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Sierra Cody is on fire. A rising star in women's professional downhill mountain bike racing, she has all the tools to become a world champion. All she needs to do is fully commit herself. Something far easier said than done. As stubborn as she is independent, Sierra has always carved her own path, refusing to fall in line with the controlling, commercialized aspects of the sport. Her trademark no-holds-barred, reckless style of riding has earned her as many cheers as it has jeers.

Dr. Kara Davies, a highly regarded and accomplished physician, is well on her way to achieving her dreams in chiropractic research. Commitment to her goals has never been an issue, but her personal life is a different story. Preferring the comfort and safety of her lab over personal relationships, Kara's one-track mind allows no deviation.

But life is full of twists and turns.

After an accident on the track lands Sierra in Kara's on-site medical center, the doctor suddenly finds she has more on her mind than work. Blindsided by mutual attraction, Sierra and Kara struggle to accept their feelings for each other and to deal with the change it brings.

Will love be enough? Or will life's little switchbacks send them both careening off course?

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Heather Henkel says

Great story

This was a really epic story! I loved all the different aspects of the characters and I liked the nerd references too! I really recommend this book!

CLo says

Another enjoyable read

S.W. Andersen has easily become one of those authors that I am always excited when something new is released by them. The teasers for thks book has kept me checking Amazon pretty much daily. With that said, I really enjoyed this read overall. I still don't exactly know what a switchback is and I think it was only mentioned like once or twice in the book...

Anyway, the two main characters Sierra and Kara are very likeable even though Sierra came off very stalker/clingy and Kara bipolar. The two worked. It was nice seeing how they did bring the best out of each other.

I will say the story started off at a good pace. Good interaction, story progression, and everything. The middle kinda dragged with a lot of what each character thought and how insecure they each were. The pace slowed down a bit too much for my liking. But the ending picked up pace and things started happening. Overall, an enjoyable read with light referejce to the downhill biking sport, sport science, and a bit of falling in love.

Laura says

Loved it!

Mountain biking, microbrews, chiropractic doctoring...all mixed into this awesome love story. I really enjoyed this book by one of my favorite authors.

Doreen says

Mountain bike rider and dedicated doctor race to their own finish line.

Sierra Cody races downhill on her mountain bike. Her goal is to win the World Cup. Kara Davies studies athletes for her research into sports medicine and treats riders injured while speeding down the course. They meet after Sierra's epic failure to complete her run. She took a header and nailed a tree. Doctor Davies treats her injuries, but Kara hopes to investigate Sierra more closely. Kara sees a woman who "toes the line between butch and femme" and was "the most beautiful woman she had ever laid eyes upon." The first

statement means nothing to me. The second one goes to the heart of the story. What line between butch and femme? How does someone "toe" it? Is it just me or have butch lesbian characters been banned from lesfic? Girly girls are nice, especially the lesbian ones, but why limit romance novels to just feminine beauties when so many others exist? Despite the famous quote, beauty isn't in the eye of the beholder. It resides in the heart. Attraction, and the willingness to act on it, begins in the imagination. If it's to lead anywhere other than fantasy, the heart must be willing to act and take huge risks.

I enjoyed reading Switchback. The characters, setting and plot worked nicely together. Kara (the workaholic Doctor) and Sierra (the high spirited cyclist) fall in love without glossing over the difficulties incumbent in having a relationship. The main characters do learn how to communicate, but talking isn't always helpful. Watching Kara and Sierra, from start to finish, as they begin to love and learn how to be in a relationship is a rewarding experience.

Kexx says

Enjoyable but never felt the real excitement of the down hill chase. Good story though and worth a read. Thank you.

Lynn Lawler says

See my review at <https://lynnlawler.wordpress.com/2017...>

<https://lynnlawler.blogspot.com/2017/...>

Jim says

Had me in tears

Can't read at work, too embarrassing to be caught in tears. I love the opportunity to read work in this or any genre that evokes genuine emotional response.

Loek Krancher says

Perfect!

The realistic portrayal of the racing and the rivalry between the two friends is excellent done. You can feel the vibe around mountain bike racing. There is no rush to the finish as regards the romance. The building of

their relationship is steadily paced. The main characters are very different yet so perfect together. One lives her life with reckless abandon and the other is a workaholic and a control freak. Both women don't have any successful experiences with relationships but both work hard to make amends and are trying not to repeat their previous mistakes. This with the help of their best friends. Nothing is easy and also because there is a championship at stake. Even when things look rocky, their feelings for each other was never in doubt. Before they could move on, they must overcome their fears and jaded views on relationships. The chemistry sizzles and the strong attraction goes beyond the physical. I loved every bit of it and I highly recommend it to everybody.

