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Noelle Jensen doesn't want to like Pierce Logan. After her boyfriend breaks up with her for her sister, Noelle is done with love. Plus Pierce Logan has commitment issues because of his parents' divorce and a strained relationship with his dad. But as Pierce and Noelle inadvertently help each other to open up their hearts, they also rediscover the importance of family and love.

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Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says

Noell has been jilted twice. The first time it was four days before the wedding, the second time after 11 months of dating, he decides to marry her sister that he's known for six weeks.

Pierce and Noelle are not ready for commitment. They become friends to help each other deal with their emotional issues. The funny thing about not searching for love and finding a great friend, it leads to the best kind of love.

I was very glad her relationship with Chase ended. She was sooo much better off without him. I hated the way he spoke down to her. His condescension was annoying and uncalled for. I feel bad for her sister to end up with him. Noelle by far got the better deal.

I enjoyed reading the roller coaster of Noelle and Pierce's love life. They kept me company and kept my mind off of the cough that wouldn't let me sleep. Because both are dealing with issues, it made it easier for them to connect and encourage each other. It was humorous to see them dishing out the same advice that they had received a chapter or two ago.

This book is written to the LDS market (aka Mormon or members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints). While it is a cute and fun book to read, there are many culture specific references that may be confusing for someone not familiar with the LDS lingo.

Ashley says

I loved the story line and it had a lot of potential, but the writing was very elementary. The Author had to write down exactly what the characters were feeling and that they were receiving promptings instead of just hinting to them and making the reader put the pieces together. I liked the book some of the characters were frustrating at times. Also Noelle was going through a breakup with her boyfriend because he proposed to her sister! Of course Noelle was upset and hurt and everyone kept telling her to get over it, move on and forgive her sister for her betrayal; even her parents! She had been with her boyfriend for almost a year and wanted to marry him and everyone basically just told her to suck it up. That made me really frustrated because no one (that I know of) can get over someone that fast when you love them. This was very unrealistic. Overall the book was a cute, short read but was lacking in depth and realism.

Melanie says

(3.5 stars) Noelle Jensen is blindsided when her boyfriend, Chase and her sister, Melody, announce their engagement to her when she thought he was getting ready to propose to her. She is understandably upset and swears off men. Pierce Logan has known Noelle for a couple of years and can't stand to see her hurting so becomes her friend. He dates a lot of different girls and isn't the kind of guy to become serious so he feels safe to her. They're able to help each other through some difficult times and just might end up falling for

each other.

I loved both Noelle and Pierce and was glad when they became friends. They got along well and were able to help each other with their tough family situations. Noelle was somewhat fragile at first and I liked watching her growth. Pierce's reputation as a "player" seemed ridiculous to me. I saw nothing wrong with him dating lots of girls and thought it was great that he wasn't leading any of them on. He had his own family drama to deal with and he grew a lot throughout the story as well.

Now a rant about Noelle's family: (view spoiler)

It was obvious that Noelle was better off without Chase as he continued to talk down to her and act like he knew what was best for her. There were so many characters that bothered me in this book that I'm glad I really liked Noelle and Pierce. I really did enjoy their story and am glad they were able to find a happy ending!

One thing I liked about this college-age LDS novel is that the setting was Northern Arizona University rather than BYU. That was refreshing. There are specific LDS references throughout this book but it will still appeal to anyone that enjoys clean contemporary romance.

I received a copy of this book to review. My opinion is 100% my own.

Mel's Shelves

Tressa (Wishful Endings) says

The situation in this story made me really mad. So much so, that I had to put it down for a little bit and then pick it back up later. Lol! I ended up enjoying it and will have a review up soon.

Julie says

I loved the story line of the book! The beginning chapters pulled me right in, wanting to know how the story ended. The author has talent for creating intriguing dialogue between characters as well as an understanding of human nature. She captures the LDS young adult single's scene so well. I can't wait to read more from this author!

Adrienne Quintana says

3.5 Stars

This was actually my first experience with full blown LDS Contemporary Romance. I found the characters and the story intriguing, though not especially realistic. With all of the horrible things that were said and done to Noelle, I would have liked to have had a little more time to hate her family before having the tension resolved.

The author's writing style is easy for the most part, but at times a bit formal for the genre. I would like to read a Regency Romance by this author.

