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Ashley says

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Sorry to say, another DNF for me. I didn't have one particular problem with this one except for maybe the fact that there was a little TOO much drama.

This is the story of Cadie (why on earth if you have a beautiful name like Cadence would go by Cadie?) Cadie isn't having such a great time. And so begins the drama. She's getting divorced from a pro football player, and is still in love with the movie star that she fell in love with in high school (This girl must have some seriously sweet moves if she can get BOTH a pro football player and movie star), she had a miscarriage, her best friend for childhood died, Georgia died, her awful sister's getting married, her movie star beau's sisters AND agent don't like her, and this all came out in the first 50 pages. Whew!

I understand wanting to put angst and conflict in your book, but this was just unreal. And so, I DNFd.

Received an ARC for honest review.

Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

Book – His Favorite Regret (His Favorite #1)

Author – Sydney Strand

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Genre – Romance, Humor

Rating – 4 out of 5 Stars

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Review

I wouldn't say that this story is a complete comedy, I found myself crying at certain spots....getting angry at others and snorting out my ice tea in a few. This story hits so many emotions that I would label it an "All around Romance". I fell in love with Cadie and especially Bo....WOW....what can I say about a god on steroids? He stole my heart.

This was such a sweet break from all the "angsty" new-adult books I have been reading...this is light-hearted with a touch of bitterness, jealousy, sadness and anger – but I can't explain it correctly...even with all that drama – the author was able to keep it light and adorable.

Ms. Strand did a stand up job of keeping this story "REAL" – there wasn't a time in the book that I felt I was reading an overly dramatic fairy tale....this takes the nitty gritty shit of everyday life and puts a spin on it!

Well done Ms. Strand!

Re-Cap

Did you ever wonder what happened to an old crush from high school? The one you thought ran away from you and made it big without even a thought about the past?

That's what Cadie wonders when Bo comes back into his home town to film part of his movie – but it's not the way Cadie thinks – Bo is there for one reason and one reason only....to win back the heart of his old flame.

They hurdle over obstacle after obstacle while Cadie tries to settle her life and Bo tries to keep the animals at bay.

Wrap-Up

Girls...take out your high school yearbooks and find that old crush....he may just be taking a plane with ulterior motives right now!

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Debra says

Cadie has become the "thing of honor" at her sisters wedding. She is also needing a partner to go with her. She is divorcing her husband who happens to be the best man/brother at this wedding. In comes her long ago best friend/now hollywood star. Bo has missed Cadie and is back for a very short time to see if she could still be the one he let get away. Now when things get at their worst she is positive that it couldn't get worse. Her cheating husband decides he wants her back. What is a woman to do? Go forward with the real love of her life or take back the cheating louse? It was a fun quick read. Looking forward to other books by Sydney Strand.

Jennifer Lombardi says

How many of you have memories of someone in your past that you dated/wanted to date but you went separate ways? What would you do if he/she showed up in your life today? Would you be excited? Frustrated? Annoyed? This is a story about that very thing! Bo and Cadie struggle as they meet back up and go through all the emotions you would expect.

This book was absolutely adorable. I really enjoyed it from the very first page, all the way through. This book is slightly different from the typical romance books that I have read and I appreciated that. Bo was amazing (aren't most romance men? LOL) He was there for Cadie as she struggled through her emotions. I believed him and thought he was sincere. Cadie was a mess, she had alot going through her head, alot of baggage and she struggled to believe that Bo was real and honest. Again, very believable. I thought the author did a great job making the reader feel every emotion.

This author is making it on my list. I want to read all of her books and see if they are all as good as this one was!

This book was given to me in exchange for an open and honest review

Katarina says

a pretty flat and predictable story, with cute and lively characters. The setting is a little unbelievable....our heroine sees herself as pretty average and forgettable, but her ex is a pro sports star and her love interest is a big movie action star....

there was some funny dialogue and good writing, which kept me reading to the end.

Keri says

I enjoyed this romance. I was sad to see the epilogue promised at the end is not released yet so I will have to check back for that to get some closure. Bo & Cadie were friends in HS, after their best friends death Cadie stands Bo up at prom, Bo leaves Arizona makes it big in Hollywood and comes home to shoot a movie and win the girl he never forgot back. Cadie, married a huge jerk out of HS and when this book starts she is waiting on her divorce papers to come. There were several moments of laughs and some sorrow that hit a little close to home for me. There wasn't a lot of smut so it was a good clean romance. Thankfully Bo & Cadie had history, otherwise the love in a week thing wouldn't have worked for me. I am excited to see if Sera, Cadies sister, finds love even if I spent 90% of the book not caring for her. She redeemed it towards the end.

