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How many lifetimes does it take to get it right?

An unhappy marriage... An unsatisfying sex life... A disappointing career... Ben Hunter's life suddenly takes a turn for the worse. After a series of extraordinary events, he's given a chance to fix it all and in the process comes face to face with a harsh reality — the past...

This is a humorous and sexy story about a man spinning out of control, searching for love and exploring oneself. Follow Ben Hunter as he steps back in time to transform the present, ultimately leading to a reawakening of himself. Go on the journey with him as he weaves a tangled web of relationships with Emily, Laura, Carrie and others. And through it all, he learns the true meaning of life, love, and happiness.

Chances Aren't Details

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PepsiGirl says

Picked this story having read a few of Young's other stories. I thought it was entertaining and out of control. Getting the guys perspective of how things are is refreshing after reading my typical stories. So I enjoyed this wild ride not knowing where it was going to go. Lots of unexpected things happen, as Ben's life spirals out of control. He plans a way of escape but he can't even pull that off with divine intervention and all. His second chance proves he's got a lot to learn. He proceeds to muck up his life all over again in a new way, and things don't go according to plan. I won't lie, Ben was a scoundrel had no morals and little self control but yet I found myself still liking him. You know there's always a guy like that that you know, that you say he's such a tool, as you laugh. That would be Ben.

Sue Jochens says

I toyed between three and four stars, based on the fact I just didn't like Ben, the main character(s), but realized he wasn't supposed to be a likable guy, indeed he was supposed to be the selfish asshole he finally realized he was. A quite interesting book about that selfish asshole, his broken marriage, and a chance at a do-over. It wasn't until the ending chapter that it finally all pulled together for me, and I am grateful for that, because it shows that we can all be redeemed.

Cindi says

I enjoy author Luke Young's humor, character development and skill to create a winning story. Anyone attempting "time travel" angle in a book faces a great challenge to not only make it work but to be good as well. I read that successful combination in this book and recommend everyone to enjoy as well.

Donna Bond says

It's a Wonderful Life meets...well...Judd Apatow...

This novel is that rarity: a romance not just written by a man, but written with a decidedly male voice and sensibility. Author Young takes on a suicidal man's time-traveling adventure to his 1980's college days, where he's given the opportunity to "do-over" the one big "mistake" that led to his present-day predicament...and gives him, and us, far more than he ever bargained for. Filled with laugh-out-loud moments, smart dialogue, unexpected plot twists, and an ending that was as surprising as it was satisfying. Great weekend read.

Krissys says

i was fairly surprised by this book both when i got it because the cover doesn't begin to give you the impression of what the story is really about and two because the story and the writing itself was far beyond my expectations. luke has written a fabulous story well worth reading asking the age old question of if you could you sure find out.

Amy Barber says

"Chances Aren't" now called "Don't Beat Yourself Up" by Luke Young is a story about second chances. Ben Lossman, after 25 years of marriage, sees his life falling apart and feels like things could have worked out so much better for him and his wife if he had made different choices 25 years ago. He gets a chance that not many get to travel back in time and relive that time and do it differently. I loved this story; it made me think about my own life and wonder, "what if?" I enjoyed the writing, the humor (you will laugh out loud) and the romance. It is a story of time travel, but die hard romantics will love this story because it is a story about love in the end. It's a story with twists and turns, will keep your attention and has characters that you are going to love.

Nichelle says

I absolutely loved this book! Well written comedy that keeps you laughing and turning pages. Think about it...if you could go back in time and talk to your younger self what lengths would you go to to ensure a better future? Oh the things I would change! So many questions stirred up from this wonderful book. I highly recommend.

Kimmi Bailey says

What a fun story! I so loved it. I look forward to reading more from Luke Young.

Kellie Maddox-Ward says

Yes I picked this up from Amazon for free.

I also decided to get it as it's a romance written by a male, thought I would give it a go.

Was it a "good romance"? No, to me it wasn't...
but it was an alright story.

Long story short?

Emily is leaving Ben.. (personally I would of done it a long time ago, the guy pissed me off badly!)

He whines and whinges a bit then decides to end things... fate however steps in and gives him a "redo" yep the old go back in time trick...

He goes back and is all about sex and just.. stupid shit really...

but in the end we get a HEA that was kinda predictable.

So really what we got was an alright story with a few sex scenes, some sexual education and a few giggles. Quick easy read.

S.H. says

What an interesting book. It was intelligent, funny (hilarious in some parts), sexy, insightful...surprising. It was a REALLY new take on romance & also an inventive journey of self-awareness & self-improvement.

I got this book because Luke Young wrote it. I just love his works. His "voice" just speaks to me. I never read the description or any reviews. So, I had no expectations. Kind of a "blind read" for me.

I enjoyed it from the 1st page but didn't get too "into" the book for a bit. I love the random thoughts that the character had. Things I can relate to like his pondering of the various pastas. I just "got" him. I also share his passion for food & sex.

