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Ricki Sheridan travelled a long way to seek refuge at Wolf Den's Lodge high in the mountains after a devastating betrayal. Heartbroken, she signed up for a survivalist backpacking trip to live off the land and forget.

An injury on the first day puts her in the capable hands of the handsome trail boss, Kory Littleton. The attraction is instant, mutual, and terrifying. She trusted her emotions once and vowed never to make the same mistake again.

Kory's heart, trampled and bruised, is unprepared to ever love again, until his unexpected reaction to Ricki reveals some things are worth taking a chance on.

When evil finds its way back into Ricki's world, their fragile bond is tested, forcing them to face their greatest fear: can a wounded heart ever trust anew?

Betrayal. Desire. Revenge. Which one prevails?

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Kristen says

In life, we cross bridges that sometimes feel like they are burning beneath our feet, but we somehow continue on long enough to find the next bridge. Even if we are a bit more hesitant than we were at the first bridge. If you relate to that statement in even the slightest way, then you will relate to Ricki perfectly.

In *That One Moment* by Patty Wiseman, the main character Ricki, can't seem to get a break when it comes to dealing with her heart. She has fought the monsters within as well as the so called monsters in the wild. What is she to do when her survival hike leader gets in her hearts way? One will only know by reading each and every word traced throughout the pages of Wiseman's novel.

That One Moment has a unique writing style that allows for the novel to be read fluently as well as quickly. On a completely personal note, I was sent this novel in the middle of a huge move for me. There were countless hours where I was cramped in a car going from one house to the next. Thankfully, I had Patty's perfect little novel with me to take my mind away from reality. On a more unfortunate note, I finished it within 3 hours, which amounted to two trips. Did I need more of the novel? Yes. Greatly.

Now for the part people actually want to read when they stop by my blog; would I recommend this novel? Tricky question... just kidding. I would recommend it for a few different reasons. It does have a different sort of writing style that I don't often see. (Check out that writing award that Patty got!) It also has interesting portrayal of Insta-love. By this I mean that it's not nearly as cringe worthy as some young adult novels. It's a novel where you WANT the insta-couple to make it. Not to mention that it's overall just an amazingly thought out story.

Kristine Hall says

From the very first attention-grabbing line to the very last, *That One Moment* takes readers on a danger-filled, action-packed adventure. Prepare to journey through the untamed wilderness -- and the untamed hearts -- of a wide cast of characters who will keep readers turning pages.

**"I'm a game warden. I carry a gun. I'm supposed to be tough, a no nonsense kind of gal...
When it comes to matters of the heart I'm completely blinded."**

Main character Ricki Sheridan is a smart, strong, and capable woman fighting everything from bears to sexism to evil ex-boyfriends. And she's darn good at fighting her own feelings, too. While her quick temper and stubbornness (and somewhat Danger-prone Daphne-ish luck) are responsible for making matters worse, Ricki has some big issues to overcome in *That One Moment*. Bears and unbalanced boyfriends aside, the biggest and most difficult obstacle for Ricki may be trusting herself after making a series of bad, even life-threatening decisions.

Here's where the writing by award-winning author Patty Wiseman really shines. Via significant sections of internal dialogue (which sometimes is spoken out loud, to no one else – I can relate), readers peek into the psyches of both Ricki and love-interest Kori, who has his own baggage. Anyone who's been hurt by life or

love will feel what these characters are going through and will empathize and understand the vacillation between warring emotions. Who hasn't gone to bed at night, firm in a decision, only to wake-up the next day and be wishy-washy? Or vice-versa? Wiseman does an excellent job of putting readers right in the midst of the emotional turmoil.

"The kindness shone in his eyes like a beacon showing her the way home."

Clean romance lovers will be thrilled with how Wiseman handles the love-at-first-sight bolt of lightning that hits both Ricki and Kori within the first pages of *That One Moment*. Readers -- and everyone in the story, for that matter -- recognize it in the couple and are all rooting for the two characters to just figure it out already and take a chance on it, despite their less than stellar romance records.

But what fun would that be? If the insta-love worked instantly, readers would miss-out on a lot of spine-tingling action and meeting some interesting, memorable secondary characters who merit stories of their own. (There is great potential for numerous companion novels to *That One Moment*. Fingers crossed, here.) Wiseman doesn't dive-in too deeply with fleshing-out any of the characters, but readers know enough to love or loathe them. Speaking of loathe, perhaps Wiseman could even pull a Stephanie Meyer move and tell the story through the eyes of Ricki's psychopath ex-boyfriend, Russ! hmmm...

