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Alexandra McKnight prefers a life of long workdays and short-term relationships, and she's found it in Hope's Crossing. A sous chef at the local ski resort, she's just been offered her dream job at an exclusive new restaurant being built in town. But when it comes to designing the kitchen, Alex finds herself getting up close and personal with construction foreman Sam Delgado....

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Gail says

The 4th book in The Hope Crossing series. If you love reading about small towns than this series is for you. I just loved getting to know the people of Hope Crossing. Alex is finally offered her dream job at the new restaurant being built in town. Sam is the construction foreman who is going to finish building the kitchen. Sparks begin to fly between the two of them. Sam also has a 6 year old little boy who is so adorable. An amazing story about the three of them. Looking forward to more Hope Crossing books.

Lila Hunter says

My view

As other Hope Crossing books, Currant Creek Valley is a love story between two unconventional characters. One can say that the characters are reversed since Alexandra has many traits normally associated with males; as her apprehension to commitment and her short term relationships.

On the other hand, Sam is the soft loving father of a six-year old trying to bring stability to their life. He loves his family and is ready to work hard to give his son everything he may need. Together, Sam & Alex complemented each other.

The story flows nicely and it has the right amount of steam and romance to balance their relationship. As well, the book let us look into the life of characters in previous books as well as those to take center in the next book installment.

All in all, the book is a good addition to the series.

What I liked the most

I think I like that the female main character takes initiative and is not fragile and full of insecurities. She is someone that is comfortable on her skin and knows exactly what she wants and needs.

I wanted more of

I wanted more of Sam's story. The reader learns about him and his past, but since you met Alex in previous books the reader knows more about her than him.

Who should read it

Any one who is into the Hope's Crossing series or that is looking for a sweet and sizzling story.

Rate

4.5 out of 5

DAISY DISNEY says

I received a free copy from the publisher in an exchange of an honest review.

I want to live in Currant Creek Valley! What a cozy place this little town is. I must say I loved the vibrant colors of the book cover! I love books with cozy covers like this one, they tend to make me feel like I am right in the story and in the middle of where it takes place. I also enjoyed the characters in the book. The relationship that developed between Alexandra and Sam was cute. It was quite funny the circumstances in which they first met one another. The story had a little sprinkle of everything. There was romance and some sadness mixed in as well. Overall it was a good story and I will be reading more books by this author and will follow this series if it becomes one.

Susan says

Good book. Alex is about to have her dreams come true as the head chef of a new restaurant in town, as long as the construction of the kitchen gets done on time. Sam has been hired to finish the kitchen. There's a heat that's obvious between them from the moment they meet. Alex sees no problem getting involved with Sam. She doesn't do commitments and he's only in town for a short time. Then she discovers that he and his son are moving to town permanently and he's interested in more than short term.

I loved Sam. He's a great dad who wants a fresh start for himself and his son. His wife died a couple years ago and then he discovered that his father-in-law was a crooked contractor. Now he's looking forward to living in a small town where people care for each other and look out for each other. He isn't really interested in a new relationship since he's going to be busy setting up his business and taking care of his son. He's attracted to Alex as soon as he meets her and looks forward to getting to know her better. He likes the way she's direct about what she wants. He enjoys her sense of humor and discovers that under her brash exterior is a very kindhearted woman. It's not too long before he's starting to think of Alex in longer terms, but he can't get her to agree. Every time he thinks he's making some progress she pushes him away. He senses that there is a deep pain that keeps her from accepting the idea of a future with him. I really liked the way that he kept trying to get close to Alex. He knew he was falling for her and he was pretty sure that she felt the same but he was having problems getting past her walls. Even when he tried to stay away from her he was aware of what she was doing. I loved his final attempt to get her to open up to him and share her pain. This expressed his feelings perfectly: "I love you, Alexandra. Nothing you've told me tonight changes that. I love you in spite of all the reasons you think I shouldn't. In part, maybe, because of those reasons. You're the person you are today because of everything that has happened to you."