As the book progressed I got more emotionally invested in Ben & his story. By the end, I really loved that dude. Although there was some unbelievable things in this story, it was told in a realistic way that was easy for me to relate to. The characters were so human. Ben could be annoying, silly, selfish & negative. However, in the end, he was a really good guy with a good heart.

The views on youth & aging were interesting but not always comforting. Maybe a bit too real. As always, in Luke's writing, the sex is brutally honest, funny & has heat. I also enjoyed the action/suspense parts! What a surprise. What a fun ride!

This was a truly interesting, satisfying journey. I loved the humor. I loved the ending. I really loved this book. It made me look at my own life a bit differently. How often can you say that about a romantic comedy?

Heidi 1820 says

What would we change if we were given the chance to go back in time? Author Luke Young has written a unique story that puts a different spin on this age-old question. Ben Lossman comes to a breaking point in his life, but because of a heroic act, is rewarded with the chance to go back in time to change things that put him in this bad situation in the first place. Through a first person narrative, this author gives a funny, realistic and sexy insight into a man who has doubted his life's earlier decisions but soon realizes longing for past fantasies has more than its share of flaws and rewards. This is one of those novels with great characters and a

sexy storyline that draws you in and the twists and turns keep you there until the end. Mr. Young holds nothing back with Ben's search for great sex, contentment and love.

Connie Brederitz says

Ending

Really enjoyed this book, in the beginning. When the time travel started, I was a little put off, but kept reading. Then I was engrossed all the way to the ending. I must of missed something, I am totally confused about the ending.

Cecily Bonney says

4.5 Stars!!!!

Ben Hunter gets the surprise of his life when he walks in the door after a hard day at work. What kind of surprise you may ask? Well, it starts out to seem like a good one when he comes home to his wife cooking his favorite meal, but then she drops the ball on him... She wants a divorce! I am talking, she already has her bags in the car ready to go in 2.5 seconds kind of SURPRISE!!

Now, Ben and Emily have been married for 25 years and have been trying to have a baby for the majority of those years. I know trying to have a child can put a lot of pressure on couples, but to be brutally honest sometimes things happen and we tend to just stop trying. Everyday life gets in the way. So once his wife closes their front door, he goes through the motions wondering what sprang this change within her and then BOOM his entire life literally changes.

But don't worry we get to see what happened between them because, Ben goes back in time and let me tell you, this is where the story gets really good. This is when he goes back to see if he really did have a chance at happiness with a girl that he had for one night.

Luke Young had me laughing my ass off, spitting my drink out of my mouth, texting my friend different lines, and wishing I could go back and explore my past through every passage. If time travel existed I'd be the first on that machine trying to understand where I went wrong in some areas of my life. So I don't blame Ben at all! I think everyone wishes they had a second chance at something at least once in their lifetime.

So with all that said I guarantee you that you will love Chances Aren't and you will not want to put it down. I mean...Older Ben, Younger Ben...both will have you saying "I so could hang out with these two jokers." I have to admit and say that I really want this book to be a movie, yes I said it. I mean, for one I love 80ish movies and Ben goes back to 1989, how cool right?! I know. And two well it's the perfect story that everyone will want to live out for themselves if they could.

And as for the ending, it will blow your mind and you will never see it coming. After I was done reading I was like holy mother, I love this book. So grab on to your seat belts...figuratively speaking of course...and take a trip back in time with Ben and see where things will land you in the end. You will for sure have the time of your life!

WiLoveBooks says

I loved this. So funny. It is a guy romance filled with guy humor. The story starts out by showing us just how pathetic Ben's life is, then he gets a chance to change things. Makes you wonder: What would happen if you had a chance to go back and do things over? Just a really fun read. Different and funny and I couldn't put it down.

Josée says

I wasn't going to leave a review, just my rating of 5 stars, but after reading the one-star review, I feel I must. I might have given it four stars to start with, but to even out the one-star review I'm gladly giving it an extra star just for that.

I loved this book, I read it in a few hours, couldn't put it down. I just had to find out what happened to Ben and to Emily and with such a wacky twist I was dying to find out how it ended. It was fun, funny even at times, it was well written and the author did a good job of making his main character, Ben, likable even with flaws.

I am very sad to see that someone would take up space to write a review on a book based not the book's merits but on her own life's disappointments regarding men and sex in general. I found that review offensive and really uncalled for. Everyone's entitled to their opinion on a book. This particular review was not an opinion based solely on the book.

This book deserves praise and I am happy to recommend it to anyone who wants to have a good laugh and read an interesting well-thought-out story. I read hundreds of books a year and this one is definitely up there. Should anyone wish to know if my husband is romantic, how I feel about gay sex or if I think men in general are pigs or not, feel free to comment and I'll be happy to answer but I don't think my views on those things have anything remotely to do with this book.
