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Sometimes it's not the destination, but the detour...

Kayla has the perfect strategy for a broken heart: work, work, and more work. Then a storm sends her car skidding off the road, stranding her in Mount Pleasant. Fortunately, rescue comes in the form of the incredibly handsome but gruff Brent Masterson. And he's hot enough to tempt Kayla into doing something she never thought she could do...

Brent Masterson swore he would never give into the fierce attraction that's been sizzling between him and Kayla since they first met. He has his own demons, and he won't risk his heart again. Not even for someone as gorgeous and amazing as Kayla. So...how exactly did he end up in Kayla's bed last night?

But sometimes all it takes is an ice storm to show two broken hearts the way home...

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## Pamela says

Boring story with boring characters.

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## Rhenna Morgan says

This is the second book I've read by Kyra and I like it even more than the first. The whole concept of the Checkerberry Inn made me want to drag the hubby out for an extended weekend at a nearby B&B. The story was a pleasant mix of complex and yet still easy-going which was great. I read to escape the daily grind and relax a little. This story kept me engaged, but happily helped me checkout of my daily routine. The characters were great too. Yeah, I loved the hero and heroine, but my hat is off to Ruby. Nothing like a feisty, older matchmaker to liven up a story. I'm looking forward to the next in the series.

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## L.A. Remenicky says

I Love These Characters!

I was gifted a copy for an honest review.

What would you do if fate threw you into the path of a handsome stranger who lives in a different town? Workaholic Kayla gets suspended from her job and rushes out of town to go see her brother without checking the weather. One ice storm later Kayla is stranded out in the middle of nowhere where she meets the grumpy Brent and the dance begins. Lovable characters (especially Ruby) and a sweet love story - I give Her Unexpected Detour two thumbs up!

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## Angela Simmons says

This was such a cute little romance and the perfect way to start a new series. Both Kayla and Brent were damaged and realistically flawed characters that I thoroughly enjoyed.

Here's what's going on: Kayla's been accused of pulling a prank that could cost the advertisement company she works for their biggest client. Although Kayla wasn't the one who doctored the ad, yet she's the one that's been put on unpaid leave for a week. Deciding to take a detour on her coffee break, she ends up heading out of town to visit her brother where she runs into a handsome yet surly man who ends up coming to her rescue when she crashed through a fence.

All Brent wants to do is help his grandmother get her bed-and-breakfast spruced up in time for it to reopen, make sure his cousin doesn't force his grandmother into selling, and stay away from the sexy brunette who seemed to find a way into his heart. Yet Kayla's here's to stay, at least until her car's fixed. Although now

that he and Kayla ended up in bed together, he can't get her out of his mind but she's intent on leaving.

I liked Kayla. I really enjoyed watching her come into her own as the story unfolded. She's had a tough time of it lately, she knows someone set her up at work but she's afraid to say anything about it because she doesn't want to upset her father who got her the job. When she first meets Brent, she gets the wrong impression of him and instantly butts heads with him. She's suffered loss, so rather than opening up, she keeps everyone at arm's length.

Brent was surly, moody, and completely done with love yet Kayla came along and totally upended his world. He lost his parents in a plane wreck only to have the woman he expected to marry run off with another man. So, love's not really high up on his list of priorities yet he's willing to take a chance on Kayla. I also liked that Brent was willing to put his business on hold to help his grandmother get her business back on its feet.

The chemistry between Kayla and Brent was prevalent from the start and only continued to build as the story unfolded. Because both of them had locked their hearts away, they were content to fight the attraction between them and really had to fight through their inner struggles to get it together.

Overall, I really enjoyed Her Unexpected Detour. I enjoyed the main characters and the secondary characters, and I'm really looking forward to the next book in the series.