Anyone who reads my reviews knows that clean editing and proofreading are super-important to me. Though the ability to see typos and run-on sentences from across the room serves me well in my work, it is a bummer when I come across them in an otherwise engaging story because they stop me in my reading tracks. (hello, audio books.) Unfortunately, that is the case with *That One Moment*. The story is award-winning (5 stars), but the editing is not (3 stars) and it's what holds me back from giving the book the highest rating overall. There will be plenty of readers who won't notice and/or won't care about the numerous errors, but blessing or curse, it's my thing.

BONUS POINTS AWARDED for special appeal to Kristine: While there is no mention of libraries or bookish things in the story, the mentions of COFFEE, fabulous coffee make up for it. Coffee is practically a character in this story! Campfire coffee, comfort coffee, and clever coffee (which ultimately saves lives!) abound and added a delicious layer to *That One Moment*. *SIP*

Thank you to Lone Star Literary Life for introducing me to Patty Wiseman, and to Patty for providing me a beautiful signed print copy that was bartered for some administrative tasks. I hope she's as happy with the work I did for her as I am for her sharing her work with me! I share my honest opinion and review just 'cause it's the right thing to do when you read a book. This full review and more special features on Hall Ways Blog

Ruthie Jones says

In *That One Moment*, the sparks between Ricki and Kory begin on page one, but falling in love isn't on anyone's agenda. Even though they are both guarding their hearts from more heartbreak, they can't deny the immediate attraction. This relationship starts off rocky and then escalates as everyone and everything are thrown into danger. Once the antagonist shows up, the suspense becomes incredibly high. As villains go, this one is one of the worst. This person will grate on your nerves and make you want to knock some teeth out. I completely hate this antagonist. Well done!

What I like most about *That One Moment* is the good advice about recognizing when you meet "the one" and then acting on it. Don't let it slip through your fingers because of past hurts. Ricki and Kory learn this the hard way when they almost miss their chance because of the fear of commitment and because a certain psychopath just won't take no for an answer.

That One Moment is fast paced and engaging, with the danger intensifying quickly, and the antagonist wreaking havoc all over the place. Both main characters, Kory and Ricki, are interesting, but they are somewhat enigmatic. Kory is a rugged and physically fit survivalist guide, but he becomes almost too smitten with Ricki and a bit pouty when she doesn't drop everything and run into his arms. Ricki is ex military and now a game warden, so she is quite capable and resourceful, but her character sometimes comes across as a bit scattered and uncertain. Either way, these two are definitely meant to be together, and this relationship is exactly what they both need.

The main characters are surrounded by some well-developed secondary characters. I especially like young Byron as well as Wolf and Martha. Additionally, the mountain setting makes me want to join in on the survival trek - or maybe simply sip some hot chocolate in the cozy lodge. Overall, this story is a gentle reminder to trust your instincts when it comes to relationships (both good and bad) and to seize that one moment and hang on to it.

Jessa Stephens says

The characters were developed perfectly. You can sense their emotions, inner turmoil, and you can feel their flaws and that has never happened for me. Ricki is a strong woman, but due to her rocky past, she is not only afraid to trust others...she is afraid to trust her own decisions. Kory... wow, Kory...I want one of him. He has his flaws, don't get me wrong, but he is strong when he has to be and understanding/caring when he wants to be. He seemed to be just the right amount of rough around the edges for me.

This book has it all adventure, suspense, the evil creep you try to like, but as much as you try in the end you want to shoot him yourself. One thing this book doesn't have is fowl language and graphic sex scenes. IT DIDN'T NEED IT. It was pure perfection the way Patty Wiseman wrote it. I couldn't put it down. Now, everyone is going to want Wolf's and Martha's story, which I do, too. BUT I feel Kyle needs a new beginning. I have added Patty as a new author favorite and highly recommend this book for everyone. Thank you, for such a wonderful read.

Victoria Simcox says

Vengeance, longing and treachery are in the air. Ricki and Kory will come face to face with the utmost tensions. Wickedness searches for Ricki and tries to break the delicate tie between her and Kory. Kory was hurt in the past and wasn't looking for a new relationship. Then his heart revealed to him, Ricki maybe someone that could change all of that. However; Ricki promised herself to stay away from getting involved intimately for a while. An injury on a survivalist hiking excursion may just change all of that. This is a thrilling read that kept me enthralled throughout. The evolving magnetism between Ricki and Kory are really well done. The events that happen along the hike are riveting, and a mean character named Bennett really added to the interest of the story.

