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Abigail Fine learned early in life it's hard to get ahead when you start with nothing. She hoped serving as a surrogate would allow her to not only help a friend, but jump-start living her own dreams.

Jonah Rollins always considered himself a loyal friend and an honorable man. Until he made a decision that destroyed a long-standing friendship and eventually, his marriage.

When life threw her a curveball, Abby did the only thing she knew how: the right thing. Her life might look a whole lot different than she imagined, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

Now, five years later, the past has come calling. Life's presented Abby with an even bigger challenge: one that will test her capacity to forgive . . . or force her to close her heart forever. But Abby and Jonah just might discover that there are no bounds to how wide her heart can open or how deep his love can run.

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Sarah Waldron says

Abigail Fine hasn't had the easiest of starts in life. She makes the decision to be a surrogate for her best friend in receipt of eternal gratitude and a financial boost to help her along the path of achieving her own dreams.

She does indeed get to fulfil her dreams, with a whole lot extra thrown in alongside it, which is not what she expected for her life. But she wouldn't change any of it for the world.

Jonah Rollins makes one huge mistake which he will probably regret forever but he is trying everything to make it all right and move forward with his life. The question is, will all of his efforts pay off in the end?

This is the first of any of Cindy Kirk's books that I have read and I have been pleasantly satisfied with the read. This was a heart warming and easy going read and it's been a while since I've read a book like this so it was a nice change. I wouldn't say that I was hurrying to get through to find out the ending, as once you start, you quickly figure out where the story is going to go. That said, I still wanted to read the whole story to follow the journey to the ending.

I'm going to through something out there, a little outside of the box! My favourite character was Nell. I loved the way she was so straight talking, right to the point and doesn't pack any punches. She reminded me of myself. The last few chapters are left on a little cliffhanger regarding Nell, so I can only assume that Hazel Green #2 will follow Nell more closely. I look forward to reading #2 and finding out more about her.

So to conclude, I gave One Fine Day a solid 3 stars. Although I enjoyed the book and found it pleasant, it didn't rock my world so to speak. I'd perhaps recommend this as a chilled weekend read when you don't have the brain capacity to think about anything too deep.

poppy says

This is the first book I have read by Cindy and it most definitely won't be the last. It did take a little while to get into but once I did it was a really sweet romance it is a quick read and just perfect for a lazy afternoon I really enjoyed it and am looking forward to the next book in the series

Anita says

Abigail Fine decided to help her friends by becoming a surrogate for their first baby. But, when things don't go as planned, she's left to raise the special needs daughter on her own. Abigail wouldn't have it any other way. Jonah Rollins has regrets about leaving Abigail to raise his child on her own. Five years later, he wants to know his daughter and find some happiness. Will Abigail let him forge a relationship with the daughter he never knew? Can Abigail forgive him and release the past to find love again?

Ms. Kirk has done it again. This is a great start to a new romance series full of great characters, an intriguing plot, and a satisfying ending. I love how the author shows the characters dealing with sensitive issues and

problems, and how they forgive the past and each other to forge a better future. Reading one of Ms. Kirk's books is like going on the best romantic vacation ever. I can't wait to read the next one! I received an Advanced Reader Copy of this book from the publisher and am voluntarily reviewing it.

Alina says

After reading many mysteries and thrillers I was in a mood for a feel-good love novel. I was very lucky to come across this heartwarming book.

Abigail Fine and Jonah Rollins have been friends since an early childhood. When Abby's mother passed away, Jahan's family accepted Abigail as one of their own. Therefore years later, when Johan and his wife went thru many failed options to have a child - Abby offers to be their surrogate. Everything in life comes with a challenge. During the pregnancy, a doctor informs the future parents of child's possible defects and/or health issue. Jonah's wife makes a decision to abort the child, but Abby disagrees. As a result, Jonah decides to stand by his wife's side and her decision, leaving Abby on her own, with a child she didn't want nor planned to have.

