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Bhriv says

Mississippi Nights, written by D.M. Webb, is the first book I've read by this author.

Some things I liked about the book: I liked the way the author seemed to write authentic characters. The characters seemed well researched as she seemed to know about the characters professions and the life experiences seemed very real. My favorite character was Maggie as she seemed to have a loving heart and very forgiving. I felt as if I had walked in her shoes in my past, yet didn't have as good as outcome as this fictional character.

Something that did bother me about the book: The author wrote the characters as being away from the Lord and not having a close relationship with Him and so I cannot say that what I am going to mention isn't consistent with a character away from the Lord, I just don't know if I enjoyed this particular aspect of the story....The author would start a word (in dialog) that would have been a curse word, but (thank you Ms. Webb) did NOT finish the word rather she put a less pungent word in its place. I've lived in the world long enough that I have heard all of the curse words used so I don't feel that I really need the first or first couple letters used of a curse word in order to know that this character isn't close to the Lord or thinking such things. The author did NOT use curse words at all within the story, but the beginning letters were enough to get my mind to go directly to the word in my thought process.

This book is very intense at times and somewhat edgy so if you like exciting stories, you'll definitely enjoy this one!

I was gifted this book in exchange for my honest review.

Terry says

High energy; worthy plot and inspirational ending.

This book is solid "Christian fiction" and presents an interesting and believable scenario involving long-term strains between two brothers: a firefighter and a police officer who both live and work in the same town. Both brothers enjoy their own vices, and the book deals realistically with personal failures. That is, following a tragedy early in the book that leads to a serious falling out, the brothers don't "live happily ever after" simply because they attend the same church on Sundays. Like real life, decisions to improve oneself and one's relationships take time and real work and usually involve failures in the short term.

The book's weakness is the writing – in an attempt to keep the story moving, there is too much dialogue and not enough narrative to follow the plot easily. The story is not complicated, and it seemed to me that extraneous details sometimes get in the way of the story. More than once I had to reread a passage to figure out what was really going on. Also, the quality of some of the writing could be improved: stock phrases and characters could be edited, honed and polished. A quick read, but nothing groundbreaking.

Disclosure: I was randomly selected from among numerous GoodReads readers to receive an advance copy of this book; I have read it and this is my honest evaluation. I have no connection with this author or publisher and have received nothing from anyone in consideration for publishing this review.

deb says

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Why is it that I always love the wounded character? I loved David, scars and all. He made my heart sing because I knew a huge blessing was in store for him. David struggled with his addiction, but it was wonderful to see how his family rallied around him and helped. The way Brother Johnny took him under his wing and counseled him was beautiful. Isn't this how we as Christian are supposed to act?

This author tapped into something that most Christian authors won't do or aren't able to do and that is being able to show the raw emotions of the characters without being graphic. She was able to show the passion and strong sexual attraction between David and Maggie in a very classy way. Also, her characters used obscene language, but it was done in away that was not offensive. This story was a real "in your face" experience. No sugar coating anything, but done respectfully.

What can I say about Maggie? She was able to see what God saw in David. Most women would not have bothered to stick it out with someone they were not married to, but she was not only concerned about him as a boyfriend, but as a friend who looked beyond his faults and saw his needs. She will make an excellent wife and I would love to see another story with her and David.

Mississippi Nights is an exceptional story. It kept me on the edge of my seat and I loved how God worked to bring healing, reconciliation and forgiveness into the lives of the characters.

ChrisGA says

Ah, family! A source of comfort, understanding and support or resentment, bitterness, and guilt—or a bit of both. A source of love—conditional, or more beautifully, unconditional. MISSISSIPPI NIGHTS is the story of family with all its strengths, mistakes, forgiveness and healing. David and Jeremy are grown men, brothers; one a firefighter and the other a cop who have become estranged after the tragic death of David's fiancé. Their once close relationship has been reduced to misunderstandings, jealousy, and anger. These are not plaster saints. They are rough and tumble guys, who cuss and drink and use an occasional vulgar gesture. They do dangerous work to help others and generally mean to act as they should, although they stumble. They are Christians who are far from perfect. [Sidenote: I found it humorous how many ways the author was able to indicate their profanity without using any. This is a totally profanity-free book, but it is an answer to the oft-debated question in Christian fiction circles about whether profanity is necessary in a novel in order for it to be considered realistic or express a character's thoughts or nature.]

