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When Katrine lands a high profile assignment for the summer. Although short term, the experience would add some much needed prestige to her anemic resume.

She is eager to rise to challenge. Little does she know that part of the challenge would be her new boss.

During a night full of laughs and margaritas, her friends urge her to get back out into the dating scene. A rebound fling is just what she needs to get her feet wet.

Katrine is leery to say the least and is not sure if she is ready. She wonders if a man even fits into her new life. Not to mention the fact that being naked in front of someone new was beyond petrifying.

But when a man from the past enters her life and as she grows closer to her new boss, she is forced to re-evaluate the whole fling concept.

Does she go for casual or does she commit? Can she even do casual? She always listens to her heart, maybe it was time to start listening to other parts of her anatomy.

As she navigates her new single life she has to decide what defines her. And with help from her nutty sister, hilarious friends and plethora of fermented grapes— she just might find that she is willing to forgo lust and even love, if it means compromising her new found identity.

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Louise BookbestiesUK says

Thanks to the author for a copy to review

Dont know why but I am a total sucker for office romance novels (It must be that I work with a right load of munters and I know it will never happen to me.....)

The book starts out with Katrine's hubby telling her he wants a divorce so after sulking and getting over it for a few months she decides to pull her head out of her arse and get back to work.

Her boss Xander is a total prat! He's rude, big headed and just plain ignorant.

But being the funny sweet woman she is, she manages to crack his asshole persona and the real Xander comes out (who is very very nice)

Its decided that the 2 will have a 6 week no strings attached, sex only fling, now we all know where this leads to.....

The supporting characters in the book were fab! Her son Teddy is so sweet and the things he says to his Mum are adorable, and her sister Maddie (I think that was her name....) was funny and straight to the point. And then there is Ian, the totally adorable old friend who's been cushioning on Katrine for years and wants nothing more than to be with her.

Now I presume there will be another book in this series as it didnt really finish on a cliffy but the story is far from over.....

Overall I give this story 4 stars. It a great debut novel and I hope there isnt too much of a wait for book 2 :)

Felicia Hamilton says

I loved this book!!

I read it because sometimes I like to switch it up and read about the older people. Sometimes the immaturity of the teens I read about can kinda annoy me so I need to step back and read about some older people with some sense. They been through enough and don't have time for the BS.

35?? Newly divorced?? Looking for a rebound?? Count me in!!

I just ADORE a story about finding love, and finding yourself right along with it. And this book did just that for me.

And everyone knows I'm a sucker for a book that can throw it some hilarious punchlines!!

No cliffhanger (which I also love)

However there is room to continue this story...

In conclusion.... This book was the shit!!