Six dreadful years later, Abby finds herself in a very happy place. She runs an inn in a historic suburb town of Chicago, Hazel Green. It was always her dream to run her own business. And her five years old daughter, Eva Grace, is happy, healthy and charming little girl.

Jonah's unexpected arrival into Hazel Green takes Abby back to the hurtful time six years ago. Jonah determined to make things right this time around. He wants to be a part of his daughter's life and make amends with Abby. This time is up to Abby to make a decision. Will she find a forgiveness in her heart and press a reset button on her and Jonah's relationship?

"One Fine Day" is a bittersweet story about friendship, forgiveness, love and second chances.

P.S. This is a first book of the series. I am very excited to read more about wonderful characters of charming town Hazel Green.

Suzanne says

4.5 stars. I really loved this book. Others have summarized the plot, so I won't do that here. But I wanted to list some of the things I enjoyed.

The story is set in the suburb of Hazel Green. There is a nice supporting cast of characters, each with their own challenges, and I am hoping for more stories in this setting. I liked seeing the town too - the carnivals, markets, etc.

The main character was strong - she was determined to do what was right, and so focused on being a good mother. I really liked her.

I loved the theme of family in this book too - and it did such a good job of showing how much a 5 year old

child can impact the lives of those who love her.

Finally (view spoiler)

Tracy *To the point Reviews* says

My review may be harsh. But right from the get go in this book, I was confused. The writing style didn't do it for me. I felt like it was oscillating between 1st person and second person.

I also don't fancy books where you are thrown too many secondary characters from the start. In chapter one alone, we are thrown Mathilda, Nev, Liz, Nell, Charlotte, Iris, Frank, Jocelyn... Too much too soon for me.

Moreover, I found that the quaint small town world the author tried to create didn't really materialize. All those social events seem too easily contrived and didn't really enrich the story.

I think what killed it the most for me was that there was ZERO chemistry between both MC. At first of course, she hated him (and for good reason). So throughout, we have no indication of his attraction to her, or hers to him. But when she began to let go of her anger, all of sudden they kiss...HUH?

Just didn't float for me.

Lindsey says

Kirk grounds her romance in tragic life circumstances, providing a counterweight to swift stories of falling head-over-heels. In One Fine Day, the dramatic elements almost tip the scales toward tragedy too far for a standard romance. The ethical dilemma was written in a way that I was sympathetic to all sides. It felt like an impossible situation for them to be in and work through, and when the eventual reconciliation came around, I didn't feel quite ready. That said, it has had me thinking for days, which is different from most romance novels.

The characters are enjoyable, the community is charming, and the romance is exciting. I'm looking forward to more tales from Hazel Green.

I received an advanced copy of this book from the publisher and am voluntarily reviewing it. All opinions are my own.

Anitajt says

A great book, from the first page I was hooked. The story is about past friendships and trust. All the characters were so believable and I liked the strong personalities of those I met whilst turning the pages. Abby becomes a surrogate mother for a friend, complications ensue and the deal is off. This is the story of Abby and what she achieved in the first five years of her daughter's life. The friend she thought she lost, comes to town to regain her trust and they both get so much more.

"I received an Advanced Reader Copy of this book from the publisher and am voluntarily reviewing it"

Jennifer Taylor says

What an absolutely delightful read! The cast of characters are certain to win over hearts and the town is quite lovely and unique. I'm looking forward to the release of other books in this series. I received an Advanced Reader Copy of this book from the publisher and am voluntarily reviewing it.

