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Robin Proffitt says

Sweet love story of a young girl who loves her Fiancé very much but realizes that she must be true to herself before she can commit to someone else. At 19 Savanna is engaged to a wonderful young man whom is older, he has graduated college and heading to Law School. Savanna's parents have given her a great life, protected her from life's twist and turns and now her future looks like it will also be perfect. On her wedding day Savanna realizes she has not really done anything that she wanted, she has always done what her parents wanted and now she feels she will always be doing what Daniel wants not necessarily what she would choose. So she runs. She returns for the first time after six years to her home town which she loved and missed. In this story her choice to run turns out to be the best choice that she made for herself and in the end for the town of Fulton.

Jojo says

I only had one problem with this book and unfortunately it's a major one - the heroine.

At nineteen Savanna decided on her wedding day that she couldn't marry her perfect fiancee because her life was too perfect and would keep being too perfect, so instead of talking to anyone about her concerns she just ups and runs away leaving Danny at the altar.

Six years later she returns and apologises to him and a few others, offers to help save the local hospital and then can't understand why Danny doesn't trust her to stick around.

All through the book she is selfish, self absorbed and self satisfied (it may be quite obvious I had a few issues with her character).

I liked the small town, the hero and the supporting characters - they all fitted together to make a lovely setting for the book.

The book itself was well written, easy to read and if it wasn't for the heroine I would have enjoyed it.

Sally Stackhouse says

A nicely written short novel, a romantic story. Savannah's life was all mapped out for her by her parents but savannah can't go through with the perfect wedding. She jilts her fiancé on their wedding day.

She returns to the small town she grew up in six years later having made her way in the world. Her parents have now retired to a sunnier climate and she buys their family home to renovate. Daniel still lives and works in town, the flame is still there for her first love and she feels she needs to explain her reasons for leaving.

Nitzan Schwarz says

So proud of myself this month for reading (or trying to read) so many of those old crazy freebie one clicks! I've owned this one since 2012, and since I felt up to something cute and simple picked this up.

This was a very average read. It wasn't bad or anything but I'm fairly certain *nothing* of this book next month.

I was a bit on the fence with the main romance because Daniel kept having douche moments and mistrusting Savanna and I didn't quite get their budding love (mostly because we're TOLD they have great, fun conversations, but most of the ones we're privy to end in small arguments and include snide remarks, or apologizing).

I also thought it was slightly unbalanced because 95% of the novel tells Savanna's story, 4% suddenly jumps to Daniel's thoughts and one scene showed just him, and then 1% is for suddenly saying something through Sheila's head which was odd.

Karen says

I enjoyed it. Light hearted. Added in southern charm.

Misty Baker says

I was sitting in the living room watching TV the other day when this ridiculous commercial for Dr. Pepper 10 comes on. "This is a MAN's drink!" it spouted as some slightly less than average looking man jumped a canyon in a dune-buggy. (*eye roll*) Anyways, at the end of this commercial he charges the TV camera, drink in fist and throws out the phrase, "So you can keep your romantic comedies and lady drinks..." because blah ditty blah blah. Now, normally I would pay absolutely no attention to this AT ALL, but when the screen faded to black and something infinitely more ridiculous came on the screen I heard my husband chuckle. (*insert raised eyebrow*)

"What's so funny?" I asked glaring at the man to my right.

"You are soooo not a girl." He says.

"WTH are you talking about?" I spit back. "The last time I checked homey...I had boobs."

"Romantic comedies and lady drinks (chuckle) You...my lovely bride are so not a girl."

"Am so!" Sticks tongue out in true 2-year-old fashion.

"Hand me your phone."

(I have to admit, this is the part where I started to get a little concerned.)

"What do you need my phone for?" I ask.

"I'm going to prove something to you."

(Chuckle.)

(Glare.)

"Look...right here. Look at the movies you have on your phone."

I (of course) took the phone in a huge huff about to disprove my arrogant husband. Yeah...no such luck. As

it turns out, I am indeed a dude. (In case you were wonder the movies were “28 Days Later” “Daybreakers” “Legion” “Zombieland” and “Avatar”)

Well...all of this got me thinking. I don't read enough romance. Yes...I read my fair share of “I'm a warewolf...aren't I hot” but true unadulterated romance? Not so much. Then I realized (smacks forehead) that most of my followers are women and (unlike me) they are probably really into the whole “swooning” thing, (aka “romantic comedies and girly drinks.”) So...I decided enough was enough. I would read a girl book. It's not like I've never done it before, hell...I used to be addicted to Nora Roberts and (hangs head) Danielle Steele. I would dissect my TBR, I WOULD find a damn lady book, and dag nabbit...I was going to present this damn book to the masses.

Here is what I found, (cue indignant smile) “Return of the Runaway Bride” by Donna Fasano.

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So what did I actually think about my lady-venture when it was all said and done? Not to shabby. I will admit, the whole “I'm running from my perfect life” had me a little baffled at first, but once the concept was fully formed it made perfect sense. This was not a book about a girl who made a mistake and then came back 6 years later to grovel at the feet of her “perfect” Prince Charming, this was about a girl who needed to get her hands dirty to realize what life is really all about. (<--wow, that was very Yoda like of me. *takes a bow*)

If I'm to break it down further...the story wasn't really about Savanna running away at all, (Ok, that's only partially true) but more about the characters that eventually surround her “new” life and the changes she has made to make amends. So what did I think about these characters? Spot-on!

