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Sara says

Fantastic

I've read every book in every series Cheryl Douglas has out. Loved them all! Vista Falls is going to be yet another must read the second each book hits the market. Sage and Wes' story made me laugh and cry. What a great start to a new series.

Grace Burtelson says

Had my attention immediately! A very well written true to life story, close to home for almost everyone. Probably a better ending than many, but being willing to go back and revisit the past is a good thing. The reality that there were things to work through were dealt with in a real life way.

Mary Smith says

An incredible story about a touchy story.

Wes and Sage gave up a baby at a very young age. Unfortunately it was a burden they both carried for years. They went separate ways for years and then Wes moved back to Vista Falls and the love came alive again. Sage had a tough life with her parents but so many beautiful things happened to both of them. I really enjoyed this story and would recommend it.

Isha Coleman says

Sage and Wes were in love. Too young to fully understand that heartbreak was not too far ahead of them. Rough Terrain is a what if story. Faced with a tough choice, Sage makes a decision that she has spent years regretting. She lost Wes, her one true love, and with him went her chance at happiness. I received an ARC of Rough Terrain in exchange for an honest review. Cheryl Douglas is an author that I have become an avid fan of. Her stories are a gritty look into the human soul. Not always pretty but full of sage wisdom and poignant storytelling. With Rough Terrain, she created an atmosphere where the reader was able to glimpse the ramifications youth played in the self-destruction of a love affair that trickled into this couple's adult lives. At the heart of this story is a second chance to mend a broken heart and unite a fractured family.

Victoria says

It is a great book to read

Iris says

Young and in love, Sage and Wes' lives took an unexpected turn when Sage found out she was pregnant. Against his wishes, he was essentially forced to sign adoption papers giving their son away before the anger and pain of their actions made it impossible for him to stay in their small hometown. Now 15 years later, in a retrospective mood after the passing of his own father, Wes has decided maybe it's time for some closure and for some old wounds to heal. All roads lead back to Vista Falls and the girl he left behind.

Theirs is a very sweet romance. Even as adults, with so much pain and history between them, they almost act like teenagers when it comes to expressing their feelings for each other. It's actually very endearing. It was a great story about second chances, new relationships, and forgiveness. And like with most great stories you become emotionally invested in the characters, experiencing the highs and lows that come along with facing your past, first loves and wanting to meet the child you gave up.

I've never read this author's work before, but I was so engrossed in the story and felt such a connection with the characters, that I couldn't help but love this book. Once I started I stayed up late into the night reading. I just could not put it down until I knew what would happen in the next few pages. Those pages turned to a chapter or two, and before I knew it, I had been sitting there for hours, completely lost between the pages. It was beautifully written story that I think everyone should read.

Stephanie Mae says

This is a second chance at love story done right. Two couples were broken apart by the same tragic circumstances. Small towns; tough crowds; everyone knows your business. Sage and Wes, Gabby and Colton, are all back in the small town they grew up in and feeling the same spark as when they were teens. I can't help but hope they get a second chance. Extremely likable characters, relatable. Everything that happens within this story is within the realm of possibility. For that, I consider this a superior contemporary romance. In addition, the genuine emotion the story inspired makes it a better than average romance! Much of the plot involves the child (Nick) that Wes and Sage gave up for adoption when they were teens. This was something they were, in a sense, forced to do. Forced by Sage's father, who is something of a tyrant and was a financial powerhouse in their small town. Clearly I had some issues with the father's role. However, at times I also took issue with Gabby's best friend role. I felt the ladies would play things a little too coy. The old "I've said too much" this is frustrating in daily life and as a writing technique. Either the character serves a purpose to reveal or doesn't serve a purpose at all. I'm not a fan of half measures. How the story unravels is natural. It has a good and even flow. I feel like I am being given the insight into a subject matter I cannot understand on my own- what it's like to give up a child. It's a heartbreakingly situation I wanted greater insight into. I love how we are given the emotions of both mother and father. I devoured this book so I would know what happens to these couples.

The way the story is written is beautiful. Here is an example,

"I got the feeling she didn't want to talk about the past," he admitted, running his thumb over his life line. He did that sometimes to remind himself that even though he'd made a lot of mistakes, he had time left to make things right."

There is great beauty in this book, don't let it pass you by. Although we do get several points of view, the story is largely driven and told by Wes. I valued his POV and could appreciate the frustration he experienced throughout his journey. He was never hateful or inappropriately angry. There are situations and feelings I would not have considered, such as, Wes is unsure Sage ever loved him because she gave up his baby. Wes

finding out Sage's love for him had everything to do with why she went through with the adoption was a devastating reveal for us both. (Look here, another tear just plopped on the screen as I am thinking back on it.) Wes had me rooting for him and his chance at peace and happiness. I feel a sense of fulfillment after reading this journey and as though I have taken a spiritual journey along with these new book friends. Such an amazing story.

Reviewed for HeadTripping Books by A. Bookhooker

Carol Stalnaker says

Great story in a new series!

Wes and Sage have a second chance at a life together when Wes moves his headquarters office back to Vista Falls. They had a son together when they were young that was given up for adoption. Finding the son 15 years later is Wes' mission when he moves back home. Their romance heats up again when they decide to reach out to their son.

The story is engaging and the emotions run high as they reconnect and work through their pasts. I felt their highs and lows as I read the story and kept turning the pages as their lives became entwined again. The loss of a baby to adoption brings heartfelt grief to the reader as it did to the characters. You'll want to read this book and I look forward to more stories in this series.

wendy Shelton(obsessedbybooks) says

being young and in love is awesome til life takes an unexpected turn and choices have to be made. Sage and Wes had decisions to make but Wes felt force , now 15 years later he needs closure, it's not going to be easy and he may get more than he bargain for.Copy received in exchange for an honest and Unbiased review

Coco.V says

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Theresa Megill says

Love all

Love the book but I thought it could be a little longer. Can't wait to read the next one soon.

Marilena Sylvia says

In Love as always!!!!

If there was more than 5 stars to give, I would without any hesitation. Love the way Cheryl writes her novels, it pulls me in that I feel like I'm the one in the book, in the conversations and the secrets, living their lives. Read it in one sitting, just couldn't put it down, can't wait for the 2nd one to come out. Will definitely read it again before tackling the next one. Get it and you won't be disappointed, I can promise you that. WTG Cheryl, keep on writing and I will keep on reading.