Alex is a serial dater. She doesn't do more than a few dates with any one man, preferring to keep all her relationships light and casual. Part of her fear of commitment comes from the way her father deserted the family when she was a kid. She doesn't want to open herself up to that kind of pain again. Currently she is way too busy getting the new restaurant up and running to spend time with a man anyway. When she meets Sam she finds him very appealing and thinks it would be fun to be with him for the short time he'll be in town. She doesn't expect the intensity of her attraction to him and tries to pull away from him. She's willing to go for friendship with him, but is afraid what might happen if she goes for more. When she finds out that

he has a son and that they are moving to town permanently she takes it as just one more reason to stay away from him. I liked the way that her soft heart doesn't let her stay away for long. She adds him to the people she cooks for, finds herself enjoying being around his son, and occasionally is tempted to let him get closer. But as much as she comes to care for him she has a secret pain that she hasn't even shared with her family and friends, that makes her feel that she doesn't deserve that kind of happiness. She doesn't seem to see the same good person that everyone else sees, the one who cooks for shut-ins, takes care of a friend who is dying of cancer, rescues a lost dog and takes it home with her, and is there for any friend who needs her help. I loved the way that she finally opened up to Sam, expecting him to reject her, and is stunned to find out that he doesn't, that he loves her just the way she is.

Rhonda says

4 STARS

Hope's Crossing book 4

I like Hope's Crossing books. It is a community that has pulled its self together. The characters are interesting and keep me wanting to know more about them. It is good to see old friends and what they are up to now. It is also a clean read.

Alexandra is about to have her dream come true. She is going to have her own restraint. That if her kitchen is done on time. Alex only dates guys who won't be around for the long time. She is also hiding a secret. Alex has a big family, most who live close by.

Sam came to Currant Creek Valley to work. He is taking over to finsh the restraint after the last guy had to leave on family business. Sam was a army ranger. He is looking for a new home to raise his son in. Sam does not let Alex know that he has a son or thinking of moving his business to Currant Creek Valley.

Alex on first meeting Sam after a misunderstanding occured asks him if he is married? So if they want to go out she needs to know that he is single. Sam says yes but he was a Ranger and they always lead the way. So he asks her.

They had a great time and on a walk around town Alex found a stray dog around town. He was skinny but had a collar on him. Alex names him Leo. She hopes to find his owner.

Their are no big secrets to reveal. Only personal trials they each face but you are slowly getting the answers you want to know. I did not want to put the book down last night. Read till my eyes could not focus anymore.

One secret of Sam's is he has a cute son living with his brother while he finshes the school year. Than Sam will bring him to Hope's Crossing.

Ethan is very smart and friendly. He is not afraid to hint at what he likes.

I would read more books about Hope's Crossing in the future.

I was given this ebook to read and in exchange asked to give honest review of it by Netgalley.

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Ronna says

One of my favorite light romance series continues with the story of Alex McKnight and Sam Delgado in Hope's Creek. Alex is part of a large close knit family , most of whom live in Hope's Crossing. She's just recently returned from an extended stay in Europe, and is preparing to open her dream restaurant. Sam is a single father with very little family who plans to move to Hope's Crossing to give a closer community life for his son. He's also the new carpenter finishing Alex's new restaurant. The attraction is immediate but past life issues interfere with their happily ever after.

As always, RaeAnne Thayne adds an element of seriousness to her stories that make them superior to the average romance. Special in this book is this thought: "People make mistakes. You can either let it eat away at you from the inside until you're hollowed out and have nothing good left. Or you can learn to accept that none of us can change our past. All we can do is move forward and make something better out of the rest of our days."

These Hope Crossing books just continue to grow on me. I love the characters and feel closer to them with every book. RaeAnne Thayne writes a wonderful story full of issues, compassion, love and community that draws me right into every one of her books!

Darcy says

I thought this one was sweet. I wasn't surprised by Alex and her secrets, but was surprised that her friends and family let her have those secrets for all those years.

