealing.

Story: FAIR to GOOD

Enjoyment: FAIR

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