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A hot fling offers them both a chance to escape their pasts...

Four friends. Four seasons. Four ways to fall in love.

Book 4: Persuading Spring

Bridget Hitchcock – Birdie to her friends – is getting married to the man of her dreams. Or so she keeps telling herself. When Fate intervenes to ruin the big day, Bridget's devastated, but she's honest enough to admit that the humiliation and embarrassment has upset her more than actually losing Mal. Standing on Wellington quay in the rain in her wedding dress, she contemplates where to go from here, and has no idea.

Aaron Reed is dashing through the rain with his son to their hotel room when he spots the beautiful bride who looks as if she's about to jump into the water. With a struggling veterinary business miles away in the Northland, a seven-year-old who's having a sneezing fit, and a crazy ex-wife who'd insist the boy had pneumonia if it meant scoring a point against Aaron, the last thing he needs is to complicate his life even more, but when Bridget looks into his eyes, he's lost and has to help.

All her life, Bridget's been one of the good girls. She's reliable, trustworthy, and sensible, and she's always done the Right Thing. But for the first time, she acts on impulse and takes up the offer of a man she's just met to go away for a week to a tiny island where there's nothing to do except eat ice cream and snuggle up to the cute guy who can't seem to leave her alone.

Maybe life's not so bad after all. But it's difficult to move forward when old habits are holding you back. Will their hot fling be enough to help them escape the chains of their past?

Warning: contains a cute veterinarian with large feet. You have been warned.

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From Reader Review Persuading Spring for online ebook

Margaret McGovern says

Awesome 5 star contemporary romance that takes place in New Zealand. Bridget and her three friends own a thriving lingerie store. Each of the the women have gone through their own struggle in developing a close relationships. Bridget is on her way to get married to Mal at the JP office. As soon as they all arrive Birdie knows Mal isn't coming. So she tells everyone she's taking a break from everything. She runs from the courthouse in the pouring rain and stands at the waters edge in her soaked wedding gown. This is were she meets Aaron and his son Mat. She's soaked and her wedding gown is ruined. Aaron is concerned by the chills she's having and the confusion & depression he sees on her face. He offers her a chance to get a hot shower, food and dry clothes. All their friends think this isn't a good situation for either of them. Their friends think she us on the rebound and that both of them will get hurt. There are a lot of struggles for this couple. They have to deal with input due to their families concerns over their budding relationship. The story tugs at my emotions and draws me into the couple's lives. I received a free copy of the book solely in exchange for an honest review. I look forward to reading more books by Ms Woods in the future.

Eleni-Revekka says

Probably the best book of the series! loved it!

Kelly Fountain says

Bridget and Aaron make a perfect completion to this series. Bridget is jilted at the alter and is questioning everything she has been and has known when Aaron and his son come along and save her. An immediate connection leads to a wonderful fling only a week or so later. What's supposed to last for a short while digs it's way into their hearts. Miles separate them, life is busy and hard. How can they come together as one?

Marion says

I felt this last opus of the seasons was the least strong. Still an enjoyable read.

Randi says

Wow! What an amazing ending to a fantastic series. Bridget, who along with her friends, owns a lingerie company, gets her own HEA in this last book of the series. Bridget, is left reeling after being jilted at the alter, and is rescued by Aaron, and his son Matteo. Despite her sadness and humiliation, Bridget finds herself attracted to Aaron, who lives 500 miles away. She visits him for a week, and their relationship blooms. This novel touches on many subjects, such as bullying,divorce, parental rights, family and friendship, which

pushed all my emotional buttons. I loved it!

Although, this can be read as a standalone novel, I highly recommend reading the whole Four Seasons series. This last novel is a great culmination of the series, and catches us up with all of the characters. Serenity's writing makes you feel as if you know these people, and her descriptions of New Zealand, makes me want to go there, and in fact makes me feel as if I have been there.

