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Years after fleeing small-town Springvale, Illinois, Deanna Chase has picked up the pieces of her shattered heart and built a new life for herself as a child advocacy lawyer. Her food addiction is quasi under control, her secrets are buried, and she has even made a tenuous peace with her plus-size body. Until...

Micah Peters—the very sexy and now famous man she fled— walks through her office door and sends Dee reeling. His demand that she help a young boy caught in a custody battle will reunite her with the past she left behind. Torn between duty and self-preservation, Dee isn't easy to convince.

But when obligation wins, the former lovers get more than they bargained for—a searing passion that burns hotter than ever and startling revelations about what really happened the fateful night she left.

Will the truth set Dee free to love again? Or will past hurts and lingering insecurities destine her to walk away from her heart again, this time for good?

FAT GIRL is the first book in this provocative two-part series about love and self-acceptance.

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Stephanie* says

4.5 stars

Jeannine Allison says

This was amazing!!!! It was well written, had engaging and likable characters, and kept a steady pace without being crazy dramatic. I also really appreciate that mistakes were owned up to as mistakes, and not crazy misunderstandings that would never happen. Because good people and people who are in love make mistakes too... and it always pisses me off when novels try to make them all "misunderstandings." Micha is a great guy, and those times when he was being purposefully cold or when he made that mistake doesn't make him less of one. You can tell how much he loves Dee and everything else just ends up being pride. I'm also glad that Dee acknowledged her role in everything. I've found that apologies are almost 95% of the time a two-way street, and sadly that's rarely how it is in romances lately. There's usually just one person begging and pleading while the other did no wrong, and that's just not realistic.

Now, with a 15 year gap there obviously is some sort of misunderstanding, but given the strengths and weaknesses of these two characters it's completely believable. After everything Dee went through as a child, the assumptions she makes are pretty realistic and being as non confrontational as she is, running was the only thing that made sense. They are both very proud people, and are afraid to show others how they really feel, which ends up keeping them apart for so long. But once they're back together it's like no time has passed at all, and Micha can't stay away from her.

I'm always skeptical of starting second chance romances because some times I feel like I've missed out on the best moments between the two and I have a hard time connecting to the story and their relationship. So I was extremely relieved that we got flashbacks of the more important times in their relationship (especially from both POVs).

This is definitely one of the best books I've read this year and I will be anxiously awaiting the conclusion to their story :)

Mauve7 says

Super smut and swoon. There you go.

Olivia-Savannah Roach says

This review was originally posted on Olivia's Catastrophe: <http://olivia-savannah.blogspot.nl/20...>

Well, this was a book that really wasn't what I was expecting, but I still managed to really enjoy. Leigh Carron did a wonderful job of making incredible characters that had a lot of depth to them.

I will give you a word of warning though – this is very much for mature readers of 18+. I knew this was a romance, but I didn't know the sexual scenes were going to be so descriptive; otherwise I probably wouldn't have picked it up. Erotica is not my genre and I avoid it at all costs >.> So be prepared for that. However, I still did like this story.

The beginning drew me in. We start with the scene where Mick walks into Dee's office and asks for her to take a case. And even though we know nothing of what has happened between them yet, we can tell there is a lot of anger between them in the past, and tension upon them meeting again. But you can also tell there is a lot of chemistry there too, and it made for an interesting mix. This is a dual point of view, so we get to see things from both Mick's and Dee's viewpoints. Which is good, because these characters see the same happenings in different ways, and since emotions are so important in this novel it's good to see both of theirs.

I loved the characters, and Dee was my favourite. Whenever she gets into a difficult patch she tends to either run away or throw up her defenses, which is only acceptable if you consider her past. She's been through a tricky past after she lived in plenty of foster homes, saw her mother die and then found peace with her foster parents Mama and Papa T. But something happened one night that causes her to run away, and we never get to find out what this is until the end. When I did discover what it was my heart went out to her so much, it was unbelievable.

Seeing as Dee is overweight the themes of self-esteem, fame and appearance come into this, as well as accepting who you are. There is also family abuse as well as coping with death. The funny thing is I recently read Cinder & Ella which also deals with self-esteem and fame, and Only the Good Die Young which also ties in with court and law.

Dee is a lawyer, which means there is some mention of a court case. I wished that this was a more prominent thing in the book. Amongst the themes and the romance it kind of got shoved to the side and that was sad, because it was something I felt should have more importance.