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## **Heidi says**

I really enjoyed this story by author Kyra Jacobs. Kayla is in a situation that anyone would find trying, being suspended, without pay, and stranded at a small inn in Michigan. Not only that, she has to deal with a grumpy, sour Brent, a man not willing to let anyone in. But still, the inn is enchanting, the proprietor, Brent's grandmother, Ruby, is a lovely warm woman, and a secondary cast of colorful characters. Kayla wants to help Brent and Ruby, but doing so might mean having to drop the cast iron gates around her heart. Brent and Kayla have to find a way to work together to help Ruby save the inn. An unexpected perk of being detoured is discovering that under the surly behavior, Brent has a heart worth fighting for.

The writing in the book was exceptional, with amazingly evocative passages. With this novel, the reader is the true winner.

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## **Bette Hansen says**

Really LOVED this story! I thought the characters were great (adored Ruby!), and they worked perfectly together!! Hopefully we will be getting Miles' story soon! OK enough exclamations. I really did enjoy this book though and can't wait to read more.

Brent Masterson has had his heart shattered in the past so there is no way he is going to lay it out there again. That's why staying away from Kayla is priority number one. The attraction is too strong so best just to ignore it!

Kayla Daniels has worked hard her whole life. When she is wrongly accused at work and given a suspension, she takes a spur of the moment trip to Mt. Pleasant to see her brother. It was suppose to be a quick trip but

rain and an accident having her hanging around a bit longer. She can't allow Brent to distract her though. Getting back to work is all she should be thinking about. Too bad it's not!

Awesome read that I highly recommend.

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### **Mandy says**

Kayla has always been a hard worker, she puts a lot into her career. She's still hurt from the loss of her mom and chooses to throw herself into her career. That works well for her until someone at work frames her for something she didn't do and she's suspended for a week without pay. With nothing else to do, she drives a couple hours to Mount Pleasant to visit her brother. Because of an ice storm, she gets stuck on the side of the road and needs rescued. Brent has had his heart broken and since then he avoids women. He doesn't want to risk his heart again so he is focused on helping his grandma fix up her the inn she runs and not on women. Brent comes across as grumpy and closed off. When he stops to help a gorgeous woman on the side of the road and he offers to help, he regrets it immediately because he knows the attraction he feels towards Kayla is too strong for him to fight it.

I was really taken by surprise by this book. From the description and the cover, I really thought this would be a light-hearted romance. There were a lot of light moments but there was more. Kayla and Brent both have things in their past that have hurt them and have made them close themselves off. They are both wonderful characters and I really enjoyed the way this story developed and came together. This story had fade-to-black love scenes but it was done in a way that I didn't feel like I was missing out on that part of the story - if that makes any sense. I really loved this book, it was a nice surprise and I can't wait to read more by this author!

**\*\*ARC provided in exchange for an honest review\*\***

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### **Donna Repsher says**

I received an ARC of this title in exchange for an honest review and here it is.

This is the first novel I've read by Kyra Jacobs and I found it to be a well-written and very entertaining one.

Her heroine, Kayla, who works for a large advertising agency is put on a one-week suspension without pay after someone sabotages one of her ads for a major client. She's is so distraught over the suspension that she gets in her car and drives, heading off to see her brother, a mechanic, who lives three hours away in Mount Pleasant. She stops at a diner for coffee, and literally bumps into our hero, Brent Masterson, the first of the coincidences that bring these two very engaging characters together. Shortly thereafter, Kayla's car ends up in a ditch after skidding on the icy road, and Brent comes to her rescue by taking her to The Checkerberry Inn, which is owned and operated by his grandmother, Ruby, who is perhaps the most endearing character I've come across in quite some time.

Both Brent and Layla are wary of relationships, both of them having experienced major losses in their lives, but these two wounded and emotionally closed-off souls were meant for each other, and the charming secondary characters in this novel, Brent's cousin Miles, Ruby, and Kayla's brother, see it clearly, and are not afraid to try to get Brett and Kayla together.

This is a sweet and charming romance, about happy and unexpected coincidences, and a very nice introduction to Ms. Jacobs writing. It reminded me of Robert Frost's poem, "The Road Not Taken," which is high praise indeed.