Sandra says

Romance and sport, in fact, downhill biking, sounded a perfect match for me. And I wasn't disappointed. I liked the whole package of Sierra and Kara.

On the first sight, the two main characters are very different, but after a while, it seems they have much more in common than thought. Sierra wants to become the worlds best downhill biker, but don't want to be with a big company. She has to pay a price for her independence and has to work harder than the others. She is on a point, where she takes more and more risks during the races, sometimes she's reckless to herself and she knows she has to change some things, but she still doesn't know what exactly. She lives with her best friend Ronnie, who's also her greatest competitor in the races. She is a funny and mostly extroverted person, but with some great uncertainties and doubts. She hasn't found a woman who could hold her heart for longer than a few months, that's till she meets Kara.

Kara is a chiropractor with a great love for research. She want's the athletes to be more capable of succeeding with her treatments and adjustments. She is extremely focused on her work and has therefore always trouble to stay in a relationship because always work comes first. She has no clue if she's capable of a loving relationship and HEA. And she always has to be in control. That's till she meets Sierra.

Both women are drawn to each other like moths to the light. The sparks are there from the beginning, when they first met, during a downhill race. Can they really build something big together? Or will they miss a great opportunity at love, because of some doubts and insecurities? I liked every part of this story. The pace was good, the romance wasn't rushed. Both characters are likable and had great chemistry. But they have to learn how to manage a good and honest relationship, despite the lack of experience in this area.

I recommend it to everybody. There are some sports activities, but you don't have to know downhill biking to understand the story. I've very much enjoyed it, and I will certainly read more books from S.W. Andersen. My rating 4.25 stars.

Val says

I simply could not get into this book and struggled to finish it. The dialogue was super cheesy and the whole thing felt awkward. I read Love By Design by this author and loved it. I'm sure I'll check out other offerings by Anderson but this one wasn't for me.

Dee Martin says

Am I the only one bothered by Sierra and her inability to take responsibility? She literally threw a tantrum, slept with her ex, omitted that she slept with her ex, ignored Kara's attempts at communication, and didn't even apologize. She didn't give Kara a chance to explain but was quick to jump to conclusions when she didn't immediately see Kara in the clinic after the race. Let's not forget Ronni harassing Kara in her place of work without having the full story. Should Kara been more upfront? Perhaps. However, she didn't do anything wrong yet she's made to grovel and beg. Sierra didn't even bother to try. When Kara gave her an easy out she pounced. I would have been able to finish if there had been an equal level of maturity in both characters. At least show that Sierra was remorseful and that they could endeavor for a mature adult relationship. I've read other work by this author and enjoyed it, this however, was disappointing.

Cristina says

I was so close to not finishing this book. I don't know why but I couldn't connect with the story nor the characters. I was so bored that I only want to be done with it.

Rach (Les Rêveur) says

Sierra is at the top of her game in the mountain bike racing world and is ready to take on the championship when she meets Doctor Kara Davies and the world starts to spin on its axis. Sierra has never been into long term relationships but she might be willing to try for Kara if only she could convince Kara of the possibility.

What I loved about this book was that the author was able to create the correct formula that gave the right amount of angst with the correct amount of time together as a couple! This for me is a hard balance to crack in many books. I especially enjoy seeing my characters having time together where they are seen to be living their happily ever after and SW Anderson wrote that extremely well in this novel.

I enjoyed the character/ love development and couldn't stop turning the page. I love the premise of the cycling story and it gave me insight to something I've not read before.

Thoroughly enjoyed and look forward to what come next from SW Andersen.

4.5 stars

Nolly Sepulveda says

Loved it

Lovely story, wonderfully written. Every beginning has it's downfalls but with love, courage and resilience

anything is possible for true happiness to prevail. Sierra and Kara are two women who faced doubts and uneasiness in their lives and careers, that come together to make a relationship work while fighting their insecurities. The journey is intense and very well worth it.

Linda J says

Didn't enjoy reading this as much as Love by Design. It's a love story between the 2 main MCs - Sierra and Kara. It tells us their journey from the day they met, their insecurities and inhibitions and how they finally get their HEA with a ring at the end of it. Was an ok read for me though I must say it gets a bit too slow at times.

Ratings - 3.75
