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Sadie Turner can organize just about anything — except her own life. When her cheating spouse topples Sadie's impeccably tidy world, she packs up her kids for a summer vacation at her aunt's lake house, hoping to relax, reboot, and formulate a new plan — one that does not include men.

Any men.

But eccentric Aunt Dody has other plans; she's determined to see Sadie have a little fun—with Desmond, the sexy new neighbor. Tall, tanned, muscular—and even great with her kids, Desmond is Sadie's worst nightmare. He must have a flaw—he's a man, after all—so Sadie vows to keep her distance. But as summer blazes on, their attraction ignites, and the life Sadie is trying so hard to simplify only gets more complicated. But maybe a little chaos is just what she needs to get her future, and her dreams of love, back in order.

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R.D. Raven says

4.5 Stars

This author has *such* a talent for humor. The story had me laughing out loud (yes, out *loud*) on so many occasions (guaranteed once per chapter at least, not to mention the neverending internal chuckles in almost *every* sentence!) After sitting down to read a few chapters I was always left with one of those warm, glowy feelings at the end of it. It really lifted my spirits.

The story itself was completely adorable, sweet, and believable. I loved the "dim the lights and close the door" approach as well. Very stylishly done without sacrificing our understanding of the importance of the progression of the relationship on a physical level.

This is a feel-good read, and, believe me, you will *feel good* by the end of it. You'll be damn near laughing your friggin head off by the end of it!

What a talented author. Really impressed.

Candace says

This was the first book I've read by this author and it is a little different than the genres that I usually read. I have had it on my to-read list for quite awhile, but kept passing it by for one reason or another. I finally gave it a shot.

I really liked that the characters were pretty normal people, with normal real-life problems. I love to read romance novels, but sometimes they can be a little extreme. I mean, come on, not everybody is a cutter/suicidal/abused/irreparable. Sometimes, you just want a realistic love story without the overly dramatic psychological scars. What does everybody seem to have against a hero/heroine without serious psychological scars these days??? So, thank you Ms. Brogan for giving us real characters that have managed to cope with their problems in a way that most readers can relate to.

The relationship between Sadie and Des was warm and loving. The only drawback was that it wasn't something that I would consider "steamy". I liked the story and thought it was worth reading, but it wasn't the kind of book that would make me miss sleep to finish.

Sadie was hilarious! That was my favorite thing about this book. I found myself smiling and laughing as I read along. When she jokes around about her ex luring his new, barely-legal girlfriend into the car by telling her he had Pop Rocks, I was doubled over laughing. Sadie had a way of voicing what most women would be thinking, but wouldn't say out loud.

If you're looking for a light, sweet book to read that will make you laugh, this is a great choice!

Romily Bernard says

Okay, yeah, sure I'm biased because Tracy rocks and I adore her, but, the woman can WRITE. Do yourself a favor and pick it up. You're going to LOVE this one!

Just edited to add: Am not surprised at all to report that Tracy nailed a 4-star review on RT Book Reviews. Pick her up now so you can be ahead of your friends :)

Jane Stewart says

4 ½ stars. Very enjoyable first person narrative. Don't do the audiobook - terrible narrator. Read the paperback or ebook.

Story Brief:

Sadie and her children spend the summer with Aunt Dody and cousins. Sadie is recently divorced. She doesn't want a new relationship, but she is attracted to Dody's gorgeous neighbor Desmond.

Opinion:

I really enjoyed this. I smiled a lot. I liked being in Sadie's head. I loved her interaction with her cousin Fontaine, a gay interior decorator. I enjoyed the developing relationship with Desmond. This was not a powerful wow story. It's a pleasant, everyday people around you kind of story. There were several conflicts caused by Sadie making inaccurate assumptions and jumping to wrong conclusions. Those were nicely done. But one of them bothered me - toward the end Sadie was mad at Des for something that she should not have been mad about.

Sadie has some low self image problems and does some silly things. I was fine with that, but some readers might prefer a stronger heroine. This book has a chick lit feel, but it does have a romantic happy ending. Although I wish there were more romance and declaration of love at the end.

The narrator Lori Reyes was a huge problem. She had a terrible, high-pitched screechy voice for Dody and the children. It was like fingernails on a chalkboard. I cringed every time she used that voice. She would be a good narrator if she NEVER raised her voice to a higher pitch. Her natural voice and low voice for men was good.