Camiba says

Contains Spoilers

I received an Advanced Reader Copy of this book from the publisher and am voluntarily reviewing it. "One Fine Day" is a cute story about love redeemed. I like how the story began with the main character, Abby, offering to be a surrogate for her best friend, Jonah, and his wife, Victoria. While this section had promise it was meager. There was no real backstory to their relationship or how the surrogacy came to be. Then, at a routine doctor's appointment, the possibility arises for the baby to have a disability. Suddenly, Victoria wants an abortion. However, Abby refuses and Jonah remains mum, but ultimately sides with his wife. The story fast forwards to five-years post birth, where Abby has joint custody (with Jonah) of the child, who has no disabilities. As Abby and the child live together in a small town managing a hotel left to Abby by a random relative, Jonah returns to the story as the town's new Chief of Police. In all the years between the office visit of doom and Jonah's return, Abby had no contact with her former best friend, despite his efforts to reach out via old fashioned snail mail. Now that Jonah is living in the same town and divorced, he wants to get to know his child, whom he essentially abandoned for the sake of his wife's sanity. Whilst Abby consents to allow Jonah to get to know his daughter, he does so begrudgingly, for about 30-seconds. The story speeds up not only Jonah's relationship with his daughter, but that with Abby. Jonah is quickly daddy and within two months proposing marriage and buying real estate for the new family he's always wanted but never thought he could have. The story provides little conflict for the main characters as the plot feels rushed throughout the entire book. However, the characters had realistic flaws and the surrogacy story line has some merit to originality. Overall, I found the book cute, but not one I would pick up again for a quick feel-good read. However, I will read the sequel to see how the characters continue to evolve and what other quirks are found in the town of Hazel Green.

Bibi says

2 stars

Vanessa says

Thanks to Kindle Press for the ARC!

Just by seeing the cover, I knew this book would be extremely cute and I probably would enjoy it. But actually, for my surprise, the adorable Eva Grace wasn't the only reason that made me like it.

Abby has a very strong personality. She wanted to help her friend Jonah and his wife, Veronica, serving as a surrogate mother. But, when the doctor tells them that the baby wouldn't be able to move her arms and legs, they decide not to continue the pregnancy. Abby doesn't agree with that. Even though she's not the biological mother, the baby was inside her belly and no one could force her to abort if she didn't want to. She thought that Jonah would help her. She thought he would be there for his kid, even if they weren't a couple, even if his wife didn't want to be a mother anymore. After all, they were good friends. But, for her total disappointment, he left her alone.

So, Abby was a single parent. She did everything she could for her daughter, Eva Grace. Luckily, after years of treatment, the little girl is completely healthy, like any other kid. And then, Jonah comes back in the picture. He wants forgiveness. He wants to be in his daughter's life. Does he deserve that?

It makes you reflect on your principles. What would you do if you were Abby? Would you have the baby? Would you forgive her father, even though he wasn't there when you needed him the most? Is the rest of Eva Grace's life more important than those five complicated years? When you see the sweet cover, you probably don't imagine that this child was born paralyzed. But then, when you read her story, you realize it's not so easy to answer these questions.

It's not my place to judge parents who decide to terminate pregnancies when they know the babies won't be healthy. I think we all have reasons to do the things we do. I don't know if I would be brave enough to do what Abby did, especially knowing that I would be completely alone in this. But I admire her decision and I wish more stories had happy endings like hers.

Pam says

One Fine Day is a story of bad choices, second chances, absolution & forgiveness. Jonah & Abigail have been friends forever. His family was the same as hers throughout their childhood. It was that sense of family that had Abigail agreeing to be a surrogate after Jonah's wife, Veronica, had several miscarriages & their adoption attempt fell through. When the child was found to have a possibility of severe birth defects, Veronica said there would be an abortion or no support payments. Abigail couldn't fathom going through an abortion when the doctors weren't 100% certain of the defects. She just didn't know that by saying no to the abortion she was going to lose her entire support system.

Five years later, Abigail is running an in. She's inherited in Hazel Green, Illinois & her daughter, Eva Grace is doing well. Jonah, now divorced from Veronica, has taken a job as Sheriff in order to try to reconnect with Abigail & see how the daughter he never acknowledged is doing. He wants to regain his standing in their lives. EvaGrace has no idea who he is. Can Abigail open her heart to him despite the past hurt? Will she allow Jonah to know his daughter?