As a counterbalance to their gruff behaviors are the secondary characters. Their parents are the type of parents we all wish we could have—loving, accepting, but not hesitating to tell them when they are wrong. Maggie is sweet and loving, embodiment of the love and grace of God as is her pastor father. Sarah is a feisty truth-teller and support. Poppy is downright adorable. They bring a sweetness to the story, and the love relationships are truly beautiful and supportive. This love is needed when the big, ugly issues in the book arise.

The book deals with alcoholism by giving gritty insight to the power of the cravings and the feelings of

shame, helplessness and self-loathing of the addict. Child neglect is also dealt with. The moments of terror in near-drowning and entrapment in a fire are vividly portrayed. However, the ugliness is more than overcome by the sweet romance, unconditional love, and the grace of God. This is truly a story of redemption and forgiveness. I received the book through The Book Club Network in exchange for this my honest opinion.

Sharon Paavola says

Mississippi Nights carries emotions running high between two brother over a devastating accident holding secrets. Secrets neither of them is willing to speak. The challenge with unknown truths comes when healing is needed yet the hurt becomes an angry dog waiting to bite someone. David Boyette returns home an angry dog. His brother Jeremy has managed to move on with life but now David is back. In a small town police and firefighters often work close and you guessed it. David is a fireman and Jeremy a sergeant. Their dad is the local preacher which adds a whole other dimension. A sweet woman who loves a little girl with a no count family enters the scene and sparks start flying for her and David.

Will God's faith, hope, love, and forgiveness overcome the darkness, the agony, and the secrets? How does love flow out of a bitter, hard, and closed heart? D. M. Webb writes struggles, conflict, and desire on to the pages of this book as you discover the answers to these questions.

I highly recommend this book and was given a copy by The Book Club Network and the author for my honest review. Thank you for this privilege!

Anne Hamilton says

Four and a half stars.

An absorbing family drama, laced with romantic elements and quirky characters. Opening with a tragedy - the loss of David's fiancee in a fiery car accident - the main thread of the story revolves around the estrangement of two brothers. David and Jeremy are two Mississippi boys, one a firefighter and the other a policeman.

David returns to his hometown after three years, hiding several demons that have plagued his life since the death of his fiancee, Rebecca. He blames his brother Jeremy for following protocol when, in his view, a little less rule-keeping would have saved her life. He doesn't know that Jeremy still has burn scars from trying to save Rebecca.

Ok, from the start, it's clear that pride and silence is keeping the brothers apart - but, hey, that's real life. Bridging silence ain't that easy, even if it seems it's the obvious resolution in a novel.

David is attracted to Maggie, the preacher's daughter, a warm-hearted woman who dresses in pinks and butterfly charms and smells of cotton candy.

This is a finely nuanced story about loss, love and redemption. No easy answers and no too-good-to-be-true characters gave a real strength to the Christian message as it slowly comes to the fore. The cultural background, however, sometimes made me (an Aussie through and through) feel at a loss - lots of 'southern' words that meant I would have occasionally liked to consult a glossary!

Kym McNabney says

There are books that I dread reviewing because I didn't like them. Then there are those that I'm already writing one in my mind after only reading a few chapters. MISSISSIPPI NIGHTS by D.M. WEBB is the later.

Three years after Firefighter David Boyette left home, he returns to face his brother, Sgt. Jeremy Boyette. But that's not all David has to face. He has a secret he's been hiding as well.

When David encounters Maggie Goddard, the preachers beautiful daughter, there's an immediate attraction. He tries to hide his demons from her but demons have a way of eventually making themselves known.

The prolog in MISSISSIPPI NIGHTS was probably one of the most intriguing I've ever read. I can't recall one in the past that drew me in so quickly and deeply. MS. WEBB has written an amazing story with three dimensional characters, wonderful writing, original lines, with a great plot that's unpredictable throughout.

I laughed. I cried. I ached as well as rooted for the characters. MISSISSIPPI NIGHTS is a page turner that will keep you on your toes right up to the end. I was shocked at how much transpired the last hundred pages. It was packed full of action, twist, turns, surprises and more. MS WEBB'S experience as a Firefight/EMT was evident. The details phenomenal. The romance was subtle yet profound.

MS. WEBB deals with some tough issues, handled wonderfully. She plays it out perfectly, not skimping. I'm a Christian. I read a lot of Christian fiction. I'm a romantic at heart. Read lots of romances. What I found so unique about MISSISSIPPI NIGHTS is how true to life everything was carried out.