DATA:

Narrative mode: 1st person Sadie. Unabridged audiobook length: 9 hrs and 18 mins. Swearing language: strong but rarely used. Sexual language: none. Number of sex scenes: 4 referred to, no details. Setting: current day mostly Belle Harbor, Michigan. Book copyright: 2012. Genre: contemporary romance, divorce.

Samhita says

Ok, this woman has a lovely style that is funny and intelligent! This book is like a refreshing Pinot Grigio with a hint of melon bouquet. It's the equivalent of flannel pajamas and fuzzy slippers at the end of a hectic day when you can just curl up and read.

Jessica Mcgrane says

There should be a "tried to read but couldn't bear it" option. I didn't even get to the halfway point in this book. I actually felt traumatized when I finally put it down. The writing was mediocre at best, but what I hated most was the the main character. There is absolutely nothing redeeming about her and reading her innermost thoughts made me want to vomit. And the story? Blah.

Rhiannon says

Oh my goodness...I have not loved a book this much in a long time. It just made me so happy...I laughed hysterically, I cried, and I couldn't wipe the smile off my face when it was over. This was one I just didn't want to end...the characters were so well written, they are all so smart, silly and quirky. A definite must read :)

Mirya says

Questo libro mi ha riconciliato col romance, quindi forse sono stata anche esagerata nel valutarlo, ma erano secoli che non riuscivo più ad appassionarmi a un romance puro - o persino a sopportarlo. Ero arrivata a pensare di essermene stancata io, del genere in sé, invece la Brogan mi ha per fortuna dimostrato che non è così, è solo che forse la maggior parte dei romance che piacciono ora e che tutti consigliano non sono per me.

Questo lo è totalmente, a partire dallo stile, caratterizzato da un lessico semplice ma preciso, da una sintassi serrata e incalzante e da un uso delle metafore e delle similitudini meraviglioso, efficace e scoppiettante. La trama è dolcissima senza essere melensa, i bambini sono finalmente bambini, trattati da tali e buffissimi e onnipresenti, le relazioni complicate e approfondite senza eccessiva introspezione - quando un'autrice è brava, ti delinea i personaggi in due parole o poco più -, i sentimenti delicati, anche tristi, ma sempre dipinti con una risata. E ho riso infatti, per la prima volta da molto tempo in modo sonoro e gustoso, tanto da arrivare alla fine senza rendermene conto.

Questa è una lettura che mi ha riacceso un'antica passione e mi ha convinta a cercare ancora: forse ci sono altri romance così, in giro, che possano entusiasmare anche me. Intanto, se là fuori c'è qualcuno che abbia gusti simili ai miei, non perdetevi questa perla.

Willow Brook says

I'm puzzled by so many very high ratings for this book. The first half of this book was especially unappealing to me. Sadie, the narrator, is bitter and whiney about her divorce. I get that divorce can be a terrible thing to go through, but I just found Sadie a drag to spend time with. The humor in this book also didn't hit the mark for me. Things improved for a while in the second half, but then Sadie went back to being self-pitying and angry. Every time she mentioned her friends who never phoned her or returned her calls, I couldn't help thinking I understood their desire to avoid her. I did eventually become interested enough to want to see how the story wrapped up so I kept plugging along. I am glad this was a free book with Prime so

I am only out the hours it took to read.

Dee Montoya says

Crazy Little Thing is a delightful book about second chances. Sadie is trying to get over a messy divorce after her husband Richard AKA "Dick" cheated on her. Sadie is 30 years old, has two super cute kids and absolutely no confidence. Her crazy aunt Doty asks her to spend the summer at her house on the beach so she can relax and try to find her way back to happiness. Doty and her cousins Fontaine and Jasper also staying at the beach house will stop at nothing to help Sadie rebuilt her life. All this characters are crazy fun, I was either laughing out loud or smiling while reading about the adventures of Sadie trying to date a new handsome man and built a new career while dealing with the ridiculous antics of her love ones. Des is the super-Hot neighbor, he's also a doctor with a Scottish accent, he cares about Sadie and her children but it won't be easy to be part of her crazy world. This book is very well written and incredibly entertaining, with a great message about how sometimes we lose perspective of what is really important I life. I highly recommend this book, I know I said it already but it was great fun.

Espe says

Un 4,5.

Es la primera novela que leo de Tracy Brogan y me ha sorprendido muchísimo. Ya desde la primera página note que me iba a encantar y así ha sido, he disfrutado en todo momento y me ha dejado una sonrisa tonta en la cara mucho después de cerrarlo, solo con recordar alguna escena o a los personajes.

