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From *New York Times* bestselling author Catherine Ryan Hyde comes a bittersweet novel about healing old wounds and finding a new place to call home...

Roseanna Chaldecott spent her life as a high-powered lawyer in Manhattan. But when her best friend and law partner dies suddenly, something snaps. Unsure of her future, Roseanna heads upstate on one tank of gas and with no plans to return.

In the foothills of the Adirondacks, Roseanna discovers the perfect hideout in a ramshackle farm. Its seventy-six acres are rich with possibilities and full of surprises, including a mother and daughter squatting on the property. Although company is the last thing Roseanna wants, she reluctantly lets them stay.

Roseanna and the young girl begin sculpting junk found around the farm into zoo animals, drawing more newcomers—including her estranged son, Lance. He pleads with Roseanna to return to the city, but she's finally discovered where she belongs. It may not provide the solitude she originally sought, but her heart has found room for much more.

Heaven Adjacent Details

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Mrs Mommy Booknerd <http://mrsmommybooknerd.blogspot.com> says

#FirstLine ~ Roseanna was standing under the barely warm water in her tiny, cold makeshift shower when the bell at the gate began to clang.

Are you living the best life you can? This book really made me think about this and many other things. about the life I am living. So brilliantly written and moving Heaven Adjacent was a story that will stick with me for a long time. Ryan Hyde writes stories that pull the readers in and makes them think about the world in a new, more significant way. Her characters are so real, honest and raw that you cannot help but be honored to witness their journey. A must read and a perfect book for book clubs!

Tanja ~ KT Book Reviews says

Bittersweet and beautiful is all I have to say. Read it and savor it. A perfect book to get lost in.

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Kathryn says

Heaven Adjacent is a thought provoking novel filled with quirky characters.

Roseanna is a high flying attorney until she up and leaves it and everyone behind. A life changing moment happens when her attorney friend Alice dies before she can experience the joy of retirement and doing all those fun relaxing things she plans to do. However Roseanna leaves behind one irate partner in the business who isn't impressed by her departure. He plans revenge! I didn't like him at all!

When Roseanna settles down on a farm she just comes across she finds that there are already some people living on her property and along come more. As well her son finds her because of a reporter who stops by and writes about what Roseanna has been involved in along with the little girl on the property.

Over a few years Rosie finds herself being challenged and while what might have began as a 'pretend' living off the land, becomes a reality. She finds out that it is not too late to change and to become the someone she would like to be towards herself and others.

There's an old man, a dog and a horse with a mind of its own, a young man with no where to go until now and a little girl who is persistent but low key.

There are poignant moments and moments filled with humour. And times where family really counts.

Diane Perry says

I received this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. A very enjoyable and relatable story. Rosanna is at the top of her game. She thinks she is living her best life. Then her friend dies and everything changes. She embarks on a journey to find out what life truly means. She is a no nonsense woman and I loved her. I think you will too.

Lynne Thompson Schauer says

I really wanted to give this book 5 stars especially after reading all of the 5 star reviews. I had to take a star away because I just didn't like the beginning. Almost considered to abandon, but I didn't and I'm glad. After about 1/3 of the way through, it was difficult to put down and I really had an interest in the characters (some you will love, others not so much). Highly recommend, just give it a chance to draw you in.

Linda Zagon says

My Review of "Heaven Adjacent" by Catherine Ryan Hyde Lake Union Publishing, June 19, 2018

I appreciated and enjoyed the thought-provoking novel "Heaven Adjacent" by Catherine Ryan Hyde. The Genres for this novel are Fiction and Women's Fiction. What would you do if a tragedy made you re-evaluate everything in your life? How would you handle a terrible tragedy?

Roseanna Chaldecott is a high-powered and successful attorney in Manhattan. Roseanna is wealthy and has the opportunity to live in a materialistic and extremely comfortable way. When Roseanna's partner and best friend pass away unexpectedly, she takes off in her Maserati, unsure of where she is going or what she is going to do.

The author describes the colorful cast of characters as complex, complicated, quirky and unpredictable. This is a story of second chances, searching for what is important, finding meaning, love and forgiveness. It is also a story about finding where you belong, and where your home and heart is.

Roseanna, finds over seventy acres of land and is looking for serenity, peace and quiet. She purchases the land without really looking at everything. What Roseanna doesn't realize is that she does have a story to tell. Also she seems to find a knack of finding some quirky people, and animals that already are living on the land. Roseanna thinks she wants a simple life. She has to climb a steep hill to use her cell- phone. In reality,

she is hiding.

A newspaper reporter is fascinated by Roseanna's story and writes about it in the newspaper. When it is published, her estranged son Lance comes to take her home. Her partner threatens if she doesn't return to the law practice he will sue her for everything.