The ending to the book was really sudden and abrupt! I thought it was the ending of a chapter so I turned for more... but it just wasn't there D: At least there is a book two coming up, which I can't wait to read :)

~Steph K~ says

First off, this is a HFN, the story isn't finished yet, which I started to figure out it wouldn't be around 80% in. But, I really enjoyed Mick and Dee's story, their past and now them figuring out the future. Can't wait for the next book to see how everything finally plays out.

Reese Ryan says

FAT GIRL is the deeply emotional love story of Mick and Dee who have some serious history that neither of them has managed to get over. Back when they were dating in high school, Dee disappeared from Mick's life

and from the lives of the foster family who loved and adored her. Their paths cross again when Mick, a retired professional basketball player, must come to the aid of a little boy who is about to lose the family he loves. There is only one person he can trust to take on the boy's case--Dee, who has become a successful child advocacy attorney.

Mick doesn't understand why Dee ran off all those years ago. Nor does he understand what right she has to be angry with him, when it was Dee that abandoned him and everyone who loved her. While Dee doesn't want anything to do with Mick, she feels a sense of obligation to the boy, and to the family she abandoned.

As Mick and Dee are forced to work together on the case, they are also inevitably drawn to each other. However, the secrets of the past rarely stay buried. As they come to light, it may be more than either of them can handle.

I was immediately drawn into FAT GIRL by Leigh Carron's powerful story, emotional storytelling and her truly relatable characters. She expertly navigates between scenes that run the gamut of human emotions: fiery arguments, gutwrenching heartbreaks and screen-melting love scenes. I am eagerly anticipating the release of the next book, A NAKED BEAUTY.

Note: This is part one of a two-part series. However, the relationship has a satisfying HFN conclusion and I highly-recommend this book.

Spanxmcb (Yovanka) says

I really enjoyed this! It's really well done.

I've read a lot of annoying "fat girl" stories/romances. This one finds the balance and gets it right! Great character development and intriguing plot twists! It also doesn't hurt that Mick is smokin' hot!

Despite the drama and more serious themes in the story, there are still smexy scenes and they're actually worked appropriately into the plot!

Can't wait for "A Naked Beauty"! Carron looks like an author to watch!

Mandie Trahan says

I love it! I love it.

I hate that #2 isn't out yet!

I want more.

I want to know about the case.

I want their relationship public.

I want her pregnant.

This book was a tear jerked for me in a few spots.

I enjoyed the heck out of it.

Romance Novels in Color says

This is my first story by this author. This is Deeana Chase (“Dee”) and Micah Peters’ story.

The first part of their story is all about Dee and Micah having broken lives and coming from backgrounds that were filled with suffering, either emotional or physical pain.

Dee is a curvy woman who has big women insecurities and secrets which she has not shared with anyone. Being with Micah heightens her body issues because he is such an attractive man and she cannot understand why he wants to be with her. Micah is your typical good looking ladies’ man who has sowed his wild oats!

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After not seeing each other for 15 years they meet again because Micah wants Dee to take a case which will ultimately expose her to the family she ran away from with no explanation. The fireworks begin here. The bitterness, recriminations, resentments and feelings of betrayal, as well as sexual tension explode in all directions whilst they both try to maintain some measure of control over their emotions because of the child, whom they both want to help.

The second part of the story is all about how Dee still has to deal with her body image issues, binge eating, low self-esteem and being exposed to Micah’s fame and dealing with the potential media exposure of being a big woman in a relationship with a good looking, famous man.

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I would highly recommend this book.

-Reviewed by Marcia

Renee says

The main character in this book Dee aka Deeana Chase is amazingly REAL. I loved her as well as her faults. I will say the author does a wonderful job by creating Dee and her issues. Sometimes I didnt think they were issues I thought maybe she was normal and looking at Elle or Vogue wanting a "look" she saw but NO. There is a little eating disorder, therapy, binges and real life within these pages. I really recommend this one.

Now for the others. It is not easy to give a review without a synopsis but the other characters are equally as grand as Dee. Micah was someone who got away. I really think that the separation, which was revealed and is stunning!, had to happen. Micah was under the thumb of an abusive law enforcement dad. It was heartbreaking to read about these kids brought together by a common bond- foster homes.

Anyone who knows me, knows that I AM a BIG basketball fan. I have virtually no life when October comes, its all my ballers! Micah is a basketball player who played for the Heat and then the Bulls. WOW just my ideal guy. His career is now over and he enjoyed 15 years of fame with the perks and notoriety, but something is missing... and I think it is the love he lost.

