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Dear Friends and Neighbors: How did life become so complicated? One minute I'm dating the hottest man in Dallas and the next I'm back in Cedar Dell, Texas, surrounded by grannies, gossip, and green bean casserole -- and helping my dad recuperate from a car accident. Did I happen to mention that I caused a scandal in town when I got pregnant at seventeen? No one has ever forgiven me -- not my hard-hearted father, my brother Mr. Perfect, or my pregnant-for-the-first-time-at-forty sister who's gone totally hormonal.

As if this weren't enough, who should also be back in town but Max Cooper, the former high school football star, who is my teenage son's father. And now he wants to date me?!

Who ever thought that so many new horizons and second chances would open for me during one long, hot Texas summer?

Kate

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Marcia Haskell says

An old fashioned romance

A town populated by individuals instead of 'cookie cutter people'. Fun, sad, emotional annoying story of individuals who need to find their way back to each other. Story of a family of people who don't know how to find their way back to each other.

Nice, relaxing read.

Miss Kim says

Meh. This isn't my favorite theme, so I think that is why I didn't enjoy this one too much. Max and Kate had an encounter when they were in high school that resulted in her getting pregnant. They decided they didn't want to stay together, and that they would give the baby up. Of course Kate can't give the son up when it come down to it, and Max is angry. Fast forward 17 years....

Kate's a-hole father gets in a car wreck and needs someone to care for him while he mends. Kate's sister is pregnant, and can't do it. Her brother is a selfish prick and can't be bothered with it. She and her teen son have to move back to her hometown, which is a small town in Texas called Cedar Dell. The town never forgot she was the teen slut that got pregnant and embarrassed her poor mama. They treat her like dirt even after 17 years. The town does not know Max is the boy's father, and it seems to be a major deal to find out who it is. I don't come from a very small town, or even the south. I was annoyed by how big of a deal this was made in the book.

Kate's father is a jerk who seems to wish he only had sons. Most of the book is Kate trying to fit in with her family and the town. There is very little romance. Max's character wasn't very developed. He left town, joined the navy and became a fighter pilot and lives all over the world. Either I don't remember, or it's never explained why he leaves and now he is a professional photographer and moves back home, too. They of course reconnect with Max and they live happily ever after.

Donna Porter says

This was a good read. Sometimes, however it was a little long winded on some subjects. Mainly between Kate and her father. I really did like the romance story between Kate and Max.

Tanya T says

This is the first time i have ever read anything by this author. What could have potentially been a good storyline just was blah for me. I wanted to stop reading it, came close to giving up on the book but the author

would add something to the chapter that would just start to get my interest back.....only to be disappointed. It's the story of a woman who is shunned by her father after a one night stand as a teenager leaves her pregnant. The scandal it caused her family made her never want to return to her small hometown again. Her father's illness leads her back home with her now 17 yr old 'bastard'child. The father of the child just so happens to have moved back to that same hometown after his wife dies and he's left to raise a 6yr old girl by himself. The author never really tells exactly what happened the night the woman became pregnant and how it came to be that she and the 17yr old's father just happened to come together that evening, when it doesn't seem like they even knew each other beforehand?

Too many side stories that are left untied. What happens to the sister who is pregnant in the book? What happens to the ill father? What happens to the oldest son of the family who is in trouble for tax evasion? I hate being left hanging like that!!!

Margo says

They say you can't go home again but Kate agrees to go home and nurse her 80 something father, since he was in a bad accident and totalled his car. Of course she has to take her 17 year old son with her and since the whole town knows that she had him out of wedlock they are all set on figuring out who the father is. Throw in her crusty father who hasn't had a good word to say to her in years, a brother who is the apple of his father's eye and a sister who needs a bit of forgiveness for her part in the family drama. And it just so happens that the father of Kate's son has also moved back to Brazos Bend Texas, with his little girl who is motherless. Then there is the hot millionaire lawyer who also has his eye on Kate. It's a great read. Really touching in some points as Kate tries to keep her aging father safe, help her son get into the right college and juggle two men who have the hots for her. Other times it is hilarious. I love Emily March's writing. Will read again.

Luisa Rivas says

I loved the book, it was entertaining, one of those lovely summer reads with soft steam, humor, cute funny pets and nice people.

Carrie Garza says

Pregnant in high school in a small town. Ostracized by friends and family. 18 years later she has to come home to care for the father who didn't love her. This her chance to heal the rift between her and her father and between her son and his father. If only she knew what she wanted. But there is a HEA.

Jenn says

Gym reading, aka free or cheap on the Kindle. It took me FOREVER to read this because I've been having a hard time getting to the gym lately. I was near the end and finish another book today, so I just plugged away at the last part and finished this one up.

It was okay. Better than a lot of the fluff I get free for the Kindle. Kate's father and brother are giant assholes. And there's not really a satisfactory resolution for Kate with them by the end of the book. I honestly had a hard time with Ryan's POV too. I mean, what kid wants to move for his senior year of high school to a small town? I get wanting to have more family around, but really? And I'm totally with Kate in thinking how much of a waste it is for him to go to community college when he's got perfect SATs.

Since it took me so long to read, a lot of this I've forgotten, but there were easy errors in the book. Silly things, I know, but since they're so little, they could easily have been fixed. What am I talking about? The one I can remember is when they're playing Bingo. I don't remember the exact ones they called out, but there is no B40 or O22. I know, nitpicky, but it bugged me!

Sam says

This was what I call a good solid beach read, nothing over taxing but enjoyable at the time of reading. It was entertaining, though I'm not sure if anyone is actually that outright blatantly gossipy in someone's face as the townspeople are in this book.

Dawson is a first time author for me. If I come across more of her books I will pick them up.

Rachel says

I found this story enjoyable, but found some of the characters completely unlikable.

Debbie "Buried in Her TBR Pile" says

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skimmed quite a bit; wished things had gone better for Kate; Max pissed me off; Kate would have been better off with Nicholas. And, let's not talk about Kate's family...

Marie Josell says

A nice light read. Perfect for summer. The characters are interesting and story has some depth.

Elizabeth Meadows says

Good story. I really enjoyed the small town Texas setting. There were just a couple of little issues I had, like a teenage boy mildly swearing in front of his mother and several older ladies. He should have known better, or at the very least his mother should have corrected him and made him apologize to the ladies.

Also, I thought that too much happened in the last chapter. It was like the author realized that she was running out of pages and just hurried to cram in too much.

Shea says

This was a nice light read. The characters were likeable, even the cantankerous ones, and it did give a taste of small town life. Definitely not my favorite story by Emily March.

Jennifer Akers says

An entertaining diversion. If you've spent any time in Texas, you'll enjoy the small-town Texas references.