Just because one believes in God, doesn't mean they're a fully devoted/mature Christian. It's a journey unique to each individual. It was refreshing to read fiction Christian with characters that struggled with real life issues, weren't perfect, and stumbled. The characters drank, smoked, used foul language (implied), were physical (non-sexual), went to a bar, struggled with addictions, falling several times before heading on the path to recovery.

Through all of this, MS WEBB was able to weave faith and character growth. Amazing. I can't wait to see what MS WEBB has in store for future books.

Victor Gentile says

D. M. Webb in her new book, "Mississippi Nights" published by Ambassador-Emerald International brings us into the lives of David Boyette and Jeremy Boyette.

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Anybody remember the old T.V. show "Emergency"? That show centered on the Paramedics and the Firemen every week with some help from the Police. Here Ms. Webb has joined the two Departments together with the two brothers. But hold on, David blames Jeremy for his fiance's death so there is hatred, bitterness and unforgiveness between them. Now three years later David comes home with a secret. He really needs his brother to help him overcome in this area but Jeremy is having his problems as well. Can a new love, a young girl and his brother help David in his dark time? Ms. Webb has given us a powerful story about family and how desperately we need each other when the chips are down. Besides having some really exciting action sequences, "Mississippi Nights" is all about how a family relates to each other. The themes of unforgiveness, bitterness and what it can do to a person and the power of love are displayed to perfection. David, Jeremy, Maggie, Poppy and the other characters play out so well on the pages you would think you had known them all your life. "Mississippi Nights" is a great read that I was sorry to see come to an end. I look forward to more stories from this very talented author.

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Helen says

Mississippi Nights is written by DM Webb. This is a story of two brothers and how their lives are affected by the death of the younger brothers fiancee.

Sergeant Jeremy Boyette is on the scene of an accident, his brother's fiancee is trapped in a car that is catching on fire. Jeremy tries to get her out but is pulled away by his co-workers. His brother, firefighter David Boyette, arrives to see his fiancee die in the fire. He blames Jeremy for not trying to get her out.

After her funeral David moves away. He turns to partying alcohol to bury his pain and grief. After several years he returns home. David moves into an apartment to hide his drinking problem from his family.

Maggie is the daughter of the family's pastor. She takes in a young girl who is often left alone. Maggie is also the cousin to Jeremy's wife. David meets her and starts to have feeling for both her and the little girl. Maggie struggles with her feelings for David as well.

The two brothers often find themselves working the same cases. Outward appearances show that they do not like each other, but their struggles inside tell a different story. Jeremy refuses to tell David, he did try to get David's fiancee out of the car. Jeremy has scars on his hands that David sees by accident.

The Boyette's are a close family. They do a lot of activities together. When the family finds out about David's drinking problems they get together to help him. The father sends David to their pastor to have the pastor help him with his addiction. Jeremy looks down on David for not just stopping, until David points out to him that he has the same addiction with smoking. Jeremy claims he is quitting smoking, but is he really.

This a really good story. If you like stories based on family with action, suspense and romance you will love this story. I like the action that takes place. I like how close the family is and how they work together to help each other. There is a little comedy in the crazy things the brothers do as well as how Jeremy's wife responds to her children. The story points out the struggles people with addictions go through and how their addictions affect those close to them and their jobs. The story also tells us that we cannot run away from our problems and hurts. We have to deal with them to successfully move on.

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Lee Carver says

"Mississippi Nights" was an enjoyable read with a lot of action. I had one major problem with the plot: much of the conflict could have been resolved by communication between the two brothers. This is evident from the first chapter, so I'm not giving away too much. The unexpected great value of the book gets no publicity, and that's the plot twist of one person's addiction. It's written so well that one suspects the author has knowledge of the situation, perhaps from a friend or family member. Without giving a spoiler, I heartily recommend this book.

Emily says

Mississippi Nights is the story of two brothers trying to find peace with each other, and the story of a strong family. It is also a romance. I'd give the brothers' storyline five stars, and the romance three, so I averaged it out at four.

The relationship between the brothers is well written and realistic. Each man's character and motivation is clearly portrayed, and it is easy to see how they got to the estranged place the book starts in. It's also believable the way they slowly find their way back together. The portrayal of alcoholism is also realistic and sensitive. I also found the descriptions of first responders' jobs to be interesting as well. The main couple (Maggie and David) take an interest in helping a semi-orphaned child. Their relationship with her is sweet, endearing, and well-written. Had the story ended with a first date between Maggie and David as a result of their bonding with the child, I'd have given it 5 stars.