Y aunque sea el primero de la serie Historias de Bell Harbor, son libros independientes, con un cierre decente y personajes diferentes, lo único que tienen en común es el pueblo donde se desarrolla y eso es otro punto a su favor, así no hay que esperar para saber lo que pasa, nada de trilogías o sagas infinitas...

La trama gira entorno a Sadie y su cambio de aires, a su peculiar familia y a un pequeño y pintoresco pueblo playero donde todo puede pasar. Es sencillo pero perfectamente estructurado, me ha encantado la dinámica que ha seguido, como ha presentado a los personajes y a la protagonista, el humor que no me ha dejado ni un segundo de respiro y me ha hecho reír a carcajadas y al romance tan bonito y bien llevado que acaba siendo una delicia, además no se centra en el sexo sino que da importancia a otras cosas y eso me ha encantado porque marca un punto algo diferente con respecto a otras novelas románticas que tienen más sexo que argumento.

Así que estamos ante una comedia romántica contemporánea que ha sido toda una sorpresa, con la que te diviertes, te encariñas con los personajes y ves algo más que el amor, temas como la familia o el superar las adversidades son también importantes.

Reseña completa: <http://letraslibrosymas.blogspot.com....>

Crista says

This one was a bit disappointing.

Crazy Little Thing started out promising. A newly divorced, mother of 2 small children, embarks on a vacation (of sorts) to her aunt's cabin on Lake Michigan. She is recovering in the aftermath of a painful divorce from an unfaithful husband and is seeking some male free drama and a time to rejuvenate.

I think my main problem is that I was expecting a romance when in reality this book has more of a "chic lit" vibe. Here's the definition of chic lit:

Chick lit is genre fiction which addresses issues of modern womanhood, often humorously and lightheartedly.] Although it sometimes includes romantic elements, chick lit is generally not considered a direct subcategory of the romance novel genre, because the heroine's relationship with her family or friends is often just as important as her romantic relationships.

I was hoping for a romance and got this instead. The secondary characters including her aunt, two cousins, ex-husband, sister, and children all play just as important parts as the yummy hero Des does.

A great read if you love chic lit, but if you are looking for a romance...average at best.

Tamra Baumann says

Crazy Little Thing by Tracy Brogan is a fun and breezy read. Its set in a quaint Michigan beach town filled with characters that'll make your own crazy relatives seem sane. The hero is sigh-worthy and the heroine is flawed in an 'I Love Lucy Way' that leads to some zany fun. You won't find 'the meaning of life' in this book, but you'll learn the definition of words like 'orgasmaphobia' and 'flustration.' I double dare you not to laugh.

Claire Robinson says

3.5 - 'Orgasmaphobia' & 'Rumpled Foreskin' Stars!

Crazy Little Thing is the first book I have read by Tracy Brogan, but it definitely won't be my last. If an author/book makes me laugh I am generally a happy reader. And Crazy Little Thing delivered in spades on the humour front. The laughs started from the get-go with Aunt Dody confusing a Macchiato coffee with the actor Ralph Macchio and went from there.

Why not 5 stars then I hear you say, well for me Sadie was a little over the top when it came to jumping to the wrong conclusion, tarring-everyone-with-the-same-brush-as-her-ex-husband and in general being a total Drama Llama, and after the first couple of times is just got a bit predictable, in fact the only times I wasn't laughing uncontrollably or smiling were when Sadie was having one of her melt-downs!

The way this book is written also displays a massive talent in my opinion, Tracy had a descriptive style that I

haven't experienced before and it was refreshing.

Richard and I signed on the dotted line and our marriage dissolved, like margarita salt on the tongue, leaving behind the bitter aftertaste of something that had started out sweet and ended sour.

My updates pretty much sum up how funny this book was, basically throw in 2 young children, a 'Gay as a spring day' cousin named Fontaine and a few inappropriate oldies and the laughs flowed freely.

"The doctor says I need more fibre. Three bowls of bran cereal this week and I still can't poop for shit."

As you can see the humour is top notch, I really want to give Crazy Little Thing 5 stars, Des was absolutely yummy as well, but –

Straight onto book 2 in this series, The Best Medicine here's hoping I can give it a 5!

Caryl Brown says

This book had me laughing out loud all the way through. Best line that had me gasping for breath: "To the uninitiated, a conversation with Dody was very much like playing whack-a-mole. You just never knew what would pop up next."

I'll definitely be checking out more of Tracy Brogan's novels.
