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As a newly single mother, Carrie Farmer isn't quite ready to jump back into the dating pool in Ardent Springs—especially since her last marriage was such a disaster. But if anyone could entice her to wade in a bit, it would be her hunky neighbor, Noah Winchester. He's the perfect man: strong, protective, and smoking hot. But her eyes have deceived her before, and she's no longer willing to hand over her heart so easily.

After completing several tours in the Middle East, Noah returns to his hometown a very different man. The former soldier's plan to rest and relax is soon waylaid by the intriguing woman next door and her heart-stealing little girl. Something—or someone—put shadows in Carrie's lovely eyes, and he's determined to clear them away. But when hidden demons can no longer be ignored, the couple gets a reminder from an unexpected source that love truly can conquer all.

## **Her Hopes and Dreams Details**

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### **Gina Meier says**

Carrie and Noah are going to take you on a whirlwind of a ride. Noah and Carrie are both neighbors and have know each other for years. This book is going to take you through two really hard subject. PTSD and domestic violence are both major components in the story line. I loved this book and I loved how Noah fell in love with his neighbor and her little girl. They were meant to be a family and I am glad that had a secret matchmaker in their family. The end of the story left me in tears so you have been warned, grab the tissues.

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### **Patrice says**

I received an e-book copy of this book through a Goodreads giveaway. I really enjoyed the story. Two people suffering from PTSD; brought on by different situations, find themselves drawn to each other. One is a former soldier, the other a formerly abused, single mother of an infant. The character development was good and the story itself was told in a effortless flow. The setting of small-town America; Ardent Springs, Tennessee, is a wonderful backdrop for the story. I liked how the author wove the symptoms/results of PTSD into the story along with showcasing the need, even in a small town, for a safe shelter for victims of domestic abuse and getting Vets the help they need in a timely manner. All-in-all a well crafted story that makes me want to read the other stories into the series.

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### **Delores Gibbons says**

I won this in one of goodreads giveaways. I couldn't wait to start right in to it and it didn't disappointment at all. A wonderful well written story of Carrie who has suffered through being domestic abuse from her now dead husband and Noah her new next door neighbor who is suffering from PTSD. I look forward to reading more of Ms. Osbourn stories!

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### **Cathy Geha says**

Sweet small town romance between a military veteran with PTSD and a once abused widowed mother of a pre-toddler.

When Carrie met Noah they did not hit off and his gruff very rude comments were not appreciated by her. When he sees her again in the office where he will interview for a job things do not improve. They begin to improve as they gradually reveal more about themselves to one another as neighbor and on the job. Preconceptions are shattered and true interest and courtship takes place. Noah is enamored with both Carrie and her daughter, Molly, and does what he can to improve their lives while his life improves by being with them.

This book deals with current and rather heavy topics that include: single parenting, domestic abuse, PTSD, cheating on a spouse and the loss of a child. The issues were dealt with well and with compassion.

I did not understand how Carrie managed to be friends with her ex-husband and the woman he married in this book and think that had I read the previous books in the series I might have understood this and also some of the dynamics between other characters mentioned. That said - back stories and reading of the previous books was not necessary to fully understand this novel.

This is my first book by this author and I will look for other books by her in the future.

Thank you to NetGalley and Montlake Romance for the ARC of this novel. This is my honest review.

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## **Ian says**

Carrie survived a relationship with a violent and abusive husband. She lives a simple life in a single-wide trailer on a small parcel of land she was able to buy. She has her job working for a local construction company, a few close friends and her daughter. She doesn't need or want anything more.

Noah survived the violence of war. His wounds are in his mind. In his memories of war. He suffers from anxiety, panic attacks, struggles with crowds and sleep. He has moved into the ramshackle farmhouse next to Carrie's single-wide wishing for nothing more than to live the life of a hermit.

But somehow, despite their issues, despite all the reasons a relationship is a bad idea, they take the first tentative steps towards a relationship. But it's a long way from a sure bet.

Terri Osburn writes some of the best contemporary romance around. Her stories are light and whimsical, not particularly challenging but entertaining from start to finish. Once you pick up one of her books it really is hard to put it down all the way to the very last page. And this book is no exception.

I do however have a couple of problems with the book, and it's not the story. I loved that.

First of all, the cover. Covers sell books. I find it really difficult looking at this cover. It feels dated before the book is even released.

And my other issue is the synopsis. I read that and I'm kind of wondering if we're talking about the same book.

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## **Isha Coleman says**

Her Hopes and Dreams is a story about risking it all to get to that happily ever after. Noah has seen his share of turmoil on the battlefield, he doesn't expect to come to face to face with those same fears when he looks into a pair of beautiful yet scared eyes. Carrie doesn't trust as easily as she once would have. Her past has left her wary and determined to build a better life for her and her little girl. But her enticing neighbor is

waylaying all of her plans and exploring all the possibilities. Terri Osburn is not as familiar to me but she delivers in Her Hopes and Dreams, a little bit fairy tale and a large amount of heart.

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### **Wendy says**

#### **Everyone deserves a happily ever after**

I think this is my favorite Ardent Springs book yet. In Her Hopes and Dreams, Terri Osburn respectfully captures two very real and often difficult topics to discuss; domestic violence and post traumatic stress disorder. Kerri Farmer suffered through many years of domestic abuse but, with the help from her friends she managed to break free and is trying to pay it forward by opening Ardent Spring's first women's shelter. Noah Winchester is a war vet. He is broken and haunted by the things he saw and heard. He was hoping his childhood summer home would provide him some peace. Unfortunately, life threw him the widow of his childhood friend and his child.

