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Melody says

funny story, listened to it while driving to Disneyland. I laughed out loud a few times at the quirky characters.

T.J. says

I really liked the storytelling in this book. The story was a little cheesy, but honestly, if it were made into an LDS movie (well!) I'd go see it. That's how it read. I held vivid descriptions of the plot in my head the entire time and kept thinking "This would make a good LDS chick flick" worth a guy's time. The 'hero' is the epitome of what many guys think of themselves, minus a few of the over dramatic items. Good story.

Kristyn says

This was such a fun book to read that I was sad when it ended. Very funny and lovable characters. Loved all of the cute quotes at the beginning of each chapter. I'm going to copy down most of them before I take the book back.

Nelsonrn says

The author was one of my best friends in high school, so my opinion might be biased but it was a great LDS fiction novel full of the sarcastic humor I loved about Rob. My husband and I both loved reading this one together. The romance part is dripping with sap, but again, that is what's great about Rob.

Micahb says

This remains my absolute favorite novel of Mr. Wells thus far. It is a great romantic comedy that is well written and quite enjoyable. There are elements of a "scooby-doo" type mystery, but even that plays well in the story overall.

Ty says

Fun little book. Short, but well written and very readable. A very nice break from heavier reading. Knowledge of Mormon culture helpful.

Maria Thomas says

We bought this book in the audio version and have listened to it multiple times over the years as a family while traveling. It is a clean, fun and light read (or listen as the case may be). You can laugh a little at the quirks of Mormonism, have a little mystery and romance besides. I recommend it for a fun time.

Kathryn says

quick read on the slower side, but still keeps interest. Walt has just got dumped by his fiancée for his roommate and gets a phone call offering him a job. He accepts without knowing to what or where. He finds himself leaving Utah for Alamitos, new mexico to work at a greenhouse growing tomatoes, but he does paperwork. He learns of the objection of the towns people to the observatory that is put up in the town and then meets Clara who works at the observatory. There are strange happenings up at the observatory...sightings of a "big foot", noises. After a stake out walt finds out that it is a person dressing up but who is trying to close down the observatory and why. There is also the discovery of some of the legendary "ronnie Cache's" treasure...where is the rest? will Walt be able to keep Clara from going back to california?

Scott says

Ha! I loved it. The cover was a bit strange, but I guess it ties in with the whole street sign issue the main character has with this town. I also enjoyed that the bad guy was an actual LDS guy. Not that I want to see when bad happens, but so many try to avoid anything that may show a weakness in someone of this faith. Rob is funny and this was a fun read.

Nathalie S says

Some of the jokes were a bit hokey but that was part of the charm.

Andrea says

This book was very enjoyable to read. I really enjoyed the humor.

The main character is about to be married when his fiancée breaks it off to be with Walt's roommate. Minute after she walks out, he gets a phone call with a job offer in another state. He's happy for the opportunity to run away. The new town is small and quirky, and there's a mystery involved.

Fun read.

Dan says

Mr. Wells is very funny. This book is a genre busting Romantic Comedy/Mystery with a Mormon subtext. You probably will not understand the humor in the initial setup chapters if you aren't a Mormon with some years in the church. Give *On Second Thought* a chance and I hope you won't be disappointed.

On Second Thought has a funny protagonist, comical situations, interesting and likable secondary characters with depth and important sustaining roles, is well written, and fast moving. By the end, I was left wanting more from Mr. Wells.

Darla says

(Genre: Humorous Fiction/Mystery) My son is appalled that I only gave this 3 stars. I explained that 3 stars means I liked it fine! Very funny story about a guy named Walt who accepts a job in a small town in New Mexico after being jilted by his fiancée. His description of his first Sunday attending Elder's quorum was a riot (we listened to it on tape) and all my boys were laughing. They were quoting some of the lines for at least a week. Even my 3 1/2 year old got in the action---I am sure he didn't understand it, but because the older boys would quote it and laugh, so would he.

Beth says

I came across this book by accident. I was gathering books for Nathan to read for his Honors requirements and saw this one on the shelf — the cover (well, the spine) stood out to me, and when I read the summary of the book, I knew I had to at least check it out.

Walt Stewart has never been able to settle on a direction in his life, and when fate finally carries him to the fictional town of Alamitos, New Mexico, he gets caught up in the local happenings at the observatory (NOT a laboratory, got that? ;-)) and the town culture.

The whole situation is exaggerated and far-fetched, just like the book's characters — which is what makes the story one of the funniest I've read in a long time! I read aloud a portion of chapter 6 to Nathan, where we delighted in the dialogue involving a priesthood lesson that had been derailed from its original topic (tithing) to tangent after tangent. Finally, the bishop comes to settle things down and set things straight:

"He has to come in at the end of every meeting," the missionary whispered to me. "One day he was sick, and the high priests pulled out a calendar and started making bets on the Second Coming."

It's got something for everyone: comedy (of course), mystery, and a little romance. I appreciated the fact that Walt is a bit infatuated with three different girls during the course of the novel and not just the one he ends up with in the end; and in that way, despite its exaggerated characters, I felt this book was actually a little more believable than some of the LDS romance I've read.

The whole book is a lot of fun and has lots of laugh-out-loud moments (such as Walt's attempt at creating a holiday centerpiece at a joint Young Men/Young Women activity). It's silly Mormon humor wrapped up with that quirkiness that is New Mexico small towns — and thus, I loved it.

Jeremy says

Fun easy read. Good for a flight to DC.