Amy says

I'm giving this 2.5 stars. As an LDS reader, I'm really excited when for once, I get to read a book that so heavily is centered around characters of my particular Christian denomination. This is no slight entry into the faith either, but with lots of terminology that probably only LDS readers would connect with. However, as I progressed through this story I found myself almost hoping no non-LDS readers picked this up. There is at times some inaccurate doctrinal statements. They are phrases that many in the church will quote in a talk or lesson, passed on by word of mouth as being accurate, yet they are not. Ok, I can overlook that because so many people do it. What frustrated me the most about this plot that oozes so much awesome potential is the heavy judgement loaded down on both Noelle & Pierce at times it's downright embarrassing. Her recently returned missionary sister has had an affair with her long time boyfriend and now they are engaged.. everyone else sees that as totally fine, but heaps guilt trips and judgement on Noelle for struggling with it. Not only would that kind of behavior be considered hugely immoral if they had been married, but it's just unkind. You could argue if someone isn't married, everyone is fair game. Well I just think it's weird to expect two sisters to be OK and normal to just pass over a serious long term boyfriend she fully expects to marry to her other sister. The implications are huge. The hurt and betrayal are massive. Yet her so called loving and active LDS parents are calling Noelle out for the lack of forgiving behavior. Not on Melody for the double standard. It drove me crazy! Second, since when do we decide that because Pierce's parents are divorced that equals he will be bad husband material? This is such old archaic logic, and so incredibly wrong. Even if Pierce had previously been married, this does not automatically make him bad husband material. I have another book by this author sitting by my bed and I won't be reading it. The gossip that spreads around the Institute? The assumption that you must have sinned in the worst way if you go with a guy to his parents house in another state, yet, go to visit your own parents and label it 'introducing a girlfriend or boyfriend to the parents' suddenly makes it acceptable and not a sin. I'm confused & annoyed. What terrible ideology.

Rhonda says

4 STARS

Boy did I feel a lot while reading Pierced by Love. I was so mad at the characters. Really liked Pierce and was rooting for him.

It would have taken me a lot longer to forgive my sister if I had one. This is full of drama, relationships, forgiveness. Plus it is a clean read. It is a LDS Novel. But is for anyone.

Noelle Jensen is thinking that Chase was getting ready to ask her to marry him. Instead he breaks up with her and gets engaged to her sister. They were sneaking around on her. Blaming Noelle. I was mad at Chase I would not want him to marry one of my daughters especially fast.

Noelle feels really bad. She wants to get over the hurt but it takes time. She feels everyone was keeping secrets from her.

Pierce Logan used to be her home teacher. He lives in the apartment next door. He knows what it feels like to be feeling at odds with your family. He becomes a better friend to her. Pierce never dates one girl for very long. After his parents divorce he is afraid to get close.

Pierce likes Noelle and by being her friend starts to fall for her before she is ready. He is a good friend to her and invites her to go home with him on spring break with his family there.

I would like to read more from Laura L Walker in the future.

I was given this ebook to read so I could give a honest review of it and be part of Pierced by Love blog tour.

Noelle helps Pierce cope with his family and gets along with them.

Katrina says

I literally threw this book across the room last night. I normally never, ever feel that way about a book, let alone treat a book that way, but the theme of this book pissed me off. I also normally do not post scathing reviews, I usually just move on to the next book.

Basic plot: Girl has been jilted before...girl takes chance on second guy...dates seriously enough to reasonably expect marriage proposal...boy falls in love with girlfriends sister...hides it...gets engaged to said sister...then ambush her with the news...and then they both make her feel like crap for being mad and hurt - especially rotten given they both knew her history...even telling her how horrible a person she is in the process (maturity, spirituality,etc)...even parents want her to get over it right away...forgive everyone right away...with her already horrible history...what BULL CRAP! (at this point I wish I could use stronger language!) I hate books that make the person betrayed seem like a horrible person for being hurt and upset. I'm LDS, have been all my life, and I LOVE most LDS fiction, but this book made me mad. I couldn't even finish reading it I was so livid. No future love story in the book could redeem it from the crappy beating she took in the beginning. I'm sorry if this upsets people, but this book upset me. (also I won't be responding to comments, but feel free to make them if you think you need to)

Katie W says

I can't even imagine being jilted twice--once by a fiance and once by an almost fiance, but that's exactly what Noelle went through. It would be really hard to get over it, especially when the second one came as such a surprise. After almost a year of dating, Chase broke up with Noelle when he announced that he was engaged to her sister and roommate, Melody. Noelle is heartbroken and Pierce, a longtime friend, takes it upon himself to help her get over it. Pierce has issues of his own to deal with and finds that Melody is just the person to help him heal.

I enjoyed the premise of the story, but I had a hard time connecting to the characters. They weren't consistent and acted completely opposite of themselves at times, which made it hard to really get a feel for who the character really was. I understand that people have conflicting feelings, but I felt that a smoother transition into those feelings would have been easier to understand. I hated that Noelle was the last one to know about her impending break-up, yet everyone expected her to be happy about it. Even her loved ones were very

supportive and concerned one minute, and then almost mean the next. Noelle was so worried about her reputation being ruined because she was hanging out with Pierce. He was a really great guy who dated around a lot, but I couldn't see how that would ruin her reputation. Pierce had family issues that were hard for him to deal with, but they seemed to be really blown out of proportion. There were moments that really drew me into the story, but there were other points where it felt like a travel log. I wanted to see the story and relationships unfold and not just hear about them briefly.