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Anja says

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 - #3 His Favorite Distraction
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Jeannie Zelos says

His Favorite Regret. A Romantic Comedy (His Favorite Series #1). Sydney Strand
Review from Jeannie Zelos Book reviews.

I'm a romance lover, but I need a bit extra, something to make it different, and jealousy is a real hook for me, I just love the drama that goes with it. This looked like there was lots of scope for that, with the manager who isn't approving of Cadie for his film star, and Bo's two sisters who hate her. Sadly that didn't work as well as I'd hoped, there were moments, but they were few and far and much watered down to what I'd expected :(Its an easy to read book though, flows well and people with great characters. Some terrific humour too – and I do love that in a book! Poor Cadie, it seemed like everything went wrong at once for her, and her sister and mother weren't the supportive kind. Then to add to her week, Bo her lost love is in town. Bo, that man was so, so patient. I did expect though for such a big film star he'd have more security, more problems, and not just be able to wander around unnoticed as he did.

I really wanted a bit more explanation of how they parted, even at the end I was still puzzled by exactly where it went wrong, and about the mysterious Charlie who died. Who was he? What was his connection? If its there in the book I missed it, and being curious I was looking for it, as several references had been made to him.

Overall a happy, easy to read romance, but not enough drama for me to want to read again. The sisters and the manager I think could have made a real difference to me about how I enjoyed the book, given it a real edge but...I'm not an author and its probably best that way :)

So, if you're looking for a well written, humorous, and easy to read romance this hits the spot. If like me you want a bit more drama, then maybe not..It's priced at £2.06 for 163 pages, and maybe if it was a bit longer that extra I need could have been added...

Stars: four. Without that fabulous humour it'd just be a three star ok romance but the snark and wit make it up to a four.

ARC supplied by Netgalley

Susan says

I loved the characters and Sydney Strand is a master at making her characters funny, quirky and real. I thought it was a tad bit slow at the beginning, but it picked up and I read it all in one sitting. I adore stories about a second chance at love and this fills that spot. We don't see a lot of the ex, but he's sufficiently horrid. There's a nice character arc for Cadie. In the beginning I wanted to reach through the pages and force her to stand up for herself. Bo is likeable, although I feel as if I could have known him a little bit more. All in all, this was a fun read, full of laughs and loves and hope. Isn't that what we read romantic comedies to feel, after all? Ready for another Sydney Strand novel.

Romantic Reads and Such says

His Favorite Regret was surprisingly deep. There are a lot of issues that get brought up and resolved (I don't

want to spoil anything so I'll leave it at that). But these difficulties are mixed in with funny and lighthearted moments, making it fun and charming and a fast read.

At about 150 pages, it isn't novella length but it is something you can finish pretty quickly. And since Bo and Cadie are so engaging, you'll probably have a hard time putting it down so that's a good thing.

Full review available at <http://romanticreadsandsuch.wordpress...>

(Complimentary copy provided in exchange for an honest review.)

Debbie Ballard says

I received the fabulous, romantic, humorous, well-written story *His Favorite Regret: A Romantic Comedy* by Sydney Strand free from Goodreads autographed by the author along with a Lidt Strawberry Cheesecake Chocolate Stick.

As Cadie Calhoun is looking forward to finalizing her divorce and trying to get over the loss of her baby, her ex boyfriend, Bo Garrett, is in town working on a movie and the only thing he wants in life is to spend the week with Cadie. Since Cadie's little sister is getting married the end of the week, Cadie has a lot of cake pops to make, parties to go to, maid of honor duties, and dreads seeing her soon to be ex husband, the best man at the wedding. Cadie agrees to Bo's proposal of spending the week together as long as he is her date for the wedding. As the week goes on, Cadie and Bo grow closer together and work out what happened back in high school but Cadie doesn't know if she will ever be able to tell Bo about the loss of her child.

Read the awesome, wonderful, enjoyable, cute, highly recommended, full of romance and humor - *His Favorite Regret: A Romantic Comedy* By Sydney Strand.

Lea says

This book was ok, it wasn't great but it wasn't a miserable slogfest that I couldn't get through. I liked Cadie and Bo just fine however I hated pretty much everyone else in this book from Cadie's soon to be ex (I know we're supposed to hate him but he seemed more terrible than he needed to be) to most of Bo's sisters (one was pretty good), Cadie's sister and mom, Bo's agent Max...I'm not sure there was a redeeming character trait in the lot. Sera, Cadie's sister, seemed to be improving by the end. At that point though I'd spent so much of the book hating her that it was hard to believe the change. There seemed to be several loose ends and plot holes that were hard to get around for me. We never find out exactly what happened to Charlie when they were teenagers, just that he died. At one point in the story she's wondering why she never told her sister about Georgia but at another they're sitting at Georgia's grave together talking about what they bring when they visit. And in spite of a couple of conversations about what happened when they were teenagers (what happened on prom night, why Bo left when he did etc) I still don't feel like I understand what happened (and Bo's sisters' reaction...massive overkill for one offence!). All that said there were parts of this book I really did enjoy. I liked Cadie's determination to reclaim her life and be happy (even when it wasn't easy). I liked Bo's desire to make things right with her and work through their issues. And I really liked them together as a couple. This book can be read in an afternoon and while it isn't one of my favorites (too much angst and drama for me) I'm sure there are those who will enjoy it more than I did. I received an ARC from the publisher through Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.