I love how well Kerri's growth shines in this book. She knows what she wants and doesn't let anything stand in her way.

I'm definitely looking forward to the rest of this series.

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### **Irene says**

4 heartwarming stars

What a beautiful and heartwarming read Her Hopes and Dreams turned out to be.

I really enjoyed watching Carrie and Noah's relationship develop.

I was touched with their story and I found myself reading it late into the night as I didn't want to put down.

The Ardent Springs series has been such a wonderful read, each book can be read as a standalone and I highly recommend them all.

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Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Hopes-Dreams-A...>

B&N - <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/her-h...>

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### **Linda Zagon says**

I would like to thank Netgalley and the Publisher for the ARC of "Her Hopes and Dreams" By Terri Osburn. I would recommend this romantic novel with some of today's major problems discussed. The author

discusses domestic abuse and Post traumatic stress disorder and the consequences on family, friends, and self esteem. The plot centers around the building of a shelter for battered women, and the characters involved. Getting help and having a strong support system is discussed. I look forward to reading other books about the characters and friends in this series.

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### **Donna Morrison says**

#### **My favorite book of this series besides the first as they are tied.**

This is my other favorite book of this series. With everything that Carrie had been through she deserved this happy ever after and I fell in love with Noah. If you are looking for a book that has ups and downs and fights through them then this is the book for you to read.

Carrie has been abused most of her life, and Noah was battling scars of his own from coming home from the war. Even though she was his best friend's wife he didn't know she lived with until someone saved her and he died. He thought of her as a bad person until he got to know her and then they fell in love.

It is an awesome love story.

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### **Kristina Birch says**

This was my first trip to Ardent Spring but it won't be my last! Dealing with some dark issue without making the story too heavy takes seriously talent, and Terri Osburn has it! I laughed, I cried, I yelled at both the hero and heroine, and I absolutely fell in love with the beautiful family that is at the heart of this story.

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### **Carolyn's says**

I don't know which I love more, Terri Osburn's writing or Ardent Springs. This series gets better each book.

When we first meet Carrie in the previous books she was a bruised and battered woman dealing with a crazy husband- who dies! In her own book, Carrie getting stronger, raising her daughter, being friends with not only her ex but his new wife and her family makes for a great story. Add to that mix the sexy Noah Winchester being Carrie's neighbor and coming along with his own bag of PTSD and ignorance of the type of relationship Carrie had with his former friend, and Carrie is in for a bumpy road down the path to her hopes and dreams.

I think this novel contains one of the sweetest scenes I have ever read in a book with baby Mollie and Nowuh. I won't give anything away, but this novel is a must read and this scene is an extra bonus!

This series takes place in Tennessee- I live in East Tennessee- so I specifically enjoy the references to the locations, scenery, etc. Gatlinburg is an hour away and usually a Saturday day trip for us so it was sweet Lorelei and Spencer honeymoon there!!

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## **Bette Hansen says**

I loved this story. These characters were so real with hopes, dreams, flaws and issues but people you want to see find the happiness they deserve. I enjoyed watching as Carrie and Noah's relationship changed from adversarial to loving. It was a slow believable turn as they got to know each other working on a project Carrie is very passionate about. The way the author dealt with the issues of PTSD and domestic abuse is commendable. Both are tough issues but she dealt with each with compassion and showed that both can be dealt with and moved on from. This was a wonderful story and one I would definitely recommend to everyone.

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## **Phoenix77 says**

Terri Osburn's Ardent Springs series has covered some difficult subjects in a light contemporary format; however she goes just a little bit darker in the latest release, Her Hopes and Dreams. Spousal abuse, PTSD and even the challenges of single-parenting push the storyline into some less romantic places; but even so this love story of second chances is full of charm.

The book begins with an awkward reunion between new neighbors Carrie Farmer and Noah Winchester. Noah remembers Carrie as a scheming flirt who cheated on her first husband and manipulated his good friend Patch Farmer into an unwanted second marriage. Carrie knows she's not without sin but she's more than paid for her mistakes, having had to live with Patch's abuse right up until his death. It's Noah's curiosity about Carrie's daughter that bridges the divide between them and the pair soon begin bonding over how they've both survived traumas to come out on the other side.

There is an overall feeling of realism to the novel, even though it follows a very fast pace towards both characters healing and falling in love. Noah and Carrie are allowed to be flawed, to be angry and to make understandable mistakes over the course of their relationship. People who have lived through traumatic events will sometimes try to justify why they were ever a part of that suffering and both characters perhaps hang onto those feelings a bit too long; however it doesn't prevent them from trying to hold onto the happiness they find in each other's arms.

I don't usually pick up small town romances but I've enjoyed each of the Ardent Springs books enough to keep coming back to this plucky little town for all the community and love the characters share.

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## **Mona says**

This book moved me. The 4th book in Ardent Springs. Carrie was a widow and a mother. The last thing she expected was a man who was friends with her ex-husband. They didn't get along from the very minute she heard the loud noise coming from his garage. They had it out. But he wanted to see Patch's little girl.

Carrie wasn't sure that was such a great idea. Noah Winchester hadn't even liked her.

Carrie and Noah had more things in common than they knew.

The minute he met little Molly he was drawn to her.

They all spent a lot of time together, and he was working on the shelter which was important to her. When Noah found out her demons he let his out.

It wasn't easy.

Highly recommend.

An ARC copy was given to me via NetGalley from  
The publisher.

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