The romance was the weaker element, in my opinion. It was well-enough-written, but the character of Maggie seemed a little one-dimensional. She is sweet, lovely, kind, and a devout Christian. She is also

emotionally damaged by some undescribed past relationship. Perhaps if more about why she was so skittish about love was shared, her character would have had more depth. Also...Maggie smells like cotton candy. Strongly. All the time. Does anyone really smell this way? Is there a cotton-candy scented perfume geared for adults? And even if this is her signature scent, it was mentioned way too frequently.

The romance was fairly predictable. It's virtually love at first sight, then they try to fight the attraction, then they give in to the attraction, have a few too-easily-surmounted stumbling blocks, and end up together. They plan a hasty wedding, as David can't wait for a longer engagement before taking Maggie to bed. As tentative as Maggie was portrayed, this rush to the alter should have raised red flags for her. In fiction, such a quick wedding will lead to happily-ever-after, but in real life, I think they'd be having problems of some sort fairly soon after the ceremony.

Deana Dick says

Wow! Yes that's how I will start my review. I have never read such a powerful book about forgiveness, unconditional love and redemption before. This is one book that will stay with me forever. It may be a fiction book, but it is reality for many people right now. Have you ever had something happen to you that was so devastating that you didn't think you could go on? That is exactly what David thought as he deals with the horrible death of his fiancé . He blames his brother Jeremy for not trying to save her from the burning fire.

David spirals out of control and turns to alcohol to help ease his pain. When he decides to go home to get help, he still has to face his brother who he still blames for his fiancé's death. Will David be able to let go of his bitterness? There is a strong family standing beside him to help, but will he be to stubborn to allow them to help? The author has written such a heartwrenching story of how unforgiveness can destroy a person's life. How many of us still hold unforgiveness in our heart? Sometimes we have to reach the bottom of the pit before we surrender to God for help .

There is so much pain, sorrow and regret in this story that tears came to my eyes. The author wrote such a realistic story, I felt like I was there with the family as they try to intervene and reach a very desperate man. The emotions are raw and you can feel the urgency David has to overcome his addiction. I loved how the author brought Godly people into his life . Will he finally call out to God for help ? I highly recommend this book to everyone. We all fall and stumble, but we make the choice whether to turn to God or continue on a destructive path.

I received a copy of this book from The BookClub Network for an honest review.

Shirley Scurlock says

Mississippi Nights is a story of two brothers and how their lives are affected by the tragic death of the younger brothers fiancee. It's the classic family feud with heartbreak, regret and complete devastation at its roots. Family and Friends is the greatest gift we have and the strongest anchor to reality we have. Family plays a big role in the twists and turns in this story!

Hate it like cancer – it eats you alive. In this story a brothers love is turned into hate, and it takes a stronger love to break hates curse.

You will like this story and it will keep you wanting to know more about the characters in this book.

Joan says

This novel about family, alcoholism, and forgiveness riled my emotions. Sometimes I wanted tough love and at other times I was amazed at the unconditional love shown.

The novel centers on two brothers. A few years ago, Jeremy, a policeman, was unable to save the fiance of his younger brother, David, as she perished in a serious automobile accident. There has been a rift between the two ever since. Now David has returned to their small town after having been three years in the big city. A fireman, he gets a position on the town's department but in a lower position. He's keeping quiet about the problem he brings back with him. When he falls for Maggie, his present life collides with his past and the demons that haunt him now.

As I was reading this novel, there were times when I wanted to warn Maggie. Is David worth it? But she loved him unconditionally and that proved the right thing to do in the end. There were times when I yelled at the brothers to just get along, but their hurts went very deep.

This is a great novel about sibling love and the perseverance of one to see the other healed. It is a story that involves the entire family in intervention and prayer. I did miss a more professional approach to alcoholism. I'm not so sure that a pastor really knows how to help someone with the condition. It was certainly a battle and the author really takes us into the mind of the alcoholic.

There is lots of action in the novel and I think men would like it. Jeremy and David fight many times, literally taking fists to each other. Also, David has some serious fires to fight, including people trapped in a building. And just when I thought the action was winding down, there is one more exciting event near the end.

I do recommend this book as a good one showing the perseverance of love in helping another heal. The novel portrays well the difference between token Christianity and really relying on God.

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Carrie Gould says

Good story about the importance of family and faith

I enjoyed this book tremendously. It was a story of faith, struggle with addiction and the importance of family. The characters were relatable and "real."