Jeanne says

~~~~~3.5 solid stars~~~~~

This book is about Katrine, a 35 year old woman who is trying to pull herself together and create a life of her own after a traumatic and emotional divorce. She is a mom to a 10 year old son, and has stayed at home since he was born. I like this theme because I think it's just interesting and different. Her situation is very relatable. In my personal opinion, this book is more about Katrine and her journey to re-invent herself than it is a romance novel, and I think if you can embrace that the book is very enjoyable.

My favorite part of the book was Katrine's relationship with her friends and her sister. I can't think of anything that will keep the girl talk going more than a cheating asshole of an ex-husband. I thought the girl talk was relatable and funny.

There is a big twist toward the end that I didn't see coming. I have to give this author points for not being predictable.

My opinion on Xander is that I have no special love for him. This is what I say to Xander....

Seriously..(view spoiler)

I am curious how the next book will play out. I wasn't happy about the situation with Ian either. (view spoiler)

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## **Teel K says**

I almost passed this book up because it's a series, it would have been my loss to miss out on a great book. Katrine is 35 and married with a child, when her husband comes home one day and wants a divorce...David just doesn't ask for a divorce he also says:

“For what it’s worth, I haven’t slept with her. I respect you too much for that.”

Thanks David you just don't want a divorce, but you're a honorable cheater. Katrine is a mature strong woman she stands and walks away. We meet her son Teddy, and I must say I fell in love with the little guy.

Mom, I won't like her if don't want me to.”

“I’m on your side, and I think what dad did was crappy. Who could be better than you? I just don’t get it.”

Katrine is a loving mom and she never spoke badly of David to her son, she took the mature way, and it was good to see. We have her sister Maddie, and she has a tongue on her, and she is great support for her sister. Xander is the sexy male, and he does the unthinkable to Katrine. I liked that through everything, Katrine was put through she knew her woman's worth. I know what Xander did was wrong, but I'm hoping for a HEA for him and Katrine. I can't wait to read the next book and anything else this author might write. It was great to see mature older people !!!!!

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### **Rosa Gutierrez says**

wow- This book was recommend by a friend. I truly enjoy this book. Its writing was very interesting. This book takes you to a different place in your life.

Katrine was a wife that thought that her life was perfect. A mother to a beautiful son and a wife to a doctor. Never would she of thought that her husband one day would tell her that is over. He has fallen in love with someone else and that he wanted a divorce. Katrine never in a million years thought that her marriage would be over like this.

Katrine learn to move on and try to forget this nightmare ever happen. She wanted to be independent but that was hard at the time. She was still receiving financial alimony from her ex-husband. She later on decided to become the working mom. Never thinking that would change her completely.

Katrine was able to get a summer temp job to help her get her feet wet in the Market world. Not knowing that this was a summer she would never forget.

This book has love, an adventure and good ending. Is there such thing in Love at first site or we think we are in love and show it all the wrong ways. I really enjoy it.

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### **Amanda (Hootie) Clark says**

I love books that are funny and sexy and Rebound was abundant with both!

It's all about Katrine surviving after an unexpected divorce from her husband David. Surprised out the blue by his request to split she picks herself back up and gets back out into the working world when she lands a two month gig with one of the country's top business men, Alexander (Xander) Abbot. At first when she meets him he comes off as a jerk and makes her think the next two months are going to be pure torture. It's not until they are at a charity event where she sees her ex with his new fiance that Xander shows his true colors. When Katrine breaks down in tears he is there to comfort her somewhat and a slight spark ignites between them. They ignore the attraction growing between them while Katrine tries to date Ian Radcliffe. An

old friend she ran into while at the charity dinner.

She only goes out with him once but is unable to get Xander's kindness out of her head and politely turns Ian down for further dates. As her days go by at the office Katrine and Xander finally give in to their passion and share a carefree weekend of hot sex that Katrine's sister and friends fear will ultimately break her heart knowing that she can't just do casual sex. Katrine and Xander agree to just have fun and not label what they have but as their time together comes to an end they both realize it's easier said than done.

I was really excited about this book from reading the synopsis and couldn't wait to dive into it. I am finding more and more that I am relating to these divorcees picking up their lives after a broken relationship stories. I could identify with Katrine being the discarded wife left for another woman as I'm sure most divorced women can. What I can't relate to is the sexy, gorgeous, incredibly rich boss fucking my brains out scenario. I'd like to but they go for hot chicks and I look like the first Ford pickup ever made.

Anyway so Katrine had two possible love interests in this book, Xander and Ian. I have to say that I liked Ian better and hoped that Katrine would have picked him. He was charming, sweet, funny and he has harbored serious feelings for Katrine since college. Just by his brief encounter of a date with her I could tell that he would have been so good for her following her ex's lobotomy. Might just be me but I would have picked the more safe choice in Ian. Xander never did make me like him the entire book. I thought he was cocky and full of himself and he just didn't click with me. He didn't act that way to Katrine but there was something about him I just didn't get into. He actually treated her well and did nice shit for her kid but still. I think it had to do with his maturity because he does something towards the end of the book that made me want to punt my Kindle across the apartment complex I live in.