I don't know about the rest of you but I grew up in a painfully tiny town, and can contest to the amount of nosy-ness they possess. In regards to this particular aspect, I think Fasano captured it perfectly. As for the leads themselves, (Savanna and Daniel) I think their internal turmoil led to some fascinating encounters and their inability to trust one another created fantastic doors for Fasano to navigate their “less than normal” relationship through.

The writing? It was pleasant. There were no major editing issues, there was just enough push and pull to keep you fully engaged in the relationship and there were no obvious plot lulls (which I have to admit..is a nice change of pace.)

So where exactly does this leave me overall?

Well, beside the fact that I need to find a new word for “so” (what was that, like 50 times in 4 paragraphs?) It was a nice pleasant read, with a nice pleasant story, that wasn’t too long or too short. Perfect for those of you who like easy reads or beachy type romantic romps.

Was it the best dip into “Girl World” I’ve ever had? No, but well worth the \$1 if you are clean romance fan.

Happy reading my fellow Kindle-ites and remember: Never trust a mother who uses your head as a pin cushion.

Annette Vliet says

Donna Fasano/Clayton was a new author to me, but this book was a good start to me. She showed the reader the side of the bride Savanna, but also the side of the groom. I spent a couple of hours reading this lovely book.

Sharon says

A fairly consistent female lead with an interesting back story was marred by the utter inconsistency of the male lead, paired with a story line with basically no conflict except some token arguments between the male and female leads.

KB says

4 stars

I purchased Return Of The Runaway Bride by Donna Fasano and this review was given freely. Savanna listen to her doubts regarding moving from the protection of her parents to a cosseted relationship with Daniel. Savanna returns 6 years later to save buy her family home, save the town hospital and reunite with Daniel. A clean but rocky second chance at love full length romance with realistic small town characters and dramas, cute kids, attraction and hints that some steamy moments occurred but without being graphic.

Dystopian Mayhem says

It was overdone with unnecessary details and is a bit predictable. then there was more analysis of the characters' behavior and inner thoughts than the actual scenes. Not a page turner and nothing special here, but it wasn't too bad either.

Kathryn Munsell says

Good story.

I enjoyed this story. It would have been 5 stars but I personally had a little trouble the first chapter. But I am so glad I kept reading because I truly enjoyed the rest of the book.

Amanda (Fandomly Bookish) says

Story. Return of the Runaway Bride starts with minutes away from Daniel Walsh III and Savanna Langford's wedding. And Savanna was fidgety, doubting everything, realizing shit and all. Her mom tells her that it must be just cold feet about the wedding. But in her heart, Savanna knows that it's more than that. She comes to realize how her life have been perfectly planned and orchestrated her parents. It's not that she doesn't love Daniel but it's a now or never situation for her life. It's now for her to decide if she'll make this life changing decision or never have the chance to make a decision for her own life.

Savanna decides NOW and she ended up leaving her own wedding.

Six years later ... accomplished in life, Savanna makes a decision to go back to their town and re-establish their family house. How will the people in their town react to her return? Most importantly, how will Daniel Walsh III react? Will they still be able to rekindle their relationship? What will Savanna do to earn Daniel's trust and heart? I'm sure she needs to do some explanation for her actions in the past...

Overall. For me, the story lacks some back story to Savanna's life after she left their town. I'm really shocked when I saw that "after six years" thing appeared in the book after the part wherein she left. I expected that the book will at least show how she started her life alone for it could've been a very prevailing element for the entire book. Yes, stuff was mentioned about her past but readers weren't treated to get a glimpse on how Savanna worked her ass off to graduate in college and all. So yeah, I was disappointed about that. Though, I like everything that happened to Daniel and Savanna's story.

If you're curious enough as to what happens to Savannah and Daniel after six years, then you should read this book. Plus point for this book for being a short read.

Bye x

Elisa Vangelisti says

Ma io mi chiedo: come si fa? Durante un matrimonio (il proprio) la sposa scappa in abito nuziale e non si fa vedere né sentire per sei anni. Sei anni. Torna improvvisamente al paesello e vuole parlare col promesso sposo senza che lui si arrabbi. Lo amava, ma è partita perché doveva provare a farsi una carriera e a imparare a contare su se stessa. Eh? E pensarci prima? E l'amore? Boh. Rilettura giusta per far spazio in libreria.

Diana M. Kinkor says

A page turner

I could not help myself. I finished the book in one day. Luckily I had the day off, so could do as I pleased. I sat on my backyard swing & read the afternoon away.

Renee says

Savannah returns to her childhood home 6 years after running out of town on her wedding day. While she knows making amends with Daniel and the townspeople will not be easy, she did not expect to still care so much for Daniel.

The author does a good job keeping the story moving and not always where you would expect – and this is good. I was surprised how easy Daniel's mother accepts Savannah back into her home. Things are not so easy to patch up with Daniel and it was refreshing to see that they both did not just immediately fall back in love and live happily ever after. I am not saying they didn't, just that their journey was realistic.

This was a good story that I really enjoyed.