Leah Cooper says

An enjoyable read

Patti Wiseman has written an engaging story of a modern day strong but vulnerable young woman. Ricki is competent at work but makes poor choices when it comes to men. *That One Moment* combines romance, personal growth, and a nail-biting tale of danger.

Lynn Poppe says

That One Moment is romantic suspense. Emphasis on the suspense.

Here's what I liked:

I really appreciated the roller coaster plot lines of *That One Moment*. The suspense of will they be attacked? Or will they survive? Will they fall off the side of the mountain? The plot of NOT knowing what will happen next was really drove the novel for me. I truly thought the danger was over after the first (redacted) and that the second half the book would focus on the romance. But no. Ms. Wiseman had to go and throw a curve ball with even more danger. And what a curve ball it was!

I really enjoyed the characters. All of the characters are people I appreciated getting to know. Well, ok, not the bad guy. But you need bad guys for our heroes to triumph!

I totally understand Ricki. She's a strong lead character. I don't get the whole wilderness survival hiking thing. But I do understand her motivation of going hiking, the I'm in a bad place and need to get my head together thing. I can also totally empathize with not trusting yourself after you've been burned. Likewise, I love how she's willing to pick herself up, dust herself off, and get on with life after everything that she's been through.

Kory is a bit of a loner. I feel like we didn't learn as much about him during the novel. And that's a bit of a shame. What we did learn, I really liked. He's the leave no person behind kind of hero, even if that person is a jerk. I can really appreciate a hero like Kory, willing to put himself in danger for anyone, especially those he cares about.

The secondary characters are great as well. Wolf is crotchety (I have a soft spot for crotchety and cantankerous characters) and Byron is young and eager to please and learn. A hero in training, we could say.

The romance between Ricki and Kory moves very fast. Maybe that's what happens when you have to put your trust in someone when your life is on the line? What I appreciated most about the romance in *That One Moment* is how Kory knows right away that he has feelings for Ricki. And she is the one who slows the romance down, taking time to figure out her feelings. That's a great flip on the usual romance. Sure this is insta-love. But it's thought out. The kind of love between two adults who know what they are looking for, and recognize love when they see it. Kory and Ricki have their "one moment" early in the novel, and spend a lot of time trying to deny their attraction for each other. By the end though, they realize they really want to be with each other.

"I want to grab life by the horns and live it with you. I don't want to waste time on petty differences. You love me. I know you do. I knew the minute I kissed you on the mountain, that one moment, it was crystal clear. We were supposed to find each other." (Kory to Ricki)

Here's what was kind of huh?:

I'm not one of those outdoorsy types. And even less so the outdoor type who would need to survive on what I forage myself. But this is a contemporary book where the standard food on the hiking trip is hardtack? Not power bars or protein bars. Hardtack. Umm, do back country hikers actually eat hardtack? Or maybe hardtack is a catch-all name for snacks for hikers? I don't really get this.

Here's what was not for me:

There is a lot of inner monologue from both Ricki and Kory. Inner monologue makes me want to yell at the characters to SAY THEIR FEELINGS. There would be a lot less heartache if the characters would just say what's going on inside their heads. With that inner monologue was inconsistency in how it is handled throughout the novel. Sometimes the monologue was highlighted with italics. Other times with quotations. Do the quotations denote speaking out loud to oneself and the italics inner monologue? I'm not sure. I will say that the prevalence of inner monologue diminished as the novel and action progressed.

Overall That One Moment is good. I enjoyed it and would recommend it to romance readers. Especially if you like more suspense with your romance. I also hope that all the secondary characters in the novel lead to some more books set at Wolf's Lodge. I wouldn't mind revisiting the lodge in a novel. But definitely not to go hiking!

Dana Wayne says

Patty Wiseman takes a detour from her historical romantic mysteries and delves into the world of contemporary romantic suspense without missing a beat. Ricki Sheridan, betrayed by her best friend, adrift in sea of self-doubt, struggles to come to terms with that betrayal. A sabbatical in the mountains appears to be the answer. But fate has other plans. An accident, a chance encounter, changes everything and makes her question her ability to make good decisions about her life. Throw in a crazed ex-lover and you have the all the ingredients for a page-turning romantic suspense that will keep you reading. Her characters are well-developed, the story face-paced and engaging and you won't put it down until the end. Highly recommended.

Brenda Schneider says

A good solid romantic suspense story. Good characters. I won this book through Goodreads.

Shanna Spence says

A story about a woman who finds love among all the hardships she faced.