I really liked how Alex went after Sam at the start, even if their connection scared her off. The slow way that they managed to get to know each other was sweet. It seemed like each one was blindsided with things, but rolled with the punches. Ethan was great in how he bowled over Alex, as was Alex's reaction to him.

The ending was perfect, a great way to showcase what this series represents, family and friends.

Terri Wino says

Another enjoyable read in this series. I do have to admit that I felt the ending was a little too abrupt and "quick fix" after the push and pull of the rest of the story. Nevertheless, I liked the characters. This series just makes you feel good when you're reading each book. I feel as if I know the people in this town and look forward to learning the next couple's journey into each other's lives.

Kate Vale says

This is the fourth in the author's Hope's Crossing series and I planned to savor it slowly. Alas, I failed miserably--because I couldn't put it down. The sparks between Alexandra and Sam blow them both off dead-center, but he recovers faster than she and only understands why she keeps pushing him away when she finally reveals the terrible secret she's been hiding for everyone for far too many years.

Fortunately for her, Sam's 7-yr old son and the chocolate lab she takes in when she finds him wandering through town, obviously lost and looking for a home, help Sam to secure Alexandra in his heart and his arms.

What's next? I'll have to wait for the next installment in Hope's Crossing tales with WILLOWLEAF LANE.

Kristi says

3.75 stars

I really am enjoying this series. The characters are generally believable, the setting gorgeous (though I may be biased on that front), and the town idyllic. The stories often pull at my heart strings in multiple ways. I really wish I hadn't let quite so much time pass between reading books in this series.

Katherine Coble says

Probably my least favourite of the series. 2.5 stars.

I *loathe* "shut him out" plots. I looked forward to this entry in the series because I really enjoy restaurant-based stories. This had so little to do with the restaurant that it was almost a joke.

Of all the books in the series this one is the one that feels phoned in. I didn't feel any sizzle between the leads at all. And honestly when I pick up a light harlequin I don't want to read about someone wasting away from Cancer. I get enough of that in life. It's what I am reading to escape from.

Jacob Proffitt says

If Riley's self-hate was bad in *Blackberry Summer* (and it definitely was), then his sister, Alex, is ten times worse. Which made this book *painful* to read. It starts off feeling like your average "I need love but I'm not worthy" kind of thing, though Thayne keeps a pretty tight lid on Alex's past so we don't get details. But it persists beyond all reason and in the face of the hottest hunk of ex-Army Ranger in literature. I mean, if you can't fall for Sam, you've no business reading romance novels.

So yeah, Sam is all that and a ten-pound bag of fudge but Alex is so deep into self-hatred that she (sometimes *literally*) runs from him at every opportunity. So while I was in it for Sam and his boy, Ethan, Alex was a source of constant and unrelenting pain. I'm glad she had her breakthrough in the end, but I couldn't help feeling like she had to have been doing something desperately wrong for the last decade not to have managed even a hint of closure before then. Seriously, not good, not fun, and definitely not entertaining.

Sam alone is responsible for all the stars I'm able to give this book. Alex is very nearly enough to take them all away again...

Cassie says

Brain candy.

Becky says

This one wasn't my favorite in the series, but it was a decent read. I loved the character of Sam--strong, patient, great father, fantastic...hands. His son, Ethan, was awesome--reminded me a lot of the boy in *Jerry Maguire*. (Did you know the human head weighs ten pounds? ;)) The chocolate lab was sweet (though yet another example of a fictional animal who makes me feel inadequate as a non-fictional owner, but I digress.) The character I had problems with was Alex. She just seemed too hung up on her issues, which, when we finally find out what they are, just didn't add up to the hype as far as I was concerned. Of course we got the HEA, and saw many favorite characters from the other books, so in the end all's well that ends well. I'll definitely be looking forward to the next installment--and only partially to see what Ethan's up to :)

Alp says

It's too early to tell whether this book is good or not, but one thing is for sure...I loathe the heroine. I'll put it down for now. Maybe I'll come back to continue this later. (or never?)
