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Hello, mate!

(Practicing my Australian.* How am I doing?)

I'm so glad the timing worked out for this couch exchange. I'll be crashing on yours by the time you get to mine.** If you run into any problems, just find Alyssa. She'll help you out with whatever you need.***

Your couch-swapping mate,

Rick

*That's cute. Go have fun in Australia and leave ME—your girlfriend for an entire semester—to waste away on campus, alone.

**Um, think again. Your couch is already taken.

***Great. Now I've got to find a place for the (unbelievably hot, it turns out) Aussie to crash. But there's only one couch available: the one in my dorm room. . . .

Suite Dreams Details

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Natalie says

The story was nothing like I imagined it would be based on the title. I thought it was about a girl who worked at a ski lodge or something. In actuality, the main character Alyssa is a college student staying at the school over winter break so she can take more classes. Her boyfriend has gone to Australia on a couch swapping program and has sent the guy he swapped with to Vermont in his place.

Overall this was pretty cute. I liked how carefree and fun Jude was. He really helped to bring Alyssa out of her comfort zone. They had a lot of sweet moments together. I also enjoyed that there wasn't a love triangle.

Jessica says

If you're looking for an easy read with a simple plot and a cute romance with some tingling moments included, Suite Dreams is the book for you. I don't have much to say about this, the story is not deep or meaningful or anything like that and the romance is not overwhelmingly beautiful but still, the story was fun. Simply some light reading material, perfect for a summer day on the beach.

Zemira (Kylo Ren fangirl) Warner says

Can Jude walk on water? No? He seems to do everything else perfectly so I just thought he could do that too.

The beginning was so funny and I loved it so much until I realized Jude was a perfect guy. Then the eye rolling started.

Gaby says

Posted at <http://oh-my-books.blogspot.com/2011/...>

Alyssa met Rick at her first semester and they became a couple right away. Their relationship was comfortable, but then he left her and went on vacation to Australia while she's going to spend her winter break alone.

Although Alyssa recognizes she wasn't totally in love with Rick, she still feels bad. She wanted to be like her parents, who found each other at school.

While she's dealing with that, Jude, the sexy Australian guy, comes looking for her. He exchanged couches with Rick, but his couch is already taken, so he will have to stay with her.

From the beginning Jude is sweet and protective with her. He likes to be with her and do things together, and it's obvious he likes her. He's very funny and Alyssa feels good with him. Oh, and Jude is hot. Very hot.

Little by little they become closer, and even when they have everything against them, they can help but fall in love.

Suite Dreams is a very short and cute book. It's lovely and has an open happy ending. I recommend it for those days when you just want to read something light, happy and romantic.

Valerie says

I really like these fun books by Rachel Hawthorne. This one is a quick read that entertains.

Alyssa is a college freshman who studies a lot and has only had one boyfriend, the one she met the day she moved into her dorm. They haven't really been on a date, just hang out together and kiss. Then winter break arrives and the said boyfriend decides to go couch surfing to Australia. And he conveniently decides to take a break from his relationship with Alyssa right before he leaves. Oh, but don't tell anyone unless we decide to get back together. I think I would have hit him! After that little performance, this "boyfriend", Rick, forgets to tell Alyssa (or anyone else for that matter) that he is actually trading couches with a hottie from Australia. The problem is that Rick didn't tell his roommate and his couch isn't available. So it falls to Alyssa to find a couch for Jude to sleep on. Isn't it nice that her couch is available.

But what is the point of starting a relationship with a guy who is only going to be here for a few weeks and then he returns to the other side of the planet. Besides, what if Rick wants to get back together when he returns? Alyssa is confused and strongly drawn to Jude. Is Jude just being polite or is he flirting with her? He has a very charming personality and a great accent that makes it hard for Alyssa to think straight.

If you enjoy a quick fun read that still has you guessing a little about how this one can possibly end, then you will like this one.

Carly Fries says

Before I Read the Book

Because of the title, *Suite Dreams*, I thought the story was going to be about a group of girls staying at a hotel, possibly at a ski resort or something, and the protagonist meets a cute guy staying in the suite next door or down the hall from them. Not about a dorm room suite, which is admittedly a lot less exciting if you ask me...

Summary of the Story

It's winter break, and Alyssa and her boyfriend Rick decide to take a break from each other while he travels to Australia couch surfing. What she didn't anticipate was the cute Aussie that Rick sent back to Vermont in his place.

(view spoiler)

What I Thought

I just can't get excited about a lot of the guys that come out of Rachel Hawthorne's imagination. I mean, this guy's from Australia, the land of sexy accents, and I had trouble liking him. And I had even more trouble liking Alyssa and here's why.