I was given an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Aunt Bee says

ARC provided in exchange for an honest review

Persuading Spring: A Sexy New Zealand Romance (The Four Seasons Book 4)

This is the last book in the series that has followed the four friends that took their business degrees and breathed life into a jointly owned enterprise known as The Four Seasons, a lingerie business.

The Four Seasons Book 1

Seducing Summer:

Callie Summer-CEO of The Four Seasons

Gene PA/Bodyguard to Callie Summer

The Four Seasons Book 2

Tempting Autumn:

Rowan- Fashion Designer of The Four Seasons

Hitch (Nathan Hitchcock) Nature Photographer

The Four Seasons Book 3

Bewitching Winter:

Neve Clark- Marketing Manager of The Four Seasons

Rhett Taylor _____ (Mr . Second Chance)

Persuading Spring:

Bridget Hitchcock- Buyer, Retail Manager,

Display Coordinator, etc, etc, etc.

Aaron Reed Veterinarian

Mateo Reed 7 yr. old son

Bridget was rain soaked in her wedding dress when Aaron's son Mateo saw her off in the distance.

Aaron and Mateo are her rescuers and they offer her extraordinary hospitality, when not another soul stopped to even acknowledge her.

The minute Bridget turned around, Aaron was a goner.

A hot shower, a change of clothing, a meal, and time shared only reinforced the feelings of a fated meeting for Bridget too.

This story is a wonderful journey of self discovery for Bridget as she shakes off the " Birdie " facade, and allows for Bridget to truly embrace the strength she's always possessed to be her own person.

Aaron offers Bridget the opportunity to include he and Mateo's hospitality to see the sites in their area as she travels about on holiday.

Aaron has an undeniable lift in his spirit and spark in his eye when he returns to the clinic he and Joe run. As true friends, Joe and the rest of the staff offer their concerns about the future of the seemingly face paced relationship with Bridget.

It isn't about Bridget per say, but about the speed with which that relationship Aaron is once again undertaking. They have been there for Aaron's speedy and resulting failed marriage, and the hurt and struggle with being able to do the right thing for his son and self.

Joe and his friends are truly trying to be helpful not hurtful.

Bridget faces the same sort of scrutiny from first and foremost her brother Hutch as he has been also her parental figure from the time their parents passed away. Her friends are also rightly concerned about this as she was just jilted and left at the alter by her long time and only boyfriend.

I have loved Aaron and Mateo from day one myself.

Can I have them in my life?

You to are guaranteed to fall in love with the story of two seemingly damaged souls that are made whole and to include the other's heart and lives to live an HEA as a family.

Kudos to the author on a unique wedding and finish to the series that gives us, the reader, an update on all the others from the previous stories.

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Elaine says

Persuading Spring is a great finish to the Four Season series of books. Like the other 3 books in the series, Spring is not a "cookie cutter" romance. The main characters, Bridget and Aaron came together with real life problems. He was a divorced man in a custody battle with his ex-wife over their son. Bridget had just been jilted by her long-term boyfriend who couldn't quite commit to a relationship. Both were cautious about repeating past mistakes and tried hard to just be friends at first. After all, they lived 500 miles apart and the barriers to their happiness seemed to be insurmountable. But life comes down to choosing priorities and compromising if love is real.

This is a romantic novel. I really liked that Aaron was emotional and, unlike most men, wore his heart on his sleeve. He was a veterinarian and took care of lost and hurt creatures, four-legged or two. He had to be careful about making impulsive decisions and falling in love too easily. I really liked the ending of the book; it was perfect. And the tour of new Zealand gave me fond memories of my trip there. You will really enjoy this whole series and Persuading Spring, which is stand alone, as well. I received a free copy for this honest review.

Quinn Fforde says

Very sweet

Judes says

I received a copy of this book for an honest review, all words and opinions are mine and mine alone.

I hate having to start this review on this particular book with this disclaimer as I am so full of emotion and absolutely love this one most, it's my favorite of the series.