Leslie aka StoreyBook Reviews says

This story reminds us that you should not hesitate when you find love because life is too short and the perfect love might pass you by.

Kory & Ricki find each other in an unusual place - on a mountain during a survival hike. Not a place you would expect to meet your other half, or at least I wouldn't expect to meet someone but then you probably wouldn't find me on a survival hike! Ricki has a some baggage from her past and unfortunately some of it follows her up the mountain. This has a huge impact on her interest in Kory. She is very attracted to him but is very unsure of herself. I liked that she was vulnerable when it came to love despite her background in the military and in law enforcement as a game warden.

Now while you might think this is a nice love story there is some friction from a truly evil antagonist. I love how the author gives him terrible attributes and it is highly unlikely anyone will really like this character. And just when you think justice has been served on this character, he comes back for more. While I don't want to give away too much, when he reappears I felt my heart catch in several scenes wondering how evil he would act.

There are several minor characters that sometimes stole the scene. There Wolf who has been around the block and we learn more about his past when it comes to love. Byron is also another character that stole my attention. He is an older teen that Wolf has taken under his wing. It is also a testament to Wolf and Byron's parents that they realize that he is not meant to be in a classroom and set up stipulations for him to do what suits his personality and temperament. Kyle cracked me up in a scene regarding guns. I won't say much more because it might give away a little of the story, but I think he could become a strong character in a future book.

If you like romantic suspense I believe you will enjoy this book.

Jenn Z at That's What She's Reading says

You can find all of my reviews on my blog at **That's What She's Reading** .

I received a copy of this book for free in exchange for an honest and thoughtful review.

When this book came up for the opportunity to review, I was immediately drawn in by both the cover and the synopsis. I was instantly intrigued by the role survivalist backpacking would play within the story as this doesn't feature prominently among the contemporary genre. I also quite enjoy a good love triangle and with a tagline like "One man wants her...Another won't let her go," there was no denying that I was hooked!

Within the first few pages, readers learn that although Ricki is carrying around a lot of emotional baggage, she is also a strong and capable female character serving as a Texas game warden with prior service in the Navy. As a former Army officer myself, my heart sung many praises to Mrs. Wiseman for showcasing a woman in these fields. Given my own training and experiences functioning within high stress environments, there were times that I found myself having to suspend my disbelief in regards to Ricki's puzzling decision-

making process while serving in her capacity as a law enforcement official. Personal preference aside, however, the story provides a valuable and relatable glimpse into the police community that any reader can appreciate.

Despite their instant attraction to one another, the romance is incredibly tame and gradually builds to express just how difficult it is to let go of the past especially when you have been hurt. Given that both Ricki and Kory are involved in careers that immediately suggest strength, confidence, and resiliency, it's easy to forget that they too can be plagued by feelings of doubt and hesitation. I appreciated the message that regardless of your background, training, or experience, we are all vulnerable especially when it comes to matters of the heart because ultimately, there will always be chinks in the armor. A few times throughout the story, readers become privy to Kory's point of view which greatly exposes just how important healing a broken heart depends on being open to second chances. The compelling cast of secondary characters enhances this theme as well and strongly demonstrates how incredibly fleeting time can be and how we owe it to ourselves and our relationships with one another to make the most out of it.

I thoroughly enjoyed the suspense that was provided as many characters were thrown into danger that continues to quickly intensify as the story progresses. While the antagonist came across as more of a caricature of a villain, the path of destruction was still thrilling nonetheless.

Overall, this was a fast paced, engaging, and easy read that will resonate a hopeful message for many readers.

Phyllis A. Still says

A contemporary, romantic suspense with a plot that kept my interest!

I purchased this book from the author at an event but did not promise a review.

I'm not generally a fan of romance, but Patty Wiseman has created a believable character in Ricki Sheridan. She is a Game Warden with a tough persona, strong sense of duty, and an independent spirit. But Ricki has a weakness. Her caring heart led her into a relationship with a man that betrayed her trusting nature.

Needing to clear her head and heal, Ricki flees to a mountain lodge where she joins a group hike. She's not mentally or emotionally prepared to accept Kory Littleton or that unexpected moment. When her past follows her, everyone's life is in danger. Ricki knows she must put her past in order before her heart can move forward.

At times the suspense thread lulled and became predictable, but Patty Wiseman does a good job keeping the story and characters' emotions flowing into a memorable story that would make a good movie.

Five stars as Romance

Four stars as Suspense

Holly B says

Review during blog tour in August...
