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## Rescuing people is his job...

But the one person pararescue jumper Chance Garrison can't seem to help is his own ailing father, who refuses his much-needed physical rehabilitation. That is, until Chance hires unconventional occupational therapist Chloe Callet. To his surprise, Chloe and her sweet black Lab, Midnight, work wonders. And not only on the elder Garrison. Chance just may have met the woman who can get through his own toughened exterior. Can he persuade the lovely Chloe to take a chance—on him?

## Steadfast Soldier Details

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## From Reader Review *Steadfast Soldier* for online ebook

### Catherine Richmond says

Parachute jumper Chance hires occupational therapist Chloe and her dog Midnight, to rehab his father. Hey - OT is a real profession - it's in a Cheryl Wyatt book!

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### Jenny Thompson says

Eh. It was fine. For a while it bordered on straight up offensive, as the central barrier to the romance seemed to be whether or not the girl would give up her dreams to start making babies on the boy's schedule. Happily they eventually decided that love was about supporting each other's dreams and not just his.

The writing was about what you would expect from this publisher - lots of inconsistencies and lots of heart.

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### Fedora says

Chance falls for Chloe, the perky and determined physical therapist hired to help his dad recover after a stroke.

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### Massanutten Regional Library says

**Avis, Main patron, July 2015, 4 stars:**

Cheryl Wyatt's *Steadfast Soldier* is a light, faith-based story of small-town love. The heroine is the occupational therapist for the hero's father, and their relationship builds from there. Struggling to trust that a pastor can love his family more than the church, the heroine must realize that God can heal past pain and use her testimony to reach the church youth. The book explores different circumstances where trusting God is a difficult choice, and realistically describes the believer's dilemma to trust after being hurt. It was a fun read, although the descriptions of the protagonists' attractiveness was at times excessive.

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### J. says

The next entry in the Wings of Refuge series is now one of my favorites. It was a pleasure to return to this town, these guys and their friends. Sometimes romance comes in the guise of friendship. Sometimes the conflict between hero and heroine is one that is a gentle "how is this all going to work out." And sometimes, a reader just needs a book to be a read that is about a good guy who isn't an alpha, even if he is downright handsome and is full of integrity. And there is a great dog as a secondary character to boot!

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## **Lisa Turley says**

Was very pleased with this book overall. Very good story with a consistent infusion of relationship with God.

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## **Patriciaw says**

Although I absolutely love this PJ series from Cheryl Wyatt, this installment wasn't my favorite. Some of the character motivations didn't gel for me, I think. I guess it was difficult to see their conflicts as big enough to keep them apart, when it was so clear from the beginning how right Chance and Chloe were for each other, and how much they wanted to be together. I did enjoy the story, just not as much as some of the other stories in this series.

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## **Valerie Comer says**

I'm fairly picky what books (or authors) I give five stars to. To me, five stars means I won't blink—if that author has a new book out, it's an auto-buy. About the only romance author that has hit five-star status for me is Cheryl Wyatt. She's written a series called Wings of Refuge for Steeple Hill's Love Inspired Romance line. I've downloaded a couple onto my iPhone, bought a few, and had a couple given to me. (I purchased this one, for the record.)

The basic idea of this series is that the guys are all members of an elite parajumping team for the US Air Force. They're based out of a town called Refuge where they teach and train for their top-secret missions wherever they're needed. And where, of course, they fall in love. The series is unique in that each book doesn't really depend on the one before. Yes, there is an order to them, but skipping around the series won't be a problem as each stands totally alone.

Just a few days ago I finished reading Book Seven, Steadfast Soldier. This is the story of a young man named Chance, who has just relocated his father to Refuge after a stroke. His dad has lost interest in life since his wife died, and Chance is nearly at his wit's end trying to rekindle that spark. Enter Chloe, an occupational therapist who brings her partner, black Lab Midnight, with her to the house.

Chance falls for Chloe hard and fast, but Chloe isn't so sure. She doesn't want anyone to get in the way of her dream of opening an animal-assisted therapy program. Not only that, but her dad was a pastor who completely ignored his family for the needs of his church, and Chance is taking courses to become a youth pastor. That's two strikes against him, but he's persistent. Can Chloe take a Chance on love?

Why do I enjoy Cheryl Wyatt's writing? It's crisp and snappy. She doesn't waste a lot of words describing things but has a way of picking the few details that make a difference. Her stories feel self-propelled, as though she sets them in motion and then they take off on their own. I get the feeling the stories could be a lot longer, that she edits what to include to keep the momentum high. I'm looking forward to more novels from Cheryl Wyatt.

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## **Miren Santiago says**

"Sometimes, life throws us on a different route than we expected. And sometimes, God is the one navigating that change. I think if this is meant to be, we both need to recalculate what we had preplanned and be open to a divine detour."

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I liked this book! It had been an easy, relaxing read that's why I was able to finish it in two days. I cannot deny that during the times I've been reading, I couldn't help but smile, laugh, giggle, and mush over the characters and the scenes.

The characters are very relatable. The energetic and lively Chloe, who, despite her bright exterior, holds a lot of pain, bitterness, and fear because of her past. And of course, the perfect Chance, who went through a lot in his life but still managed to come out strong with the grace of God. These two, were both proofs that if we lay everything down at God's feet and allow Him to work in our lives, then we will experience his love and faithfulness. He will mold us into the person that he planned us to be and plot us in the most perfect situation that he destined for us.

I know Chance may seem too perfect and the story itself might be unbelievable because of the too perfect ending. But it just reminds me of my relationship with God. That no matter what we are going through, no matter how many valleys we go through, how many pain and rejection we experience, or how many hurdles come in between us and our dreams, if we have God on our side and we subject ourselves to his Will, we will always end up victorious.

Love Inspired books have been my escape during stressful times. It as been my regular dose of fairy tales and up until now, I store some on my bookshelf, for the rainy days.

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