This is a heartwarming novel that I highly recommend to readers of Women's Fiction. Of course, some of my favorite parts center around the animals in the story. I received an ARC from NetGalley for my honest review.

Donna Hines says

An emotional tug of war involving the reality that love cannot buy happiness and sometimes family is not always formed by blood relatives.

The importance of family life and career revolves in ebbs and flows as we see Roseanna Chaldecott a NY lawyer find true happiness on 76 acres of land she shares with a few squatters.

Those 5 squatters had a mission and it involved changing of hearts.

When two in particular move to the forefront in this powerful novel we are dealt a serious reality check as the young mom and her daughter open eyes to the new possibilities found in junk through unusual ways.

What is art? What is junk?

This question will be examined fully as the young girl Willa and her mom Patty show us 'zoo animals' made from junk.

These zoo animals would later become part of an ongoing neighborhood feud as to the nature of this work and the possible eyesores it creates.

As Evan the reporter first made his story it seemed nothing would probably change as the years went on but plenty has already begun to change.

The estranged son - Lance- has found what he was looking for in several ways including bonding with his dog and new partner as well as his mom.

Jerry the partner who sued for her leaving the law firm has his own plight to carry out.

The squatters well, lets just say those on the property now are all 'family'.

Heartfelt, emotional, raw with a beautiful moving twist.

Thank you Catherine Ryan Hyde, her publisher, NetGalley and Aldiko for this ARC copy in exchange for this honest review.

Siobhan says

Heaven Adjacent was my first Catherine Ryan Hyde read, and it certainly hit numerous spots throughout the story. If I'm being completely honest, I wasn't sure what I was going to receive at first as it took a while before I was sucked into the book, but by the end I found I'd rather enjoyed this one.

It is hard to explain this story without giving too much away, without writing out all that happened. Just know it is a story that deals with numerous topics throughout, a story that looks at many different elements in life. It's about finding what makes you happy, about realising what we have when we overlook the material things. It is a story that focuses on relationships, on finding what we need, and it certainly holds the attention

once it grabs it.

As I mentioned, it does take a few chapters before you're completely sucked in. You're intrigued from the very start, but it takes a while before everything starts to come together. We get insights into so many things, and it isn't until the details start to come to life, that we start getting the smaller details, that we are really pulled in.

Without a doubt, this is a story that slowly wins you over.

Amy says

4.5/5

There is a little bit of magic in every CRH book I've read, not true magic but just a magical feeling I get whenever I'm reading one of her books. She doesn't ever shy away from heavy issues but she manages to write about difficult subject matter and important issues with grace and humility. I always finish her novels having learned something, not only about myself but about humanity in general and I never feel like I'm being lectured but rather I'm lost in the pages of a page turning story.

Roseanna is the kind of character I've come to expect in a CRH book, she isn't wholly likable or relatable right away but as she grows throughout the story you fall a little bit in love with her. She wakes up for work one day and decides she's just had enough so she drives out to the middle of nowhere and buys a ramshackle farm with picturesque views. I'm sure we've all thought about running away before at some point in our adult lives and Roseanna just up and does it. While I adored her what made this book special was the eccentric cast of characters that enter her life after her move. Most of them also stole a piece of my heart but a few were awful, much like real life, but they were unforgettable in their own way.

I imagine book clubs devour CRH books and this one would be ideal as well, there is much to discuss and dissect and could provide endless hours of conversation. If you've never read one of her books before she's a highly recommended author, I loved every single one that I've read and plan on continuing as long as she keeps writing.

Heaven Adjacent in three words: Perceptive, Heartfelt and Enlightening.

Diane says

Heaven Adjacent by author Catherine Ryan Hyde is a thought-provoking book which will keep your interest and have the reader anxious to read all the way to the end. Roseanna Chaldecott, a successful lawyer runs away from her life! At first, as I read about Roseanna Chaldecott and her actions after the shocking unexpected death of Alice, her closest friend, and work colleague, I wanted to say, "No, don't do this. Take a vacation or take some time off, you are making a mistake!"

I won't post spoilers, but there is so much more to this book than an entertaining story. When I started the book, the main character did not seem to be an easy character to love. Roseanna is very rigid in her rules for life it seems. The author carefully wove the interactions of people in Roseanna's life to tell a story of life lessons, not only for Roseanna but also to help heal the childhood hurt and misunderstandings of her son

Lance.

When Roseanna runs away from her beautiful and orderly life she has no idea the peace she seeks will not follow the path she has chosen but will manifest in a totally different journey!