This romance was everything women want, from the spark... to the wooing... to the magic of a HEA. Yeah guys we love a fairytale and what is so heartening is that there are guys out there, they may not be many, that actually are like Aaron. A strong man who is all male yet confident in his own self to be a sweet mush when it come to animals, kids, family and especially people he loves. He puts a smile on your face right through. We meet Bridget on her wedding day that goes totally wrong and she is rescued from catching Pneumonia by the sweetest and most endearing vet and his son. Aaron is a divorced vet with the hugest heart and I instantly fell in book love with this character who is my ideal quirky, romantic hero. He is all feet, hands and heart and an animal lover... No comparison! He is given a much deserved second chance at love with a sweet girl who also deserves so much better than what she had. Like everyone you would want to clout Mal (the cold-feet, idiotic twat of a boyfriend) and when she confronts him I actually felt sorry for him even after all he did to her... Hopefully he learns his lesson.

We are given so much in this book as we deal with school bullying of Mat, Aaron's son, life after divorce and also being jilted at the altar. This story ties together so many elements that create such a full and totally enjoyable read as we are graced with the beauty and tradition of the Northern part of NZ. The Maori culture is also so much a part of NZ and we appreciate it so much more as part of the North. The life, history and tradition of such a integral part of the people of New Zealand, it is so great as I am enthralled with this culture and beautiful people that make up such a beautiful place.

I can only keep thinking over and over "my heart runneth over" as this is the most emotional of all the books in this series and seems rather appropriate as it is the closing chapter in this journey of The Four Seasons group of friends who became some dear friends as we get such a glimpse into their lives and loves. A wonderful and truly filling experience Ms Woods, I am definitely advising any reader sit with some tissues at hand for there are some moments that get you and get you good.

Mary Willard says

Last in the Four Seasons series. Jilted at the altar will leave a girl in a miriad of emotions. In the midst of her confusion, she is rescued by a knight in shining armour with issues of his own and a young son to take care of. Add the entire length of New Zealand in between them and you have some challenges to overcome. A sweet story of climbing out of the pit of despair with the help of her brother and her friends, then doing a little rescuing of her own. Love will out. A wonderful finish to the series.

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

Reviewed by Gemini

Persuading Spring is the 4th and final book in The Four Seasons Series. Each book focuses on one of four girlfriends from New Zealand who all went to university together and later started a very successful lingerie business of the same name. Each girl represents a season either by name or personality. This book focuses on Bridget “Birdie” Hitchcock and what happens to her after she is jilted at the altar and meets a very nice guy named Aaron Reed and his young son Mateo. While everyone else is watching a distraught Bridget look as if she is going to jump into the water, Aaron jumps into action and talks her off the ledge and convinces her to spend the afternoon in the hotel room with him and his son. They soon find that they both had been in one-sided relationships that ended up in heartbreak and pain. Aaron invites Bridget to visit him at his island home for a few days and she does something completely out of character and agrees.

I loved everything about this story. It appeared to be a lot more reflective than the other 3 books. And, there was definitely a whole lot more sex. Since it’s the last book, I felt like Serenity Woods decided to go all out with the sexy time. At one point, I felt like I was reading from the pages of Playboy, and that’s not a bad thing. Aaron and Bridget held nothing back. They also were willing to give into each other emotionally even though everyone else was concerned that their fling would end in tragedy. They went into everything with all eyes open and took the time to evaluate their feelings along the way. I felt that Serenity portrayed everyone in an honest and refreshing way. I was also relieved that their relationship wasn’t totally treated like a fairytale. There was definitely a happy ending but legitimate time did pass before the happy conclusion. More importantly, everything for all of the Four Season girls was wrapped up in a nice bow.

Received a copy from the author in exchange for an honest unbiased opinion.

B. says

This is the final book in Serenity Woods’ New Zealand “Four Seasons” series about four friends who started a successful lingerie business and then find love. I’ve enjoyed all the books in the series, but this one might be my favorite. The two main characters are gentle souls who clearly belong together and who develop a mature relationship. It is believable that these two people would fall for each other unlike some romances when the characters fall in love just because the author chose to put them together but no one thinks that such people would fall for each other in real life.