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## **Jackie (Jackie's Book World) says**

**\*\*\*Review can also be found at Jackie's Book World. :)\*\*\***

*Her Unexpected Detour* is about two individuals whose roads collide unexpectedly and now they are giving a second chance at love/life.

From the very beginning we get to meet Kayla who has just been accused at her job for pulling up a terrible prank on one of the company's biggest clients. Though she only gets suspended, she knows who changed her final advertisement plan, and she is willing to do anything to save her reputation. But soon she finds herself driving away from her town and arriving to a small café to meet her brother. After the two talk about what she is going to do next, her brother leaves and she is soon on her way back to her home, but she gets caught in a snow storm. Without a car or anywhere to go, she gets picked up by Brent Masterson, who she also had met at the café hours before. He offers to drive her to a small inn and soon their attraction grows as the two start to spend time together.

For Brent Masterson relationships are not in his life plan, but the minute he sees Kayla he starts to feel attracted towards her and soon the two spend the night together. But things quickly change as the two learn more about each other and spend time with their families. Although they are focused on jobs and have no time for a relationship, it is evident that they both have to let go of their pasts in order to move on.

I really enjoyed reading their story, it was interesting how they met and how Kayla ends up at Brent's grandmother's inn. His grandmother is just amazing, she loves the inn and having to see it struggle hasn't been good for her. Kayla's arrival ends up helping them as well and we get to see their interactions as well. All in all, I thought the author did a good job keeping a steady pace in the story and the ending ties everything very well. I would highly recommend reading this if you want a quick romantic read. : )

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## **Nicola says**

*Her Unexpected Detour* is the first book I've read by Kyra Jacobs and I'll certainly be coming back and reading more of the *Checkerberry Inn* series.

***"...the further he stayed away from her, from anyone, the safer his heart would be."***

Although it did go through a bit of a lull in the middle, on the whole *Her Unexpected Detour* was an easy read with great characters. Low on drama and with humour, much courtesy of Brent's Grandma, Ruby who was fabulous at keeping her Grandsons in-line and in her match-making, Kayla and Brent were both likeable, the push-pull between them was just enough and their mutual experience of losing a parent(s) added an emotional angle to their story.

Being the start of a series, we're introduced to secondary characters who add value, some of whom will hopefully will have their own stories and with the future of the Checkerberry Inn left unanswered, I'm looking forward to discovering if it will once again flourish.

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### **Elaine says**

This was a delightful romance to escape into with great characters, plenty of twists and turmoil all leading to the much anticipated HEA! Well written, with a feisty but put upon female lead and a male with so much trauma in his past that he's built a wall to keep out all non-family comers!

Kayla is starting to realise that the company she works for really don't appreciate her talent, honesty, skills and hard work - especially after a nasty prank played on her lands her in hot water! Suspended for a week without pay, Kayla is understandably upset so goes to get a coffee locally but instead drives three hours to meet her brother in Mount Pleasant. She goes for a coffee and ends up literally bumping into a tall, handsome stranger who grabs her to stop her falling, getting her clothing dirty. Then there's a horrendous ice storm which lands her in a car in a ditch and her stranded on a country road. That's when that same stranger from the coffee shop, Brent Masterson, turns up to rescue her! He takes her to his grandmother's Inn - Checkerberry Inn - where she's invited to stay until her car can be towed out again. He's Brent Masterson the attraction between him and Kayla is hot and mutual but she's only there for a night and Brent's previous relationship trauma make him extremely wary. Can love find a way to bring the two together?

The similarities between Brent and Kayla, both endeavouring to avoid relationships, having not really overcome the grief of losing a parent and having close family support all add to the drama of the story. It is a relatively quick but very enjoyable read and I really hope this isn't the last we hear of them, Ruby, Miles and Tommy as well as what happens to the Checkerberry Inn! I've yet another author to keep an eye out for - this is the first book I've read from her but I'll certainly want to read more in future.