If you want a real moving story with some sexy chick lit vibes then grab this you wont be disappointed. I loved it! I want more from this author pronto!!

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Penelope ✕ that awkward girl that doesn't go here ✕ says

FOUR AND A HALF STARS!

So, from time to time, GR will troll me and recommend me books that are similar to the ones that I've shelved as "all-dat-flippityfloppitystupidedoo", "communication-is-a-dirty-word" and, my personal favourite, "knee-him-in-the-balls-please". I have no idea why, but I never get any good book recommendations.

That is, until now.

FAT GIRL is the second chance romance between the recently retired NBA star, Micah Peters, and curvy child advocate, Deeana Chase. Told in dual POV, book one sees the former lovers reuniting when Mick's nephew is in need of legal representation. Needless to say, the meeting is a painful one, with both parties resentful of the other for past secrets and actions. But secrets always have a way of coming to light, and as truths are unearthed, Mick and Dee battle heartbrokenness, old habits and an eating disorder to find their happiness.

One of my absolute favourite pairings in books would have to be curvy heroines and muscular heroes. It's not hard to imagine why, especially since I love to live vicariously through these female mcs (yes, unfortunately for my awkward self, I can never seem to get past the eye contact stage with guys). So already, I'm loving the hell out of this book. Add a few insecurities, a few moments of assholelustaemia and a whole lot of hurt/angst and sexy times, and you've got a recipe that is a sure-fire winner for me.

So, why not five stars? When the reason for Dee's departure all those years ago was revealed, I couldn't help but get annoyed. Not because I couldn't understand where she was coming from because I could, I got it, I really did. What I was annoyed at was the consequences of her actions on her foster parents. It's something that struck home with me as my family had gone through a similar situation, and it reminded me of the heartache my parents went through which of course brought about all my rage-y feels. I guess children never realise how hard it is to be a parent sometimes.

All in all, I absolutely adored this book. I'll be waiting in agony until the second and final book comes out, which I hear the author is currently working on. Leigh Carron, please don't make me wait too long. My heart knows not the meaning of patience!

****Sorry if my awks ramblings made you feel uncomfortable. I have no problem sharing but if you think I share too much, please feel free to buy yourself a chocolate bar. The rush of endorphins should make you feel better in no time at all. ;)****

Suzanne (Under the Covers Book blog) says

Deanna Chase's never expected to see her childhood sweetheart, and the only man she has ever loved, again. When he broke her heart she ran far away from not only him but her whole family and hasn't seen them since. But when he turns up at her office, angry with her but asking for her help, still as sexy as he was when she ran, it becomes increasingly difficult to say no. As they get closer Deanne is terrified he will break her heart all over again, especially when she tells him a secret she has been hiding for years...

This was a bit of an impulse purchase, I love the cover and I am also a sucker for a romance featuring a BBW, making *FAT GIRL* irresistible. And, although I don't regret reading this, as I did enjoy it, it also didn't fill me with excitement and have me recommending it to anyone who stood still long enough. It was nice, an enjoyable read and I would definitely try another one of Leigh Carron's books again. In fact, I plan on reading the next book in this duo when it comes out.

The romance between Deanna and Micah was certainly rocky, and switched from the present, to brief flashes of their past, showing how they got together to how they fell apart. There is a lot of emotion between Deanna and Micah, pain, love, betrayal and although Deanna's secret wasn't a surprise it was still heart-breaking, Carron packs a lot into *FAT GIRL*.

There was also the other aspect of the book, which is Deanna helping her brother, the one she hasn't seen for a very long time, keep custody of his adopted son. I can't wait to see what happens with this part of the story line, Carron has set up a bit of a mystery, a tragic one I suspect, about his family and what happened to his birth mother.

I did enjoy this book, I liked the characters and although the romance was slow to start, I can't wait to see how it all concludes. I will definitely be reading the next and final book when it comes out.

Laurycardona says

Why nobody warned me about the cliffhanger!!! OMG! What am I gonna do? How much do I have to wait? Ughhh... Besides all that, I loved the story, I love Dee, I love Mick, loved it, loved it!

Mspraise50 says

My review for Fat Girl can be found by clicking this link.

<http://romancenovelsincolor.com/revie...>

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-Reviewed by Marcia

Cassi says

Love Dee & Mick

I love Dee & Mick.

I just did not want to put this book down. I had to know what happened next. Now, I need book to go found out what happen with everything.