This book is Bridget’s story and starts with her boyfriend of seven years leaving her at the altar. She runs out in her wedding dress to ponder why she stuck with this jerk for so long. There she is in the rain on a bridge in Wellington looking pretty desperate where she’s seen by Aaron and his son, Mateo. Aaron is a veterinarian going through a custody battle over whether his ex-wife will be allowed to take his son to Spain with her. And Aaron is just one of the nicest heroes you’ll ever encounter in a romance novel. He offers help to Bridget and, of course, they’re both immediately attracted to each other.

Bridget travels to the small northern island in the Bay of Islands where Aaron has a surgery. It’s several hundred miles away from where Bridget lives and works in Wellington. But she needs a break after her embarrassment over her failed wedding. The two spend time together exploring the possibilities of their relationship while touring northern New Zealand. The reader gets a mini travel-log about that area of New

Zealand which made me wish I could be visit there.

What really won me over to this book was that Woods is adept at showing why two people are attracted to each other and fall in love. It's not some immediate love-at-first-sight moment, but instead is based on the connections they make as they spend time together, even if Bridget and Aaron's romance develops over a very short period of time. Both are lonely and recovering from failed relationships and wary of falling for someone else so fast. Of course, what woman would fall for a kindly, sensitive, hunky vet whose life revolves around his love for his son and the animals he works to save.

My one complaint is that the complications that are set up based on the distance the two live apart and Aaron's fears of losing his son are all resolved quite quickly. The book is mostly set-up and an exploration of their growing love and then there is a quick resolution. But that is a small quibble about a novel that is a step above many romances.

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

Colleen says

I am really going to miss this group of friends and their lives. The series was a really good one.

Elaine Bennett says

Birdie gets her hea;

Bridget and Aaron get their second chance at happily ever after. Love this series. A must-read for sure. Serenity has done it again, amazing love story.

Lucia says

4.5 stars - standalone, fast paced, mature insta-love romance between two very lovable characters who deserve a HEA!

Persuading Spring is a fast paced, mature insta-love, kind of romance between two loveable and sensitive characters: Bridget, part of the Four Seasons owners, and Aaron, a single dad and vet. Both have always tried to put other people's happiness before their own and know they get a chance to potentially find true happiness with someone of a similar sensitive nature. The book is told from dual points of views (except two chapters towards the end of the book where we get two surprising additional points of views), allowing the clear connection these likeable characters have, despite the unusual circumstances that bring them together. I personally loved the development of the relationship over the course of the book, especially the perspective Callie gives to Bridget about the potential seed and growing. The scenes with, and role of, Aaron's son, Mateo, allowed the reader to see a different perspective of both Aaron and Bridget.

The book is light hearted with no real major drama but has enough smaller issues to draw you in. Be

prepared for the surprising twist that I did not see coming towards the end of the book in regards to one of the situations; it heartbreaking and touching. The issue was very poignant and perfectly executed with such sensitivity and emotion. The book, as with the rest of the series, is well written and had a great HEA ending for both Bridget and Aaron (making it a standalone) and also the series as a whole (there are a few extra details of the happily ever afters of the previous books' characters if you have read the rest of this series).

The only tiny niggle I had with this book and why I knocked half a star off was I found the book a little repetitive at times; I had a sense of déjà vu of having already read some emotions/beliefs earlier on in depth and wanted to skip over them when they re-cropped up to the same extent. I've never had that before with Serenity's books so I know it's not the norm and may have just been my personal views while reading this particular book (hasn't put me off being a huge fan of her works and am already eagerly await her next book and series!).

Overall, if you are looking for a relatively light hearted romance that starts as a fun fling after difficult circumstances or if you enjoy a single parent romance, definitely give this book! For fans of the series, Persuading Spring is the fourth and final book in this series and does a great job of rounding this series off in style and you will not be disappointed with it.

*I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. I was not compensated for my review, and I was not required to write a positive review. The opinion expressed here is my own.