Thank you to NetGalley and the Publisher for the opportunity to read and review this book.

Janet C-B says

This is a story about a high-powered attorney who leaves her job, abruptly, after the death of a close friend. It is a book about re-evaluating what is important, making changes, family relationships and friends. I enjoy reading books by this author.

I rate this book 4 stars.

Elizabeth says

I was not expecting to give this book 5 stars. Originally, judging by the blurb on GoodReads, I thought that it might be a 3 star. I love being wrong! I found a new favorite author. Ms. Hyde's writing style is simple, clear, concise and held my attention throughout! There are not many authors who can do that.

The plot is simple enough -- a fifty something lawyer gets tired of the grind after a friend her age dies, decides to chuck it all and heads out into the country. Green Acres anyone? I would have thought. But I was dead wrong. She finds so much more -- freedom, changes of attitude and communication with people she never would have thought about before her move.

The reader should definitely be the judge of whether Roseanna was successful and if she is now leading a better life. I know how I feel.

Thank you to Lake Union Publishing and NetGalley for providing me with the opportunity to read and provide an honest review of this book.

Annie says

CRH has been on my radar for years because of all of the great reviews and ratings that so many of my friends on here have given to so many of her books. Although she has been on my to-read list for a long time, this is finally my first book of hers, and it definitely will not be my last. I can't think of how many times I've fantasized about doing what the main character in this book does -- head out in my car in whatever direction and great distance I feel like at the moment, with no return date in my mind. However, this character takes it a step further and moves away for good and starts a completely different life. I loved the characters in this story, and I really feel as if I got to know some of them well and want to get to know others better. So right now I'm doing a little grieving that I have to leave them behind. I highly recommend this latest book of CRH!

Krista says

Rating: 4/4.5 stars

This is another heart-warming book from Catherine Ryan Hyde. After reading; The Wake Up, and Allie and Bea recently, I've become quite a fan of her writing. This author pulls off a mean feat. She is able to write heart-warming without being smarmy. This book is a classic trope of "Chuck big city life and step into an unknown rural setting." (In other words, a Fish Out of Water story.) While this is a theme found in lots of books, Catherine Ryan Hyde manages to pull it off in a meaningful way. I truly felt that the main character, Roseanna Chaldecott, was overwhelmed with sadness and the seeming futility of her current lifestyle after her good friend and law partner died suddenly. If that can happen so randomly, what is the point of planning and saving and working yourself literally to death? I bet that most of us have felt that way one time or another.

So one day, in mini mental break-down mode, Roseanne took drove her expensive car out of New York City. She just drove. She drove with no destination in mind. She ended up in the foothills of the Adirondacks, and stumbled upon an old farmstead that was up for sale that called to her in some inexplicable way. After staying overnight in the one-room farmhouse, she couldn't bring herself to go back to the city. She is literally hiding from her former life. That strategy brought her some peace, but also its own set of problems. She is sued by her other law partner for abandoning the practice, her son is angry at her because she can't be reached, and these unexpected strangers keep popping up on her property. Most of the people on her land stay despite her requests to get them to move on. Even her son Lance stays longer than expected, and is able to be more honest with Roseanne than he ever has. Maybe it's something about chopping all that firewood in the clear mountain air that helps heal old hurts?

Through it all, Roseanne, unbeknownst to herself, redefines her meaning of success and family. I liked the mixture of quirky, and ordinary characters that inhabited this landscape. There were happy and sad moments, just like in real-life. Yes, I cried just a tiny bit at one scene. Lots of the scenes with the little girl, the dog, and the horse just made me laugh. It was a heart-warming book in all the best senses of the phrase. Bravo!

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Linda says

This was a book that will certainly make you stop and think about life. Losing a best friend can do crazy things to a person. Or maybe it's not crazy but more like making you wake up and see what you have and what you truly want.

Roseanna was a high powered attorney who had it all. Her own law practice with her best friend a nice apartment overlooking a park and a car that was to die for. But when her friend and partner die she starts looking at life a bit differently. She gets in her car and leaves. She has no real plan but once she gets there she knows it is the place for her. A nice piece of land with a small shack of a house and a few other buildings. She buys it and intends to spend her life alone there. But there are other people who live there and

she becomes friends with them. No one, not even her son, Lance, can get her to come back to the city. He stays with her and they finally start talking and become much closer.

This is a good story that will keep you wanting more. Even after the last page I was not ready to let it go. It's a story that will make you fall in love with people again. Some tears are mixed in and some laughter. The kind of story that you will love reading.

Catherine Ryan Hyde is a great story teller. I look forward to more of her awesome books.

I received a copy of this via @NetGalley #Lake Union