LibraryDanielle says

after a bit of a slow beginning, I thoroughly enjoyed this. once I got past the build-up I finished it in one sitting. the slow build isn't necessarily a negative, but compared to the way the rest of the story moves it felt slower to me.

the style and humor reminded me a bit of Rachel Gibson's hockey novels. it had the same feel. the old high school girlfriend/average type woman and the big sports star (in this case action star) overcoming their past to finally get together.

in this case we have Cadie (who's name kept reminding me of Cadie Woodlawn) and Bo. Cadie is a soon-to-be divorcee of a jerkwad washed up football has-been. and boy is he a jerkwad. the typical super selfish pretty much abusive I'm better than everyone guy you want to kick in the goods. even though he's not much in the book the little he is makes you want to punch him. when they married Sawyer took over all the decisions for Cadie. from painting the house, to quitting her job, to furniture, Sawyer called the shots. until the one time he didn't cover his tracks so well and Cadie had the grounds for a divorce.

enter Bo. Bo is Cadie's old high school love. the one that she never got over. he's now made a huge name for himself as an action movie star. Bo is back in town for a movie shoot and just "happens" to bump into Cadie when she's running a Bachelorette Party for Sera, her sister. (Aside, Sera is a selfish twit, but I actually liked her a bit better than Cadie and felt more for her.) Bo, who also never got over Cadie, takes advantage of their "accidental" meeting and cons Cadie into at least three dates over the upcoming week.

my biggest complaint about Cadie is that she let's people railroad her. it's easier for her to go along with the decisions other people make so she does. admittedly she fights when it gets important, but it made me like her less. With Bo, my complaint is that he gives up too easily. when things don't go his way, at least with Cadie, he gives up and goes off to feel sorry for himself.

I would also have liked a bit more history of the two of them. we got references to a high school death that ultimately drove them apart, but no details (I'm thinking this is in the first of the series?). it isn't integral to the plot, but I would have liked a bit more background.

the story is quick moving, light, and fun. the perfect easy beach or vacation read. there's a lot of drama, quirkiness, and humor thrown all around (cat poop hoarding, hee). my absolute favorite part was Sera's wedding scene. Sera comes into her own in this part and I just loved it. there are some great lines in that scene too.

I haven't read the epilogue yet, so I can't comment on that, but overall I quite enjoyed His Favorite Regret. I plan on grabbing Sera's story when it comes out and hope she's the same flakey/quirky/sarcastic character she is in her sister's story.

I received an e-galley of this for review. all thoughts and opinions are solely my own.

Brenda says

What I loved:

1. Characters I cared about- I liked the male and female protagonists because they were so genuine
2. We were left with a bit of mystery about why Cadence and Bo went their separate ways 10 years ago
3. It was funny as hell!
4. There was a deeper emotional component one doesn't find in many shorter romance novels. A really difficult situation was dealt with honesty and care. (That will make more sense after you read the book.)
5. There was enough 'drama' around these two people trying to find their way back to each other that we didn't need a lot of outside drama mucking the whole thing up!

Another lovely book by Sydney!

Heather says

I received this book for free from a Goodreads Giveaway.

This was a light romance with undertones of real pain. The dialogue was snarky and natural and the story clipped right along at a good pace. Since it was well written and I did enjoy it, I found it especially annoying when the author would ratchet a scene up with dramatic flair and then nothing. She would start another chapter in a new scene and tell you what happened or in one case ignore it almost completely. I actually went back and forth a few times thinking I missed a couple pages because the transition from an OMG moment to a completely different setting hours later was nonexistent. In addition, there was almost no description of the hero other than he had cheekbones and muscles -- and fans got him confused with Channing Tatum and Vin Diesel (who in my opinion don't look anything alike). Something as small as eye, skin, and hair color would have helped. There was also no reaction from the heroine following her first ride on a motorcycle which surprised me because there was potential there for the manifestation of physical, sexual, and emotional awareness as adrenaline and endorphins rushed through her body. Despite these minor irritations this author is one to watch with real potential to be great.