"You know," he began, "I have a list of a hundred things to do before I die--"
"Omigod!" My chest felt like it was caving in on itself as I gasped. "You're terminally ill."

She never understood what people were saying, and always jumped to conclusions, especially when it concerned Jude. I mean he's Australian, not Japanese. There isn't that much of a language barrier, just saying.

And again.

"He was telling me about a shark attack--"
"Omigod!" I blurted before Boomer could finish the tale. "You were attacked by a shark?"

CAN YOU JUST SHUT THE FUCK UP ALYSSA AND LET OTHER PEOPLE TALK
JESUS CHRIST

And that's all I have to say about that.

Penny Lane says

Le doy cinco estrellas porque fue demasiado bonito <3 Pobre Jude, no conocía la nieve y Alyssa no entendía como puede haber un invierno si nieve -alza la mano - hey! Mi invierno es frío sin nieve, totalmente decepcionante.

En fin, como siempre el final quise mas, aca SI que quise mas pero fue muy bonita la historia.
Me causa risa como Rachel desecha a los novios o ex novios de los protagonistas TAN rápido y fácil.
Muy lindo, ahora quiero ir a Vermort.

—•(-•The Insomniac Book Hoarder•- says

I'm Aussie and despite some well used terms of Australian slang used in the book, I just dont think I've ever heard anyone refer to the *telly (TV) as the box before*. *I mean we call it telly and yes Oz sounds about right, but sometimes I think that the writer is going OTT in making Jude too Aussie (if there is such a thing). But other than that I liked the story.*

Alyssa is sweet and studious, she just found out that her college boyfriend is going on a couch surfing (which by the way is actually a real life website) expedition to Australia for the whole winter break, and oh btw he also wants to cool off, giving him more time to rethink their relationship. Then a true bue Aussie comes

along, think foreign exchange student style, except the only exchange was their couches, and he's actually on a vacation..

Jude is absolutely awesome, he seems real enough, adventurous and absolutely perfect for Alyssa, but she's conflicted about the time that he will be spending and how much is left of it. Is she willing to go for it and accept what she truly feels despite it all, or will she succumb to what is comfortable for her and continue to study as a way of denying her emotions. You just have to read it to know =))

Laurence R. says

The story itself is pretty good and so are the characters, but the relationship could have been deeper in my opinion.

Mina says

Needed something to read while my phone was charging, this seemed like a good idea, light and fluffy, the word seemed being a key word. After finishing it I wished I had decided to do anything else but read this.

- The writing was too simple.
- As the pages went by I started to get annoyed because the main male character was so perfect! He did this, he did that. I get that people can be good at more than one, two things, but here it felt too much.
- He decided to go to a cold, snowy country, over the ocean because of a pretty girl! What? Does that seem as a good idea? I mean, he did get the girl at the end (I don't think that's a spoiler, actually that's expected to happen solely after reading the synopsis), but going to her country after only seeing her picture... yeah.

Mcw says

I needed a fluffy, quick read after all the emotions of Kingdom of Ash. It was predictable but cute and definitely an easy read. If you are looking to take your mind off of something and need a story to just wrap itself up with a bow perfectly at the end, this is it!

Dayla says

2.5 Stars

This book was cute for what it was. It was a cheese ball factory with convenient and paper-thin twists, and with diction that felt oddly out of place in a novel set in a State. But Jude was a sweet guy. I did notice a lot of similar phrases used in this book as in the last book I read by this author.

Very, very light summer read.

Happy reading!

Liwayway says

Another cute and funny read by Rachel Hawthorne. I love the lightness of her stories and the quirkiness of her characters. Coincidentally, it's freezing outside, so this is a great, fun romance to curl up with with some tea or hot cocoa.

Mer says

omg i loved it soooo much it was a different story than most of her books
-the girl had the black hair and blue eyes and fit-ish body
-the guy was brown haired and had blond highlight and greenish eyes
most of her book the main guys have black hair and dazzling blue eyes with a crooked smile lol i loved it soooo much i have almost finished all of her books !!!!!!

Erika says

Rachel Hawthorne's books were my gateway drug into reading. As a 7th grader who craved the sizzling romance akin to that found in a Mary-Kate and Ashley movie, Rachel Hawthorne's books were my crack. And so what book do I go for when I haven't feasted on a good love story in a long time and I'm in the mood to swoon? A Rachel Hawthorne book of course! Unfortunately, after ten years of growing up and a creative writing degree later, I just can't be satisfied by this fluff. The story was cute, but the romance was unrealistic and the characters were paper thin. Oh well, what can you expect from such a short book? It's better than Sarah Dessen.