That said, I really liked watching Noelle mature. She's had some time away at college to do so, but it was her experiences that really helped her grow. I also loved seeing a friendship blossom into something more. There was an attraction there that sparked into more when the timing was right--it's all about the timing! Pierce is a really good guy--one who is always looking out for others and keeping their best interests at heart. I enjoyed seeing it all come together.

Content: mild kissing; moderate religious elements. Clean.

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review

Shauna says

WHAT A FUN BOOK!

Noelle has just been dumped by her boyfriend...

But it gets worse...

The boyfriend dumped her so he could marry Noelle's sister...

YEAH! It's true!

Pierce comes from divorced parents and so he has commitment issues that label him as a player.

But for some reason Pierce fiercely feels the need to protect and help Noelle.

Not wanting her to drive alone he offers to take her.

Not wanting her to be alone during spring break he extends to invitation to come with him.

Noelle makes it very plain that they are "just friends."

Pierce is perfectly fine with that.

But when two people spend a lot of time together the heart creates a mind of its own :)

And slowly they are both "pierced by love."

I LOVE the play on Pierce's name for the title...very clever!

"Told with equal parts wit and charm, Pierced by Love will remind you that there is life after love, and that

trusting your heart can lead you to unexpected places."

I thoroughly enjoyed this one!

Heidi says

3.5 stars

I have mixed emotions about this book...but I ended up really enjoying it. I can't imagine going through what Noelle did but I enjoyed watching her grow and finding forgiveness.

Some of the story and relationships were really rushed but I loved Pierce and Noelle's characters.

Lds Fiction

Clean Romance

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

I'm lucky to have been reading a lot of really good, clean romance books lately. Some of my favorite authors have new books out and I love reading. This author is a new one on the LDS book scene. At least, she is new to me. This is the first book I've read by her.

Because I have been reading so many awesome books lately, I think it may have hurt my review of this book. It's really hard not to compare. This book wasn't nearly as good as so many I've been reading. It was okay, I just didn't love it. It was really slow moving and I felt like it went on and on. There was a lot of family drama for both main characters. The bones of the story are there and the plot has potential but I just didn't connect with the characters and I didn't feel compelled in any way. For me, this book was just okay.

This is an LDS fiction book. It is rooted in religious themes specific to the LDS faith.

Content: Clean (no swearing or sexual situations)

Amanda says

A lot of ideas in this book I didn't agree with. Especially in the beginning. Parents being okay with one sister dating the other sister's boyfriend behind her back and then being okay with the boyfriend dumping the one he was publicly going out with to have a temple marriage with the other sister? No parent would support that. Nor would the sister participate in the wedding. And the jilted sister finding a guy of her own doesn't make the situation suddenly okay. I did like the Noelle and Pierce part of the story...

Melissa says

I have mixed feelings about this book. On the one hand, it has an great storyline and the setting is described wonderfully-- I have lived in Flagstaff and it made me miss it. I like how the predicament is portrayed and how the reader can connect to the main character's heartache. However, when it came to capturing and

keeping interest, it felt a little short.

An excerpt from one of my instructor's lessons about fictional writing that I feel applies states, "Many writers think that successful fiction writing is full of detailed background information and character description. But paragraph after paragraph of character description or recounting of past events gets boring in a hurry. Readers want action, and a skilled writer will show, not tell. In other words, authors should try to weave exposition and narrative summary into real-time action, writing scenes that incorporate description with events."

I felt like that's what it was lacking-- action and descriptive details woven in to move the story forward. There were facts and details about minor characters that could have been left out. But more details about Noelle and Pierce as individuals would have made me feel more connected to them. I would love to have felt butterflies when they first touched. I would've loved for Noelle to be sleepless after their first kiss. Instead, it was more of a matter-of-fact event. Pierce was described as a gentleman but HOW was he gentleman? More descriptive writing rather than being told would have greatly enhanced the story.

One thing Laura Walker did well that many other authors mess up on is resurfacing facts and getting them straight. For example, as the reader, I never forgot that Noelle was a runner (which told me that she was also athletic and adventurous). Towards the end of the story, that was addressed again. Additionally, there was a lot of information given about each character's families. And although much of that could have been excluded, the information given was kept in line as if the characters were real people.

Considering that this is the first published book from the author, it really was a great book overall. It's a clean read that I wouldn't mind my daughters reading. I truly look forward to what else comes from Laura Walker. She is certainly a talented author who will only get better with time.