Nice guys finish last because Katrine chooses to spend two months being Xander's meat sock. They get to know each other over the two months and spend most of their time together be it at home in bed or on business trips. Things between them seem to be going fine but when it's time to say goodbye Xander makes it easy by being a DICK! She surprises him with a visit one day and ends up getting the surprise that puts the final nail in their relationship and I'm sure you can figure out what I mean. That's the only thing I hated about the book, I spent all that time becoming OK with Katrine's choice by choosing Xander and then he fucked it up! He finally won me over with the sweet, romantic things he did for Katrine and I almost fell in love with him! OH and that's not all because this shit don't end with no HEA! Oh noooo the author wants to make you pull out your snatch hair by the roots trying to figure out if she will continue their story or not in this cliffhanger! I'mma tell you right now we better get another book! You can't just leave a bitch hanging like this!

The best part of the story was the group of girlfriends Katrine has as a support group that is lead by her sister Maddie. All these women bring a fun and spunky vibe to the book that adds humor and heart. Maddie was my favorite character because she was hilarious and I felt like we share a kinship in the shitty men we have dated. This was another instance where I fell for a supporting character more than the mains. The little glimpses we get to see of her were enough to make you want a book just about her. I really liked that Katrine had people she could fall back on to help her through the rough times in her life.

I enjoyed this book and I really hope we get another story from these characters because I just have to know that things will be ok for these characters I have fallen in love with. Rebound was funny, sweet and heartbreaking as you follow Katrine in her quest to recover from divorce. I would recommend this to anyone who has dealt with a bad breakup and needs a good laugh, or some Smexy goodness!

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## **Writer says**

AWESOME! BY FAR THE BEST INTRIGUING, FUNNY AND MOST SEXY REBOUND!, April 16, 2013

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This review is from: Rebound (Kindle Edition)

I love this book! I couldn't love this anymore than I do now. It has all the good elements we are looking for in a romantic, sexy, full of drama story and best part is, it's hilarious. You would relate easily with Katrine and all the characters...her gang of thirty something witty, smart and funny girlfriends. They'd have this Friday night get together, have dinner and drinks and hear them bashing their other halves and compare each other's sexcapades. One memorable funny scene was when they were discussing an erotica romance book they have read and they all sneered and jeered on why are all hero penis's are all huge, why can't they just have regular sizes and why are all the heroine's all having multiple orgasms. One very funny quote "pullizz, I'm lucky enough if my husband can be there long enough to give me one" ( this I know we can all relate to since we read this type of books, LOL ) Prepare to laugh so hard you'll get a stitch on your sides ( they are definitely my new book girlfriends now ) I would really love to hang out with all this ladies, to have friends like them would be a blessing. You will fall in love with Katrine, she's witty, smart mouthed bad-ass attitude, beautiful, sincere no frills and very funny. The way she lights up when she talks about her 10.yr old son is so adorable and touching. Oh and Xander, one hell of a hot, sexy, romantic everything you want in book boyfriend, oh yeah! I've never been to hell but Hot dang...this is hotter than hell!

I did not want this to end, although it had 345 KB it just was not enough, you want more. You'll be so touched in the end you wanna scream noooooo! please don't end this, not yet...say there is a sequel, please, sequel! okay,okay, I'll shut up now and be quiet..... Seeeequelll!

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## **Andrea Allen says**

Katrine and her life sounds like friends I would hang out with. Her life problems seem to be common but with a fun and interesting twist. I was so interested to find out what happens at the end, I started up until I finished the book.

Katrine is newly divorced with a young son. He goes away for the summer and she has time to get her life back in order after being cheated on by her husband and ultimately divorced. Her summer romance turns into more but in the end....well, I guess I cannot say that part.

Read this book and you will enjoy a light read with some awesome music selections and good food ideas. This book definitely made me hungry for more.

Enjoy!

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## Cristina says

I was pleasantly surprised with this book because it was an unexpected treat! It was a nice change of pace for me because I usually favor dark and edgy reads but this was light and funny but with just a pinch of angst.

I do think the relationship of Xander and Katrine started off too quickly and it felt a little insta-love when there should have been more push and pull between them. Their attraction starts off in the workplace and as it progresses, there's a lot of PDA happening in the office. I'm all about fiction and suspending my disbelief but that setting should have allowed for the thrill of the chase. Those were the only two concerns I had about the story, the rest I absolutely enjoyed!!

What makes this such a refreshing read is that it's about a woman who is starting over. She's not a freshman in college. She's over 30 who is a divorcée with a son and she's testing the waters with Xander and it's a huge gamble because she's also entering the workforce again. Not to mention he's her boss, yes it's a little predictable but just go with it.

Katrine is surrounded by a wonderful group of friends and that includes her sister. Some of the best dialogue comes from them spending time together and it felt so real, because those are the same exact conversations I've had with my girlfriends. It was during those moments I was snorting with laughter and I was completely lost in the story.

I thought the ending was absolutely perfect which made this read such a fantastic surprise because in life nothing is perfect and no one recovers from being hurt overnight. What you can expect from this book is really good writing and a fluid story. This is Nikki Mathis Thompson's debut novel and I can't wait to see what's in store for us next!

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## Dee Montoya says

\*\*\*\*4.5 Sexy Stars\*\*\*\*