From the first heartbreaks by moment, Abigail had my sympathy. The descriptive prose brings her heart ache, hurt & disillusionment to the reader's heart. It took a lot of courage & love for her daughter to open her heart & mind to what could be. The relationship between Abigail & Jonah was always strong but neither had the courage to acknowledge it when they were young. Would they now? The characters were perfect. Abigail was a strong, independent, lovely woman through character & necessity. Jonah was more loyal, patient & giving than his past actions showed. This was a lovely start to a new series.

Carrie Frank says

I received an advanced copy of this book from the publisher; however all opinions in this review are my own.

Abby and Eva Grace set out on a life all their own until the new police chief comes to town when Abby is faced to deal with life's hard lessons and the "family" she believed abandoned her when she needed them most. Would you really do something different earlier in life if it lead you to a different place now? The theme hits throughout all the characters as the plot unravels through the pages.

The story is beautifully written and allows the reader to relate to all of the "do overs" that one thinks about in life as each of the characters is introduced in Hazel Green. One of the best parts of this novel, like all of Cindy Kirk novels, is outstanding character development. The stories are written in such a way that you not only enjoy the plot around the main characters but you want to learn more and become part of the community.

This is a great book for those that enjoy women's fiction. It's the kind of book that you can't put down and impatiently anticipate the next visit with your fictional neighbors in Hazel Green.

Annette says

First of all – full disclosure. I have read the Good Hope series by Ms Kirk and I have enjoyed every one of those books. But, this book is even better than those books.

When I first read the prologue, I felt so much pain. I am sure it would be a small portion of the pain that a mother like Abby would feel in the same situation.

This is a feel good story about people who care for one another, are protective of one another and enjoy living in the small town of Hazel Green. After reading about Hazel Green, I can picture Happily Ever Afters all over the place.

Abby became a surrogate mother for a very good friend, Jonah, and his wife, Veronica. Abby is carrying an egg from another woman which has been fertilized by Jonah's sperm. When the doctor announces that the child will be born with massive health issues, Veronica becomes hysterical and determines the baby should be aborted immediately. Abby refuses.

The story picks up nearly 6 years later. Abby has inherited a small boutique hotel and she now lives in Hazel Green Illinois. This is a small town which has welcomed her by involving her in town activities and using her talents as an organizer. She has 4 very close women friends who give her a true sense of being a part of things. Her life has become though not a perfect life, a good life.

At a town gala, she comes face to face with the new chief of police. It is Jonah.

Abby is a driven woman whose family background led her to become an adult who is determined to succeed

at what ever she does. She is intelligent, kind, thoughtful and very caring for the people in her life. Eva Grace, her daughter is the focus of her life. The hotel, her friends, all matter but Eva Grace is the center of her world.

Jonah is a man who carries the burden of guilt with him. His family provided support for Abby when they were children. His parents treated her as though she were a daughter. In short, Jonah comes from a family situation which was everything Abby's was not. He is a good man who finds that he is out of his depth. He does not know how, but he hopes to become a part of Eva Grace's life.

Eva Grace is a force unto herself. She is cheerful, bright, competitive and most of all a typical little girl. She was definitely a highlight of this story.

This is not a simple story. The reader is drawn into a situation which not everyone will face. No matter what choices are made, there will be pain and thoughts of what might have been. Each of us must make choices every day which may have repercussions years in the future. Being able to forgive, being able to understand one another, being able to look at life through other's eyes are all things which may come to each of us.

This is a marvelous book.

I can see that a future series will be a part of Hazel Green and Abby's friends. Each of the women are individuals who face challenges gracefully and yet with power.

All the characters are well drawn and complete.

The plot is very well done. Ms Kirk has created a world that is interesting, entertaining and warm as a grandma's quilt.

I loved this book and once I started, I was unable to stop reading until I was through. That fact played havoc with my list of chores.

I received this book from the author. I am voluntarily writing this review and all opinions are my own.