Thanks to the author, publisher and NetGalley, too, for letting me read an ARC of this book in exchange for this, an honest review.

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### **Noelle says**

Ahhh...this was a sweet little story. It was a quick read, not a ton of drama, likable characters and plot. Overall, I gave it 4ish stars. I will definitely read more of this authors work.  
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### **Diane says**

Someone at Kayla Daniel's Ft. Wayne advertising job wants to cause trouble for her – enough trouble to get her suspended. She's so furious that when they ask her to take an unpaid leave, she gets in her car and just keeps on driving, right to Mount Pleasant, Michigan where her brother, Tommy lives.

She didn't think about the roads being so icy, though, and when her car skids off the road and she can't get any cell reception there's no choice but to start walking. When hunky Brent Masterson sees a car down in a

ditch, he knows he can't just drive by, even though he'd really rather not get involved. But when he sees it's the gorgeous brunette he saw earlier at the diner in town and she's slipping along the icy road in a skirt and high heels, he KNOWS he shouldn't get involved. Of course he can't just drive by, so he grits his teeth and insists that he give her a ride.

They end up at his Grandma Ruby's bed and breakfast that Brent has been busy fixing up to reopen. Ruby insists on feeding Kayla and offering her a room for the night. And after Ruby sees them together, she knows this is the girl for her gruff grandson.

Kayla's mom died when she was a young girl and her dad lives near her apartment in Ft Worth, IN and she wants to get back home so he's not alone, even though she knows she could fall in love with Brent and the beautiful old bed and breakfast. And Brent's suffered some major losses in his life and tells himself he will not, cannot get involved with this enticing girl. So when his attractive and glib cousin Miles meets and effortlessly flirts with Kayla, why does it bother Brent so much?

A very cute and quick read with a sweet, small town Midwestern setting. I loved all the characters, especially spunky Ruby, the hostess with the mostest!

Received this as an ARC from NetGalley. You can see more great reads at my blog, <https://ladieswholunchreviews.wordpress...>

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## **Irene says**

4.5 stars

What a great read Her Unexpected Detour turned out to be, I really enjoyed it.

Loved both Kayla and Brett, they were likable and relatable characters. They had great chemistry and from the moment they bump into each other you can feel their attraction.

The storyline was entertaining, it captured my interest from the first page and I didn't put it down until I finished reading. All the characters added to my enjoyment of this book, loved Ruby and Miles!

Kyra Jacobs has written a beautiful and heartwarming love story, that left me with a heart full of happy feels.

I highly recommend this book.

*Thank you Entangled Bliss via Netgalley for the advance copy.*

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## **Danielle says**

This story was cute and a little different so that was refreshing. Kayla is suspended from her job for a week without pay. She takes off to get coffee and ends up visiting the town where her brother lives which is 3



hours away. She doesn't seem to think her day from hell can get any worse but it does.

First she runs into Brent literally and he gets her suit all dirty then on her way out of town she her car skids on black ice into a ditch. While walking in the rain back to town she is saved by Brent. This two start something but they both know it wouldn't work out. Little by little things start to change but are they ready to take the plunge?

I enjoyed the storyline and how well it was written. The whole idea of her helping out with the inn was nice while she was staying in town. I swear Kayla ended up having some bad luck but it was good luck that she met Brent.

This story did leave me with one question after the epilogue. Will the inn be saved? Normally I like books that have a wrapped up ending but I can't help but wonder if this will turn into a series. Will Kaylas brother get his own story? Will playboy Miles get his own?

I liked how Brent and Kayla had things In common such as loosing a parent. The way the both try to keep people at arms length but they bonded with one another. You could tell these two had a thing and since it was only one night that got turned around into a week.

It was a cute small town romance but I would have liked to see maybe a little more suspense or drama added. Overall I enjoyed this quick sweet read.

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