I had this book on my TBR and on my wish list on Amazon for a while, just by reading the blurb I just knew it was the type I book I would enjoy reading, Im happy to report that it exceeded my expectations.

*Rebound* is a about a thirty five year old woman named Katrine, that has just been blindsided by her husband's request for a divorce, "But ...we are happy?" it's what she thought, they have a great home, a beautiful and sharp son, what else is there? truth to be told, she knew in her heart that she wasn't happy either, and she was just living and making the best of her content life. Unfortunately for her this unexpected event is what took for her to get out there again and find herself and also fight for her natural right at happiness. Next on the agenda for Katrine is to get a job, because she doesn't want to rely on alimony and child support for too long; and thanks to a friend's recommendation she gets a job as the PA of a very successful and of course Tall, dark ,handsome man, who is a bit full of himself ( just like we like them...) oh! and he drives a Ducati motorcycle...\*clears throat- anyways, after getting started on the wrong foot with his new assistant, Xander realizes what an insensitive prick he was being to Katrine and also can't help but notice how he can't stop thinking about her. After things settle down in the professional department they decide to be more polite around each other and at the same time both get honest about how heavy is the

sexual tension between them. Katrine needs a rebound to finally get her ex out of her system and she agrees to have a fling with her sexy new boss, before he has to return to NYC.

This heroine has an amazing support system, I swear this is an author after my own heart, there were so many scenes I thought she had just copied out my life and the things my friends and I talk about when we get together over wine. This book is a bit of a sexy modern office fairytale, Xander was so romantic, and he would do and say the most amazing things, definitely fictional boyfriend material.

Honestly nothing would have prepared me for the twist at the end, totally came out of left field, and I loved the story even more because of it. I had so much fun reading this book, I really felt connected to the characters and I sure hope there will be another book for this story. 4.5 sexy stars, I can't wait to read more books from this author.

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### **Elizabeth Powell says**

This story is one you can't put down and leaves you wanting more!! I laughed out loud so many times!! It's the kind of book you want to share with your girlfriends over a glass of wine! Bravo Nikki!!

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### **Maria's Book Blog says**

If you're looking for a sexy, funny read with a bit of drama & a real life feel then this is the book for you! Newly divorced Katrine is about to take on the most difficult task a woman can face....entering the dating scene at 30+ years old, as a mom. Granted, dating isn't exactly what she's got on her mind but its close enough. While her son is away for the summer, Katrine has decided to take on a temporary job working for Alexander Abbott, Jr who at first seems like a total prick (excuse my french). I didn't consider him rebound material at all, until he proved otherwise of course. They know nothing serious can come of their "relationship" since Xander will be returning home (to New York) once his business is finished, but their short lived romance is fun and super intense nonetheless.

I absolutely loved this cast of characters! Katrine and her friends are freakin hilarious, and the men aren't too shabby either. I seriously lost count of how many times I laughed out loud while reading. Even though the story loses its steam every once in a while, its still easy to get into and definitely enjoyable.

That ending nearly killed me! I seriously did not see that HUGE twist coming, but in a way I'm glad it did. Even though it wasn't your typical happily ever after, and some may not think its HEA at all, I like the way it all turned out. Especially since it seems as though Ms. Thompson left off in a way that hinted towards a second book....or maybe that's just my wishful thinking!

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### **Carmen Turino says**

I loved this book. It was laugh out loud funny and was fun to read.

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## **Mary says**

I absolutely loved this book! It is a breath of fresh air as far as typical romance books go. The characters seemed more relatable to me than most books have to me in quite awhile. This book is LOL funny, heartbreaking, sexy etc etc. The way it ended made me wonder if this may have another story. If so sign me up. I haven't enjoyed reading a book so much in quite awhile. Thanks for a great read!!

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## **Elissa Barbosa says**

Original Review, March 2013: Just finished and I am in love with these characters! Katrine for her strong, endearing, inspiring, passionate and witty characteristics! Xander for his dominant but passionate demeanor, he is a dream come true and heartache wrapped up together! But that is why this book takes on a "real life fairytale"...real life is never perfect and I do find that to be a huge refresher portrayed in Rebound.

Katrine, newly divorced, 30-something mother is someone so many can relate to. When her assinine of a husband leaves her for someone new, she starts at a job thinking she will be building her dusty resume. Little does she know that job will lead to huge building blocks in her life for her career AND her heart, by meeting Xander. They change and shape each others hearts...this a great story of a rebound!

There was some beautiful passion, kisses that make your knees weak, heart warming moments...I did not want it to end!

All the characters were so fun and real...I would love to have a glass of wine with Katrines girls Maddie, Charlie, or Tristan...they portray those friends you just can't live without!

I must say I am only slightly disappointed because I now must wait to find out what happens for Kristine? I must have more Xander and Katrine!!

Second time around, August 2013: I think I am in love with this story even more the second time around! This story keeps me laughing and swooning throughout. Now I really can't wait for the second book of Nikki Mathis Thompson, and I am certain it will not disappoint if it portrays all the same witty and passionate character's Rebound has.

Are you ready for a real life fictional story of trust, regret, love, personal growth, passion, and fun?

This is IT!

A must read with two thumbs up!

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